

PRIDE IN TANSLEY

Notes from meeting held at Yew Tree Cottage on 8th November 2010

Those present: Chris Knightley, Anita Longworth, Polly Morten, Dorothy Toplis, Teanie Dornan, John Rigarlsford and Brian Taylor (presiding)

Apologies: Marion Ball and Ken Gray.

East Midlands In Bloom

Brian said 'well done' for helping the village to achieve its first ever Silver Gilt Award in East Midlands In Bloom. Brian and Chris had an excellent morning with the judges, spending considerable time with the school. We need to get involvement from more people in the village, more often, to maintain or to improve on this year's award. We discussed requesting a Hotwire broadcast but decided to wait until we had a need for help for something specific.

EMIB is hosting an open evening in Belper in February 2011.

Here is the judges' report:

The judges were particularly impressed by:

SECTION A

- The work at the Primary School with the many different habitats and projects is outstanding.
- Floral displays are appropriate and well maintained, much improved.
- The Sunflower competition and Tansley in Bloom garden competitions are commendable.

SECTION B

- The inclusion of Tansley Wood in the tour shows what a great natural resource this is.
- The almost complete freedom from litter, dog-fouling and graffiti is to be commended especially as this is organised by volunteers.

SECTION C

- The forward planning by the school of its many projects is well conceived.
- The use of the internet, posters and printed material to publicise Bloom is good.
- The portfolio is excellent.

Areas suggested for future development:

SECTION A

- It would be good to see more business premises, tourist attractions or other areas used by the public.
- More sustainable planting including trees and shrubs should be considered.
- Some attention to the detail to the maintenance of the permanent planting areas at the bottom pub would enhance this commercial area

SECTION B

- It would be good to see more readily available information on the mill and the water works that fed them, possibly interpretation panels and/or a printed trail.
- Continue with your plans to develop the woods and interpretation thereof.
- Create a wish list to present to the Borough Council for the spending of the pending Section 106 developer contribution

SECTION C

- It would be good to see more evidence of winter projects such as bulb or tree planting, ditch cleaning etc and possibly events to raise additional funding or sponsorship.

We discussed the judges' areas for improvement as follows.

Brookfields Industrial estate: Re Section A bullet 1 above, Brian to speak to Ian Strange about promoting interest among the owners/tenants. He will also ask for an item to be put on the agenda for December's parish council meeting.

More planting: Re Section A bullet 2 above, Ken Gray reported (via email) that Matlock Garden Centre are keen to help the village and Ken asked for ideas of how they could do

this. John Rigarsford will arrange an open evening at the garden centre with Nicki. We decided to survey the village for areas needing to be improved e.g. with bulbs, shrubs or trees etc. Polly and Brian will carry out a thorough, wide survey. Possible areas are Mais Close, school, front of Oak Tree Gardens, bungalows on Gold Hill, Riber View Close.

Interpretation boards: Re Section B bullet 1 above, Chris will ask DCC about provision and cost of a board for the village green and for the pond area near/above the scout hut.

Evidence of winter planting and work: Re Section C bullet 1 above, Chris has photos of the winter planting in front of the church. We need to gather evidence of any other activities for the portfolio.

New items raised and discussed

Horticultural show: John suggested that we run a show. Dorothy volunteered to discuss the content of a show with her contacts in Dethick.

Open Gardens: We are keen to run this if we can organise it well and get a sufficient number of gardens to be involved.

Printed Trail Guide: We discussed getting printed copies of Mary Eatherden's walks (with Mary's permission), or similar, and making them available for walkers. Printing will need funding.

Activity List

Activity	A- Horticulture	B - Environment	C- Community	Priority	Next Action(s)	Actionee	Target Date	Status
Obtain funding			✓	1			Dec-09	Completed
Establish group information on Village Web site				1			Jan-10	Completed
Find out if section 106 money is available in Tansley developments to improve the local environment			✓	1	Ensure with DDDC that PIT and/or PC are consulted about section 106 agreement at Tansley Wood Mill. BT to write to Paul Wilson.	BT	Jan-10	Ongoing
Develop and maintain a portfolio for the EMIB entry			✓	1	Receive and organise content	CK	Mar-10	Ongoing
Make something of Village Hall rear garden	✓	✓		2	Discuss with Village Hall Committee	CK	Feb-10	Not started
Tidy-up churchyard	✓	✓		1	Organise work	DT		Completed
Plant more bulbs around village and/or churchyard	✓	✓		3	Meeting with Matlock Garden Centre	JR/KG		Not started
Tubs/baskets in front of Village Hall	✓			1	Discuss with Village Hall Committee	CK	Feb-10	Not started
Tubs/baskets in front of School	✓			1	Discuss with Tracey Holmes. CK offered to water.	DT	Jan-10	Ongoing

Tubs/baskets in front of Tansley House	✓			1	Owner to provide and plant tubs.	BT	Mar-10	Ongoing
Tubs/baskets in front of Community Hall	✓			1		BT	Mar-10	Completed
Tubs/baskets in front of Mais Close	✓			1	KG to write to follow-up with Dale Housing/ Acclaim Housing.	TD	Mar-10	Started
Tubs/baskets on Village Green	✓			3	Discuss with Tansley Parish Council			Not started
Large tubs at village entry points	✓			3	Discuss with Tansley Parish Council	BT		Not started
"Stop The Drop" litter pick-ups		✓	✓	3	Organise litter picks e.g. For the ponds along Foxholes Brook			
Leaf pick-ups (autumn, winter, spring)		✓	✓	3	Organise leaf picks			
Repairs to seats and benches		✓		1	Get seat at top of Village Green repaired	BT	Mar-10	Ongoing
Replace/refix missing/damaged dog bins		✓		1	Follow up with Tansley PC.	BT	Mar-10	Completed
Street name signs to be refixed/replaced		✓		1	Contact DCC to fix signs at Gold Hill and The Knoll	CK, TD	Mar-10	Completed
New decorative village entry signs		✓		3	Discuss with TPC and DCC	BT	Feb-10	Ongoing
Tidy-up old notices on street posts etc.		✓		1		CK	Mar-10	Completed
Tidy-up alley ways and footpaths		✓		2	Find out what work is done by footpath warden for TPC	BT	Feb-10	Not started
Ensure footpath signage is good		✓		1	Follow-up actions with DCC.	CK	Mar-10	Ongoing
Children's veg garden, nature area etc. at primary school	✓		✓	1		DT	Jul-10	Completed
Launch sunflower growing competition	✓		✓	1		CK	Mar-10	Completed
Organise Tansley Open Gardens event	✓		✓	3	Find participants and organisers			Not started
Gain help					Ask for help from Garden & Countryside Club	MB	Jan-10	Ongoing
Improve Fete Field entrance & perimeter		✓		1	Follow up with Tansley PC	BT	Feb-10	In hand by Tansley PC
New TPC notice board by village green		✓		1		BT	Jul-10	Completed
Construct a constitution for PIT				1	Group needs to sign at a meeting.	all	Apr-10	On hold
Open a bank account				1	BT to complete app. form. Signatories must sign & identify themselves at the bank.	BT PM KG	Apr-10	On hold

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday February 14th 2011 at 7.30 PM
VENUE: YEW TREE COTTAGE THE KNOLL – ALL WELCOME

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.