

TPEG - Tankersley and Pilley Environmental Group

Notes of a Meeting held on 14 October 2019

Present: David Crossley, David Grace, Sue Grace, Anne Hirst, Chris Hirst, Mark Johnson, Jock Jones, Christine Robinson, Audrey Shearn, David Shearn (Chair).

Apologies: Helen Reckless, James Walker, Louise Walker.

Recent Activity includes

- a) Cleaning the village stones, repainting lettering and surrounding them with pebbles with under laid sheeting to stop weeds; cutting back nearby vegetation.
- b) Cutting back hedges on the footpaths on both sides of New Road near the dipping pond
- c) Strimming footpaths near Stone Row Court, on the path leading from Pilley Green to Potter Holes plantation, and in Broad Ings
- d) Light pruning and weeding the rose bed in front of the Welfare Hall
- e) Extensive litter picking : it was noted that bags of litter can be left with McDonald's, Doors of Distinction, the Company Shop, Tankersley Manor and Tankersley Parish Church.

Further Projects and Tasks

- a) Cleaning up at the dipping pond and surrounding area. There is a rumour that there are newts in the area. Trevor Mayne, BMBC's Biodiversity Officer, has given advice. Work must be completed by March. A preliminary inspection will take place on 20 October at 11.00am.
- b) Broad Ings: further strimming; cutting back saplings and clearing bluebell areas
- c) Litter picking in general (as always).
- d) New Road: removing moss and grass from pavement, cutting back overhanging branches and targeted litter picking.
- e) Pruning the roses in front of the Welfare Hall if we cannot get BMBC to do it as they have in the past.
- f) Reporting rubbish dumped by A61 resurfacing contractors in Potter Holes to Tankersley PC and BMBC.
- g) Retrieve equipment (mainly saws) from original and inactive member.
- h) Obtain spades and rakes from bowling club hut.
- i) Investigating ways of promoting TPEG through leaflets, a website, hivi vests, etc. Christ Hirst has volunteered to create a website.

Finance

We currently have £180 in the bank and in petty cash. We asked Tankersley Parish Council for retrospective funding for the petrol hedge trimmer, but they have suggested that instead we apply for a one off grant of £200.

Members can incur small levels of expenditure without approval, but larger amounts must be approved by the group, as per the constitution.

Funding for larger amounts can be sought from public bodies such as Tankersley PC and the Ward Alliance, but this will normally be on a project basis rather than for general unspecified running costs.

Next Meeting: 13 January 2020.