

TANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE PLAN

INTRODUCTION

Following the success of its first Village Plan the Parish Council distributed a questionnaire to some 450 households within the Parish. The questionnaire gave everyone the opportunity to express their views on what they wanted the Parish Council to include in the next Village Plan. 150 responses were received which is an exceptionally good response. As a result this new Village Plan can reasonably reflect what villagers say they would like done.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Tony Keys has been extremely helpful in pulling together the results of the consultation and preparing charts and summaries.

TANSLEY VILLAGE HALL

Examination of the things which the public regard as most important put the retention of the Village Hall as number one priority. The Village Hall needs to be repaired and modernized and the current committee are in the process of applying for funding and addressing the issue of the lease.

Now that the Fete Field project is coming to fruition the Parish Council should have the financial capacity to offer some limited support for a capital scheme to help draw down other funding.

Tansley Development Association has already agreed in principle to support the Parish Hall.

RECOMMENDED.

That Tansley Parish Council, at an appropriate time, puts an amount of money to be determined, into its Capital Reserve Account, earmarked for village hall improvements.

FLORAL DECORATIONS

The second priority amongst parishioners (80%) is the continuation of hanging baskets and floral tubs.

The tubs are maintained mainly on a volunteer basis but the Parish Council pays a significant proportion of the Parish Council tax for the provision and watering of the hanging baskets. In view of this the Parish Council has been minded to review this element of its activities due to the relatively high cost; however, in view of the public response it may be more appropriate to increase this allocation.

The Parish Council also organizes and pays nearly all of the costs of the village hanging basket/gardens competition; it also financially supports entry into East Midlands in Bloom.

RECOMMENDED.

That the Parish Council continues with its efforts to make the village attractive and that ways be sought to increase public participation.

BURIAL GROUND.

The continuing facility for deceased to be buried within the Parish is the third priority. The Parish Council currently manages the burial ground on behalf of the District Council and some of its costs are reimbursed. The Church yard is a closed cemetery which the District Council is obliged to maintain to a reasonable standard. The burial ground is likely to be full in about eight years.

The procedure to provide a new cemetery will involve finding a land owner willing to sell a suitable site. 'Suitable' involves location, planning approval, ability to drain, being capable of excavation to at least 2 metres and being sufficient in size. A means of financing will need to be agreed.

RECOMMENDED.

The need to find a new Burial Ground is accepted and a strategy for acquisition and development is drawn up.

TRAFFIC SPEEDS

The survey has confirmed the concerns of 74% of respondents about speeding with particular reference to Church Street. The Parish Council has already made representations to the County Council which has agreed to bid for funding for a calming scheme between the Village Hall and the bottom of Whitelea. It is not known what scheme will be proposed but the Parish Council will try to ensure public consultation.

Comments regarding traffic generally revealed a large range of views. Subjects included parking on Church St, speed bumps on Alders Lane and the need for a pedestrian crossing on A615.

RECOMMENDED.

That the Parish Council continue to lobby the highways authority (Derbyshire County Council) for a traffic calming scheme for Church Street and other areas of the village.

RECREATION FACILITIES 1

Asked whether villagers wanted an all weather multi games area, for bowls, tennis etc, 66% supported. The present Fete Field is smaller than the area reserved for public open space in the Derbyshire Dales District Local Plans produced in 1998 and 2006 and, given it's current use, would not accommodate a multi games area.

RECOMMENDED.

That the Parish Council in conjunction with the Fete Field committee pursue the prospect of providing an all weather facility.

RECREATION FACILITIES 2

The village is divided by the busy A615 road; a link between the Derwent Valley and the M.1 motorway. At the time of the survey new family homes and local need/affordable houses were being constructed on the southern side of the A615; 63% of respondents want to see the provision of a children's play ground to serve that part of the village. It should be possible to provide a playground for small children by the use of planning legislation in the event of any further development in that part of the village.

RECOMMENDED.

That the Parish Council continue to lobby the District Council, as Planning Authority, insisting that any new planning applications for development in the Thatcher's Lane part of the village include the provision of a children's play area.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Houses in Tansley are not affordable to the majority of people born and raised here or to younger people from anywhere. The danger is that the balance of the village will quite rapidly be dismantled as demonstrated by the reduction in numbers at the school and pre-school over recent years.

Respondents to the survey are largely opposed to new housing development but 67% regard affordable housing as important.

RECOMMENDED.

That the Parish Council encourage the development of a few houses for local need both through District Council Planning policy and by discussion with Dales Housing Ltd., who are empowered to provide new houses for rent.

ENVIRONMENT.

51% of respondents are satisfied with the cleanliness and litter picking in the village. This is the prerogative of the District Council although the Parish has powers to supplement the service. The DC currently sweeps only twice a year but they do respond to specific requests from time to time.

RECOMMENDED.

That the District and County Councils continue to be pressed to provide an acceptable level of service and that occasional litter campaigns be arranged.

Summary of All Questions

