

TPEG - Tankersley and Pilley Environmental Group

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 10th February 2020

1. Apologies : David Grace, Sue Grace

Present : David Shearn (Chair), Audrey Shearn, James Walker, Louise Walker, Christine Robinson (Treasurer), David Crossley, Jock Jones, Ben Stones, Kristine Stones, Kate Johnson, Rob Johnson, Anne Hirst, Chris Hirst

2. Matters arising:

- AH clarified the amount of money granted by the Ward Alliance as £929, broken down as £130 for skip hire, £499 for the chipper and £300 for 3 years insurance.
- Equipment purchases - DS confirmed that stakes and ties for newly planted trees would be required at a cost of £40 maximum. Agreed. DS to purchase.
- DS stated that bramble proof gloves were required for woodland clearing at a cost of £10 per pair. Suggested that 2x pairs mens and 2x pairs ladies gloves were purchased. Agreed. DS to purchase.
- Discussion regarding the offer of a chain saw from the Parish Council who were still considering the proposal as it would need servicing. After discussion, it was agreed that there was too much of a safety issue regarding using the saw and protective equipment. If work necessitated a chain saw then appropriate services would be sought.
- Purchase of a chipper from the Ward Alliance money was discussed. It was agreed to purchase a machine which would be used initially on the dipping pond project. AH to progress purchase and CH to find appropriate storage.
- Stencilling of footpaths re dog fouling - Awaiting confirmation from Parish Council. Discussion re purchase of 4 cans of biodegradable spray paint to highlight fouling. Agreed.
- Footpath Walking - JJ explained about the walking of footpaths to ensure that they are recorded and kept open. Agreed TPEG could participate in this. JJ to provide log for TPEG to work from.
- Next TPEG Community Action Day - Saturday 7th March 10am. Proposed work on clearing footpath of leaves/debris and trimming hedges on New Rd, opposite the dipping pond and working back past the new housing estate. Event to be promoted on social media/leaflets by CH and DC.

- A future work day project concerning the bus shelter on New Rd at the bottom of Pilley Green was proposed regarding weeding, putting flag stones down and planting. To be progressed by RJ, JW and AS
- Dipping Pond - Digging out has been completed for this year and thinning out the coppice will be carried out when chipper has been bought. Some new decking boards will have to be replaced as well. AH reported that one of the dead birch trees in the coppice has snapped off in the high winds, emphasising how unstable they are. AH to contact council re dead tree removal and broken wire fencing repair.
- An update regarding the inclusion of the school children in the designing of posters highlighting TPEG projects was discussed. BS agreed to contact the school with a view to doing a talk to the children regarding several matters, including the posters.

Actions from matters arising.

- DS - to purchase stakes, ties, bramble gloves, and spray paint cans.
- AH and CH - to progress purchase and storage of chipper
- JJ - to provide log book of footpaths
- AH - to contact council re tree removal and fence repair
- BS - to liaise with St Peters school re posters and talk with children.
- CH, DC - to promote next community day on the 7th March.

3. New Constitution Draft.

As a result of the vote at the last meeting on the 13th January to change the governance of the group, it was decided that a new constitution would be needed, which DS agreed to put together.

Before DS commenced discussion regarding the proposed new constitution, CH thanked DS for putting together the new draft and suggested it may be useful to ask how many attendees would be prepared to stand as committee members, as this may affect the composition of the new draft.

CR, JW, AH, BS indicated they would be willing to stand as committee members. DS did not wish to stand as a committee member and stood down as Chair.

A detailed discussion was then held regarding each section of the new draft Constitution including objectives, co-operation, membership, the number of management committee members, meetings, responsibilities, finance, equipment register, projects, liability insurance, amendments, transparency and freedom of information, complaints procedure, and winding up of the group.

DS agreed to amend the draft Constitution as a result of the discussions and then to send out the revised version for approval and adoption.

Actions from discussion on Constitution.

- CR - to follow up enquiries regarding internet banking, and bank transfer payments.
- AH - to progress liability insurance.

A further meeting was then held to elect the new management committee.

The elected committee being :

Chair - James Walker
Deputy Chair - Ben Stones
Treasurer - Christine Robinson
Secretary - Anne Hirst
Member - David Crossley

The committee would carry 2 vacant posts.

Action - JW to write letter to DS, who stood down as Chair, thanking him for all his hard work over the previous years.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm