

TANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL END OF YEAR REPORT APRIL 2019

Dear Resident,

As you are aware the term of office for present Parish Councilors is nearing its end. Sadly we will be losing three Parish Councilors: Ruth Bartlett, Linda Winder and Joe Woods have decided not to stand again. We thank all three for their selfless work on the Parish Council.

The Parish Council has worked hard to try and ensure Tansley is a good place to live. It has monitored the condition of roads, footpaths, drainage and street lighting and relayed its concerns to the relevant authority promptly.

The Parish Council continues to be part of the Winter Snow Warden Scheme run by Derbyshire County Council. This scheme enables our village to try and keep certain footpaths 'open and safe' should we have snowy weather. A big thank you to the group of residents who continue to help with this service.

Hanging baskets are purchased by the Parish Council, and planters are maintained, which ensures the village looks attractive in the summer months.

Residents on Riber View Close continue to maintain attractive verge planting and the roundabout area is kept tidy by local residents.

Our litter picks continue to contribute to the perception of a cared-for village.

The lease for the Community Hall has finally been signed; the building will be cared for and run by the Community Hall Management Committee, which is in the process of applying for charity status.

Hopefully this will open up opportunities for grants to upgrade this facility.

The Parish Council continues to set aside £1,000 per annum for the Community Hall and the Fete Field, to help with any major expenditure.

A cheque for £1,300 has just been paid to the Fete Field Committee to help with the purchase of a mower.

Earlier this year substantial maintenance was done at the Fete Field – blackthorn was removed, trees were cut, and the stream was dredged and realigned. In addition, a new access gate was installed off the Rope Walk – this gate will be kept locked and will only be used for heavy machinery to access the land for maintenance, or in case of emergency at the Fete Field. Work is still needed to complete the stone wall adjacent to the new gateway.

Money has been set aside to pay for the installation of the new lamp post in the burial ground. The light will work in conjunction with existing lighting in the cemetery and will make the pathway leading to Gold Hill (the only disabled access to the church) safer in the winter months

A great deal of time has been spent liaising with Derbyshire County Council related to a safe walking route to Highfields school. The Parish Council has argued that the only viable route throughout the whole year is via the A615. Whilst the route is not considered hazardous by DCC, the distance from Highfields to the end of Church Street has been established as 2.4 miles; we therefore believe that using this agreed route some of our residents will be outside the 3-mile limit and be entitled to free home to school transport. In conjunction with these talks we continue to argue for a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the Tavern Public House.

Derbyshire Dales Asset Register mentions various pieces of land within the Parish of Tansley, much of this land was acquired by the local authority. Government is now encouraging District Councils to give back these assets under the Community Asset Transfer Scheme. The Community Hall was acquired under this scheme, and the Parish Council is now negotiating for the return of The Pinfold and Heathy Lea Field .

The most urgent item now left on the Parish Council agenda is the refurbishment of the Village Green play area, which is owned by Derbyshire Dales District Council. DDCC has agreed that if the Parish Council can fund any projects to improve the facility it will support any such initiative but will not be in a position to offer any funding.

Discussions with a play equipment provider are planned for May.

On behalf of the residents of Tansley, the Parish Council thanks the many people who willingly give their time to run the many groups and clubs in the village – your time and effort is much appreciated.

Thank you for helping make Tansley a good place to live.

Vicki Raynes

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