

## **Minutes of the TPEG meeting held by Zoom at 7pm on Monday 27th July 2020.**

This is a Zoom meeting due to the constraints in place as a result of the Covid virus.

### **Present:**

Chair James Walker  
Vice Chair Ben Stones  
Treasurer Christine Robinson  
Secretary Anne Hirst  
Committee Member David Crossley  
Louise Walker  
Kirstine Stones  
Chris Hirst

### **Apologies:**

There were no apologies.

### **Matters arising from Previous meeting:**

- KS added photos to the Facebook page.
- The bank mandate is still in progress.
- AH has not yet contacted David Shearn.
- There is only one safety helmet, JW to obtain another from group funds to a value of £38.
- The litter collection equipment has been distributed.
- AH has arranged insurance cover with Zürich insurance.
- JW has had a meeting with the Parish Council concerning future funding. Consultation with Dennis Simpson is continuing.

### **Finance**

- Bank balance is £658.15. Petty cash balance is £79.02.
- £99.31 has been paid for insurance and £41 has been spent on petroleum and oil for the power tools.
- There is a commitment of £200 for 2 future years of insurance.

### **Project Updates**

- DC contacted the Forestry Commission about obstructing branches - this is now resolved.
- DC provided more information concerning hanging baskets. The baskets cost £107 for the first year, and a further £55 for future years. Those amounts included the baskets, brackets mounting and watering.

**ACTION:** DC has been requested to take this matter forward regarding the possibility of encouraging sponsorship/crowd funding for baskets next year.

- The action for BMBC concerning grass cutting is now closed. BMBC has recently undertaken to cut local verges.
- David Shearn is to obtain the old wood from the bowling green to insert in the border area outside the Welfare Hall. This is a cost free project with regards to materials.

- Bus stop on Pilley Green. The area was tidied around the bus stop by Rob. However he is now not available to continue because of work commitments. DC and CH will review what is required and organise the project.
- Footpath strimming has been completed throughout the Potter Holes wood.
- The ownership of the boardwalk by the dipping pond is still in doubt.  
**ACTION:** AH to continue enquiries with BMBC.
- KS outlined an amount of general tidying of bushes and shrubs in the park area opposite the dipping pond. Local people assisted with removal of grass, weeds etc from the area utilising their own green bins.  
**ACTION:** AH to contact Trevor Maine/BMBC re trimming of bushes.
- AH outlined that she had been involved in litter picking along Wentworth Way and New Road. The litter was disposed of with the help of Doors of Distinction.
- JW has strimmed the areas of pathways from Potter Holes to the bus stop.
- JW carried out temporary fence repairs to that same footpath.
- David and Audrey Shearn have carried out some footpath work in the parish.

### **Future projects.**

- **ACTION:** DC and CH to look at what is required at the Pilley green bus stop.
- The Tankersley Parish Council has made a request for TPEG to maintain the bowling green area following council upgrades. JW asked for a more detailed request from the Parish Council and is awaiting reply.

### **Covid - implications for TPEG work**

Government social distance guidelines were discussed along with the need to use PPE. No Group activity has organised due to these restrictions, however members should follow the Keep Britain Tidy guidelines for litter collection. (This advice does change frequently so check govt guidelines). <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean/coronavirus-guidance>. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

### **Social media & Website Update**

All posts placed on the website now automatically appear on the TPEG Facebook page, and Twitter account.

### **AOB**

- AH outlined that she has to report back concerning the Ward Alliance grant received for the Dipping Pond project. There is currently £130 from that project which was not spent, as we did not hire a skip. The Alliance stated we could spend it on other items for the dipping pond project, otherwise the money would have to be returned.
- AH suggested that we invest that amount in a second strimmer. CH outlined he had carried out research on battery powered equipment and that there is a highly rated strimmer manufactured by Erbauer that comes with 2 batteries and charger for around £180. Although not as powerful as petrol, electric models have very little on going costs and low maintenance and are safer. The group voted unanimously to buy the strimmer in connection with the Dipping Pond project for maintenance in that area and throughout the Parish.  
**ACTION:** CH to purchase strimmer and claim value back from TPEG
- It was agreed that any claims for funds need to be authorised by the Committee prior to being spent, as agreed in the Constitution.

- An email was received from David Shearn concerning TPEG activities.

**ACTION:** JW will reply directly.

**Date of next meeting:**

It is hoped that the next meeting will be back to normal as a physical meeting in the Welfare Hall. The anticipated date will be the beginning of October. This is depending on Hall availability.

The date will be provided in due course

The meeting adjourned at 8.20pm.