

Tansley Village Plan 2012

To enable the Parish Council to respond to the wishes of residents and be able to give a balanced view, a Parish Survey was conducted in March 2012. Five hundred questionnaires were delivered to residents, who were given in excess of two weeks to return their completed forms to several central locations. There was a good response, giving the Parish Council a mandate to take forward residents ideas and concerns.

- The questionnaire tried to identify issues that are important to the community.
- It gave respondents a chance to highlight opportunities that exist for improvement within the parish.
- It helps the Parish Council make decisions based on community wishes, and ensures the precept is spent in a way that benefits the whole community.

Village Appearance

In excess of 80% of respondents were satisfied with the appearance of the village. The majority of residents wanted to keep the floral baskets and planters as it was thought they improved the village, it was suggested that we might try to provide more. A significant number of respondents were concerned about dog fouling on the Village Green, Fete Field and pavements in the vicinity of the school; it would appear that residents are also using the Church Yard as a place to exercise their dogs. It was felt that the 'gateways' to our village should be smarter and new signage was suggested. There was a feeling that the 'village as a whole' needed a good 'tidy up', and residents could all help by 'keeping their own frontage tidy' Pedestrians should be able to use the pavements and hedges should be cut back.

The Parish Council intend to-

- Continue to provide floral displays, and where possible encourage additional planting of bulbs and trees.
- Organise Village Litter Picks
- Provide a 'dog poo bag dispenser' and more signage.
- Investigate prices and the possibility of providing new 'entrance signs'
- Encourage residents and landowners to keep roads and footways clear of overhanging vegetation.

Parish Council Meetings

Whilst the majority of residents were aware of the date, time and location of Parish Council meetings, a significant number said they were unaware of these facts.

Tansley Parish Council meets every third Tuesday at The Community Hall Church Street. Meetings commence at 7.30pm and meetings are open to the public.

Agendas and minutes are placed in the three village notice boards, information related to Parish Council meetings can be found on our web page. www.tansleyparish.com

The Clerk Mrs Sally Leighton can be contacted clerk@tansleyparish.com

Provision of allotments

If ten residents ask for the provision of allotments, the Parish Council have a duty to try to provide this facility. Residents have suggested a range of locations many in private ownership – finding this facility for the village will be a challenge for us.

The Parish Council Intend to-

- Investigate possible sites; seek advice from the local authority.

Public Transport

Most respondents did not use public transport, were not interested in a car share scheme, or prepared to help with any scheme. Although our bus service is infrequent, and timetables do not link in with train timetables, there is a service. Many residents do depend on the service and it is important to the sustainability of the community. Concerns were also raised regarding the school bus service, which is currently only temporary.

The Parish Council Intends to-

- Try to ensure the bus service is retained in our village.
- Lobby Councillors at Derbyshire County Council re school transport.

Housing Development -

The majority of respondents were against more housing development in the village. There were concerns that Tansley would lose its 'village identity' the village has few amenities, the additional housing built recently has not improved facilities. Respondents who were in favour of more development in the village wanted 'small scale' development, built on previously developed land or in-fill. It was thought that there was a shortage of 'market homes' suitable for couples and families, a lack of bungalows and homes for rent. There was also mention of the need for agriculturally tied housing. Most respondents favoured stone built homes. Garages and ample parking were considered essential for all new homes.

The Parish Council intends to-

- Welcome small-scale development on land within the settlement (infill) or on previously developed land.
- Ensure any new applications provide ample parking
- Encourage the use of redundant farm buildings, for conversion into agricultural tied homes for farm workers.

Green Field Sites and Settlement Framework

90% of respondents were against moving the settlement framework boundary.

In excess of 90% of respondents were against any development on 'green field sites'

Moving the boundaries would lead to the development of 'green fields'. There was a concern about the number of homes in the village still for sale, also the fact that the village does have empty homes, which could be brought back into use. The response to this question about the settlement boundary, and the opposition to development on 'green field sites' is consistent with a previous survey done by the Parish Council in June 2010 related to the proposed development of thirty additional homes.

The Parish Council Intends to-

- Use the results of the surveys as a mandate to oppose the development of 'green field sites'

Traffic and Roads

The most important issue for residents was speeding on Nottingham Road, the lack of traffic calming, and the difficulty and danger, when crossing at The Tavern and Royal Oak locations. Residents were also concerned about the speed of traffic in the village, Church Street, Whitelea, The Knoll and Lant Lane all areas of concern. Many of our roads do not have pavements, it was suggested we might request a 20m.p.h. speed limit within the village. Parking was also a major worry, cars frequently parked on pavements or grass verges, blocking sight lines and obstructing pavements. There was particular concern about the parking at the end of Church Street, at the junction with Nottingham Road. The Parish Council have spoken to the Police regarding this issue. Residents are reminded to contact the Police should any vehicle be blocking the highway and preventing access by the emergency services. This is also the case with vehicles blocking footpaths, preventing a safe walkway for residents, particularly disabled or parents with prams. Overhanging trees blocking sightlines and restricting pavements was also a cause for concern.

The Parish Council intend to-

- Continue to liaise with Derbyshire County Council Highways Department regarding promised traffic calming.
- Continue to lobby for a crossing on the A615
- Contact DDC regarding any blocked sight lines.

Amenities and Services not currently available in the village

The biggest response to this question was from residents wanting a Community Shop/Village Shop. Residents also thought a Coffee Shop would be an advantage to the village. Many respondents wanted to see a Youth Group. Whilst we have no Coffee Shop at this time, for any enterprising person there are opportunities within the village. We are fortunate to have several Community Buildings, which could be used as a 'social hub'. Holy Trinity and the Methodist Brunswick Room both offer refreshment mornings: both welcome 'all comers':

'Tots' are working hard to encourage all carers to bring their pre-school children to The Community Hall on Tuesday afternoons for a social get together. The Village Hall has many groups and clubs who use its facilities, Yoga, Pilates Art Class Drama Group Gardening Club Film Club and more!

The Parish Council intend to-

- Try to support any enterprise that will benefit the community.
- At this time the Parish Council are in negotiations with a 'food co-op' (initially for pre-ordering food) we are confident this facility will open later in the summer, and will be trading fully by September. In the first instance, the Co-op will be open one day a week (Thursday) it will be located at The Community Hall. Whilst this is not the much-requested shop, it is hoped that in time, and most importantly with village support, it will provide a much need facility.

Suggestions for Financial Donations

Residents continue to ask the Parish Council to support the Village Hall; the Community Hall is also mentioned as in need of help. Residents need to be aware that Parish Councils are unable to donate public money to organisations funded by Derbyshire County Council.

Sport and Recreation

The Football Club uses the Fete Field on a regular basis. When not in use by the Club, interested parties can negotiate to use the facility for other recreational activities. There were suggestions related to providing a basketball net, a cinder track, and seating at the field. Residents would also like a tennis court, and an 'all weather multi sports facility'

The Parish Council intend to-

- Continue to cut the field, maintain the hedges and 'bund area', keep the stream clean.
- Set aside £1,000 per annum from the precept for up keep of the facility. (Replacement of pavilion equipment, repairs and drainage.)
- Improve publicity.
- Parish Council have organised a series of sports sessions on the Fete Field in August for the youth of Tansley. The sessions will be free of charge and subsidised by Derbyshire Dales District Council and Tansley Parish Council.
- The request to 'upgrade' the play area on the Village Green will be passed on to Derbyshire Dales District Council, who owns the play area and the Village Green.

Thank you for your help with the survey, we have gleaned a great deal of valuable information. With your help will continue to strive to improve our village.

Tansley Parish Council
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