

Tanfield Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 16th May 2018
TIME: 19.00 hrs
LOCATION: West Tanfield Memorial Hall
PRESENT: David Dunbleton (Chairman), David Powell (Vice-Chair), Peter Almack, Peter Hull and Judi Horner
Alison Carter (Parish Clerk)
County Councillor Councillor John Weighell, Peter Smith, Christopher Bourne-Arton, Simon Warwick, Heather Lees, Barbara Greensit, Steph Bennett and Lynette Welford

1. **WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**
Councillor Dumbleton welcomed all those present to the meeting. He explained that the meeting was not a Parish Council meeting but a meeting of local electors to discuss Parish issues.
2. **APOLOGIES TO BE RECEIVED**
Apologies were received from: District Councillor David Webster, Revd David Cleeves, Rev.Dr. Pat Malham, Brenda Raw, Mrs Andrea Peacock and Catherine Greensit.
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**
The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 24 May, 2017 were agreed and signed.
4. **TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
No matters were discussed following the signing of the minutes from 2017.
5. **REPORT ON TANFIELD PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS DURING 2017/18**

Councillors

- David Dumbleton (Chairman) and David Powell (Vice Chair) have served as Councillors for the whole year.
- Peter Hull was elected at the last Parish Council elections and has served to date.
- Peter Almack was co-opted on to the Parish Council from February, 2016 and Judi Horner was co-opted on to the Parish Council from June, 2017 both have served to date.

General

- Alison Carter has been the Parish Council's Proper Officer (clerk) and Responsible Financial Officer, since 1 December, 2015.

Meetings

The Parish Council has met 11 times since the 2017 annual meetings. 8 of these were 'ordinary' meetings when a full agenda of business was considered. The others were extraordinary meetings to consider planning applications and other urgent items of business.

Planning and Development

- 9 planning applications have been considered by the Parish Council, in the year.
- The Parish Council was consulted on the application for a premises licence for Tanfield House, West Tanfield.
- The Parish Council submitted comments on the removal of 3,058m of hedgerow to the boundary of Thornborough henges.

Other Business

- The Parish Council continues to operate the parish caretaker scheme, whereby 5 hours of maintenance works are carried out in the parish each month. DTMS Ltd, from Fellbeck, have been carrying out this task since 1st April 2015.
- The grass cutting contract for the Parish Council is carried out by Farm and Land Services Ltd.
- The Parish Council was represented by Peter Almack on West Tanfield Memorial Hall's Management Committee
- The Parish Council was represented by David Dumbleton on the Lower Ure Conservation Trust's Liaison Committee.
- The Parish Council's Ripon Quarry Liaison representative was Peter Almack.
- The Parish Council's Nosterfield Quarry Liaison representative was Peter Hull.
- The Parish Council continued to support the work of the Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau by donating £50.

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- The Parish Council has started work towards its new duties under the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.
- The Parish Council has purchase two telephone Boxes from BT one in Thornborough and one in Nosterfield.
- The Parish Council has received grants under the Open Space Funding for the purchase of a cricket cage, for the sports field in West Tanfield. For the replacement and repair of the wire netting and posts at the swing park in Nosterfield. As well as for the replacement of the bin at the swing park in Thornborough and for the repair of the bench in the village.
- The Parish Council has coordinated the fundraising and installation of a defibrillator at the Memorial Hall, West Tanfield.
- The fundraising for defibrillators within the parish is on-going; the Parish Clerk is looking for donations and requesting grants from local organisations.
- The Parish Council has submitted two applications under the Making a Difference grant (MAD) for: funds towards the replacement of the wetpour surface and climbing board at West Tanfield swing park, as well as funds towards the replacement of the noticeboards in the Parish.
- The Parish Council has requested a 7.5-ton weight restriction for vehicles through Nosterfield village, via NYCC.
- The Annual Inspections of the playgrounds in the Parish, found the play parks in good order.
- The Parish Council continues to produce an informative newsletter for the Parish on a regular basis.
- The Parish Council has received a donation of a bench for the swing park in Thornborough, the donation is from relatives of a family who lived in Thornborough for many years.

6. REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS / COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ON THEIR ACTIVITIES DURING 2017/18

The following organisations / representatives submitted reports, which are attached to this agenda.

- St Nicholas CE Primary School.
- West Tanfield Methodist Church
- North Yorkshire Police
- County Councillor John Weighell
- District Councillor David Webster
- West Tanfield Bowling Club

The following updates were given verbally.

West Tanfield Memorial Hall

West Tanfield Memorial Hall has had a number of bookings this year, some old, some new.

The Village Hall is in good shape; however, it was felt it could do with painting. Also, it was felt the Village Hall could do with the installation of a sound system, funding is being sought for this.

The Village Lunch events are one of the main sources of income for the Village Hall. A small amount of funding has been raised through opening up the village Hall toilets.

Christopher Bourne-Arton thanked all involved in the work of the Village Hall.

West Tanfield Bowling Club – Read their report

West Tanfield Tennis Club

The Club's membership continues to grow. There are three teams playing in the Harrogate League.

Fifteen children are part of the junior club, attending a ten-week course, new members are welcome.

The Club now has a new pavilion and the courts are in good order.

Some club members played throughout the winter months.

West Tanfield Cricket Club

The Cricket Club received some funding from the Tour De Yorkshire Cycle race and have upgraded the pavilion and installed an electronic scoreboard. The club has a healthy number of players and is playing in the local leagues.

West Tanfield Sports Club

The sports ground in West Tanfield is in regular use (from young people in the village and surrounding areas) and is currently in the process of being reinforced.

The Sports Club thanked the Parish Council for securing the grant for the cricket cages and it is hoped some lessons are being organised for the young players.

There have been a couple of car boot sales organised on the site with the intention of the profits going

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to purchase a new bench and some netball/basketball hoops.

St Marys Church West Tanfield

The update was provided by the attendees at the meeting. A Family Service will be held on 29 July 2018, down by the river, all are welcome to attend. The Church is in good order and there are plans to add to the kitchen area and build a room to house a toilet. There are a lot of volunteers in the community that are ensuring things run smoothly, from bell ringers to churchyard gardeners. There is a strong choir servicing three local churches and the local school attends regularly.

West Tanfield Flower Club

The Flower Club has had a busy year with a number of demonstrations and workshops, as well as a trip to Chatsworth House and the Christmas Markets. The clubs bank balance is healthy with a good number of members, the AGM is being held on 16 May, 2019.

West Tanfield Methodist Church A written report attached.

North Yorkshire Police

Read from a written report, copy attached. As well as stressing it is important to inform the police if anything suspicious is seen in the Parish.

Nosterfield Local Nature Reserve

The reserve is doing well and has been operating for 21 years next week. The reserve has just signed a lease with Tarmac to take on the Western end of the quarry, there is a lot of work required to bring this area up to the required standard. The reserve is bidding for grants from various organisations and are always looking for new volunteers to assist on site. There has been a lot of interest regarding the variety of flowers and the number of different species of wildlife in the area.

County Councillor John Weighell A written report was read out and is attached.

7. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ASK QUESTIONS OR MAKE STATEMENTS RELATING TO COMMUNITY ISSUES

- Christopher Bourne-Arton thanked all involved in the Parish Council for their hard work behind the scene during the year.
- A request was made for the Village Caretaker to carry out extra tasks of sweeping up the roads/cleaning the weeds and removing fallen leaves in West Tanfield. It was felt it was very important to make the village look inviting.
- There was a discussion with regards to the state of the roads in the parish, due to the severe winters, there are a number of potholes.
- The attendees at the meeting were informed of a new beacon being placed in the field, just outside of West Tanfield Village.
- The Parish meeting were informed of events being organised to celebrate the “Battles over – A Nations Tribute on 11 November, 2018. A number of events will be coordinated on the day, details will be published around the parish.

Meeting closed at 19:50 hrs.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Alison E Carter, Clerk to the Parish Council.

SIGNED: (Chairman)

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