

TPEG - Tankersley and Pilley Environmental Group

TPEG General Meeting 7.30pm Monday 6th November 2023

Persons Present: James Walker, Louise Walker, Anne Hirst, Chris Hirst, Kate Johnson, Christine Robinson, Jock Jones
No apologies

1. Minutes of meeting 6th June 2023.

Matters Arising:

- JW reports Rollem on Wentworth Way have been contacted about rubbish and this has been tidied up.
- JW reports that the hedges on Lidgett Lane appear to have been cut by home owners, so no further action required.
- CH reports that two of the Millennium trees, one at the dipping pond and one in Broad Ings, need replacing. There is uncertainty as to the location of the tree near Tankersley Hall. **Action JW** to contact Parish Council regarding replacement of the two trees, and to contact Helen Reckless as to the location of the third tree.
- **Action JW** - asks that the action regarding grass egress onto footpath on Chapel Rd be carried forward.
- JW contacted Alex Burnett re attending current meeting, but he had a prior commitment.

2. Finance Report.

- CR reports bank balance of £726.52.
- CR Reports petty cash of £75.80.
- Expenses: Reciprocating saw, Fuel, Plants, Wine gift for auditor.
- The current bank balance includes £269 of the grant from the Ward Alliance for the wild flower project.
- **Action - JW** to apply to Parish Council for grant.

3. COVID 19 Implications.

- JW reports a new strain that is less virulent. Take sensible precautions.

4. Update on recent work

- Louise Walker, Audrey and David Shearn have tidied up the flower beds at the bus stop as well as clearing paths in Broad Ings of brambles etc. **Action JW** to send thank you letter to David and Audrey Shearn.
- AH & KJ continuing monthly litter picks throughout the Parish. There have been 3 litter picks since the last meeting, with new members attending. AH reports Twiggs no longer have the Council contract and tenders are being processed from new applicants.
- JJ reports that the Parish Council is considering taking a more active role in Broad Ings Wood.
- JW reports cutting back lots of saplings in and around Potter Holes wood and using the cuttings to make bug hotels.

5. Social Media and Website update.

- CH reports that it may be possible to reduce the cost of the website presence by just having a domain name. **Action CH** to investigate this option.

6. Future Projects

- JW -Last month several volunteers planted 450 plug plants and scattered 1 KG of wild flower seed on the plot of land on the rec. ground which had been cleared by the Council. This does appear to be growing well. The re-wilding project of Recreation ground to be continued in March when the rest of the grant will be spent on the plants which have thrived the best.

- **Action - JW** to contact local school with regards to developing projects with pupils. These could include participation in the wild flower meadow planting, litter picks, the making bug hotels and education as to why they are important.

7. Any other business.

- JJ outlines the purpose of the Parish Plan and suggests it may be appropriate for TPEG to have some involvement in the environmental aspect of the plan. JW states he has had some involvement with the questionnaire. **Action - JW** to attend next meeting of the Parish Plan.
- AH stated that she would be resigning as Secretary for TPEG as both her and CH are leaving the area. This would not be immediately and would continue in post in the short term. Enquiries to be made re a new Secretary.
- The **next litter pick to be arranged by KJ would be on Saturday 25th November at 10am.** The meeting points will be at the school and the Hub as usual.

8. Date of next meeting.

Monday 5th February 2024

Meeting closed at 8.30pm