

## TANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### END OF YEAR REPORT APRIL 20/21

April 2020 found us in the midst of an unprecedented crisis, Covid 19 an unknown virus which threatened us all. However numerous village groups and individuals responded to the situation helping in different ways. From Sallie Bartlett requesting help with the purchase and acquisition of fabric to make scrubs and face coverings for Whitworth Hospital to groups ensuring residents who needed to shield had help with shopping, thank you all for your help.

Many of us did not leave the village for some time, so it was great when walking round the village to be greeted by a wonderful display of art work in notice boards, attached to telegraph poles and the village green railings, thank you Chloe and Helen Pearson for encouraging Tansley Brownies and Rainbows to produce this beautiful work, it lifted our spirits and made us smile.

June 2020 brought great excitement, at last the new play equipment was going to be installed, however before this could happen the village green needed mowing, the grass was knee high! Derbyshire Dales District Council agreed to rough cut the grass, but there would be no removal of the mown grass. There was an amazing response to a Hotwire requesting help, residents turned out with rakes and all the mown grass was placed in plastic sacks ready for collection, thank you for your help and enthusiasm. We were then ready to dismantle the old equipment, thanks to Cllrs Smith and Toplis and their helpers for taking the old equipment down, thanks to Cllr Neville for providing a skip. Thanks also to Cllrs Hopkinson and Gray for keeping an eye on progress, particularly working hours and health and safety issues. In addition to the new equipment a picnic table and bench were purchased everyone who donated financially has their name engraved on this furniture, your generous donations help make this project possible.

Tansley Parish Council only learned about Derbyshire Dales District Councils plans for a Travellers site at Knabhall Lane when the agenda for the 6<sup>th</sup> September meeting was issued. The local authority did not think it necessary to consult with local residents, nor were they bothered about Government Guidance related to the requirements for such sites. There are known criteria for such sites, Knabhall Lane does not fulfill any of the criteria, the lack of consultation and the fact DDDC were wanting to use land that originally belonged to the residents of Tansley, the community found unacceptable. The matter is in the hands of solicitors at this time.

Throughout the Parish there are several parcels of land which formed part of the Enclosure Award to Tansley, the Parish Council have been trying to 'claw them back' for the community. The Pinfold on Thatchers Lane and Heathy Lea Recreation Ground on Nottingham Road both fall into this category. A Community Asset Transfer for the Pinfold is finally going through the legal process, we hope to take possession soon, hopefully the transfer of Heathy Lea will happen shortly.

Another piece of land that is of significant historical interest in the village is The Ropewalk off Green Lane. This public right of way is owned by Derbyshire County Council Highways, the Parish Council have been liaising with DCC Rights of Way for some considerable time, with a view to upgrading the footpath and installing additional drainage. Rights of Way have now agreed to install additional drainage and improve the pathway. The Parish Council will put additional drainage on the Fete Field and rebuild the stone wall, Parish Council work is to commence soon.

As residents know the Community Hall is owned by Tansley Parish Council, recently a new entrance door and central heating system have been installed, thanks to Cllr Strange for his time organizing

this work. Thanks also to Cllr Taylor for re vamping the notice boards, and doing joinery work to box in new pipe work at the Community Hall.

A special thanks to Chris Knightley for keeping the Parish Council web site up to date, and to Jane Flanagan the original 'Mrs Hotwire' who has worked so hard to keep Tansley residents up to date with all village news. Sadly, Jane is leaving the village, however she has passed on Hotwire to Tansley resident Helen Fullelove who I am sure will continue this worthwhile service, that we all value so highly.

As a village we are strong ... it's a good place to live, lets all continue to 'pull together' to ensure our residents are safe and its an attractive place to be.

Vicki Raynes

Chair Tansley Parish Council

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