



TANKERSLEY
PARISH COUNCIL

New Year Newsletter



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2023 A Year to Have Your Say.

2023 will be a year of change and new starts. On the national stage there will be the first Coronation in 70 years. Something only a few in the Parish have experienced before. There is more about the Coronation later in this Newsletter with details of how you can be involved.

At a local level there will be a new Parish Council. The current Parish Council was elected in May 2019. It's term ends in May 2023 when a new Council will be elected. There have been quite a few changes since 2019 to the extent that I am the only Councillor still in place since the last election. More about the Parish Council Elections and how you can be involved later in this Newsletter.

Tankersley Lane re-opened some months ago and the Evri Hub is now operational. This major development went ahead despite considerable opposition which was led by a member of the Parish Council. There were many times during the process when it felt like the views of people in Tankersley and Pilley simply did not count.

Invitation to Drop In 12 February 2023 10 a.m -11.30 a.m

It is time to make sure this does not happen again and that the people of Tankersley and Pilley have a say in future developments. That is why the Parish Council is supporting the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

The Working Group is made up of 2 Parish Councillors and currently 12 volunteers from the Parish. It is also supported by the Clerk who provides guidance and advice about the various laws which impact on what the Working Group can recommend.

The Working Group held it's first meeting on 13 December 2022. One of its first decisions was to invite the whole of the parish to drop in to the Hub on Sunday 12 February between 10.00 am – 11.30 a.m . There you can drop in to find out more about the project, and have your say about how YOU want the Parish to develop and what matters to YOU.

From 11.30 am to 12.00 there will be a meeting of the Working Group which you can attend if you wish to join it, or be involved in one of the sub-groups.

If you decide that you would like to be more involved in this work or supporting some of the events that will be taking place in 2023, or even in joining the Parish Council then you would be very welcome.

I would also like to say thank you to local photographer Steve Swan for kindly allowing us to use a number of his photographs in this newsletter.

Robert Lodge

Chairman
Tankersley Parish Council



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A Neighbourhood Plan for Tankersley

Tankersley Parish Council has started to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a document that contains planning policies that will be used to guide how **YOU** want our parish to develop over the next 15 to 20 years. It's **YOUR** chance to have a real say in what happens in Tankersley in the future.

At the moment, planning applications in Tankersley are decided by members of Barnsley MBC's Planning Committee, who are guided by the policies contained in the Barnsley Local Plan.

The Local Plan

The Barnsley Local Plan was adopted on 3 January 2019. For details please visit [Barnsley's Local Plan](#)

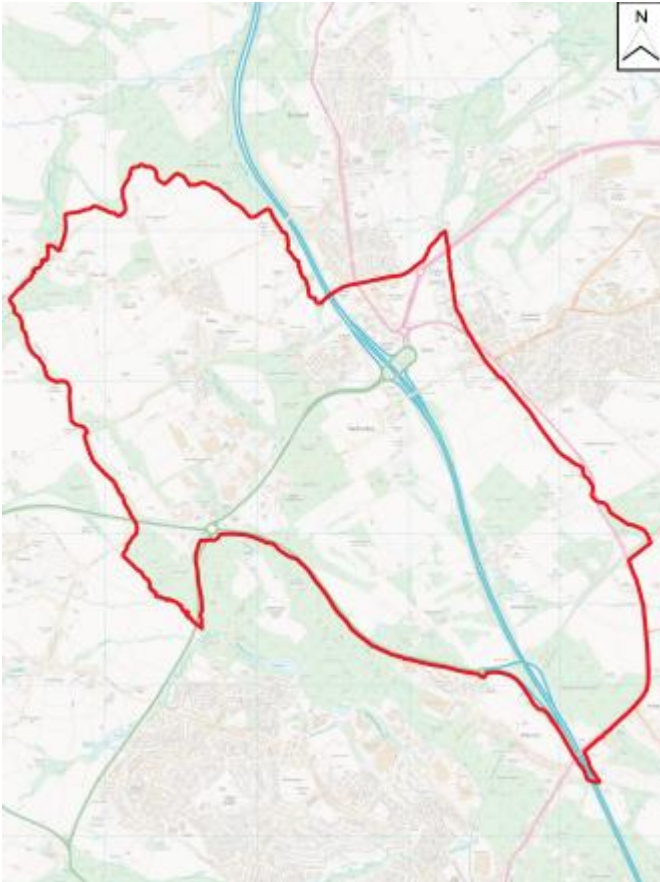
The Tankersley Neighbourhood Plan

The Tankersley Neighbourhood Plan will include much more local detail to help make decisions that benefit the parish.

Our Neighbourhood Plan will sit alongside the Local Plan and both will be used to determine future planning applications.

The Tankersley Neighbourhood Plan - Scope

The Tankersley Neighbourhood Plan will cover the whole of Tankersley parish as shown by the map below



What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood Plans were introduced in the Localism Act 2011 to encourage local people to get more involved in planning the future of their towns and villages. They are documents that set out planning policies for the local area, against which planning applications will be considered.

Neighbourhood Plans can also set out where land and buildings that are special to the community can be safeguarded for future generations.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a formal document that has to go through a fairly vigorous process in order to be 'made'. This includes

- two rounds of formal consultation with the local community,
- an Independent Examination, and
- finally a local referendum.

If the Plan passes all these stages, it will sit alongside the Barnsley Local Plan and carry equal weight in decision-making.

The Neighbourhood Plan Process and Progress



Define Neighbourhood Plan Boundary



Develop the Draft Plan



Consult Locally on the Draft Plan



Amend the Plan and Submit to Barnsley MBC



Barnsley MBC Conducts Formal Public Consultation



The Plan is Formally Examined



The Plan is Finalised



Local Referendum to Adopt the Plan

Introducing the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

The legislation requires Tankersley Parish Council to be the formal lead for the Neighbourhood Plan and to make the formal submissions.

However, it is vital that this project is community led.

Therefore, the project is being managed by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

The Working Group is made up of 2 Parish Councillors and currently 12 volunteers from the parish. The volunteers include representatives from organisations which play a massive role in the parish, and residents who feel passionately about some of the “themes” the Working Group will be looking at .

There is a lot to do and more volunteers to join the Working Group would be very welcome.

How the Working Group Works

The Working Group has formal terms of reference and will meet to discuss your feedback and your suggestions.

From your feedback the Working Group makes recommendations to the Parish Council. These are then presented to the Parish Council by the Parish Councillor members of the Working Group.

There is a lot to do and the Working Group has broken the task up into themes
Sub-groups will look at the following areas:

1. Housing
2. Culture and Heritage
3. Transport/Highways
4. Education and Safe Roads around the School
5. The Village Centre/ Economy / Business /Retail
6. Community Assets and Infrastructure
7. Green Spaces /Environmental/ Green Belt

If you feel strongly about any of the themes but don't feel you can commit to being part of the Working Group then this is a way for you to get involved

Housing:



There is enormous pressure on local authorities to deliver new homes.

We cannot stop development happening – especially if it is included in the Local Plan

BUT

We can have a say in the sort of housing being allocated
We can set conditions about whether the development

- Is affordable?
- Is helping to meet the Zero 45 Plan put in place by Barnsley MBC?
- Is providing enough greenery?
- Is meeting the needs of our local community?
- Are the existing facilities, amenities and infrastructure in the parish sufficiently robust to cope with the proposed developments?

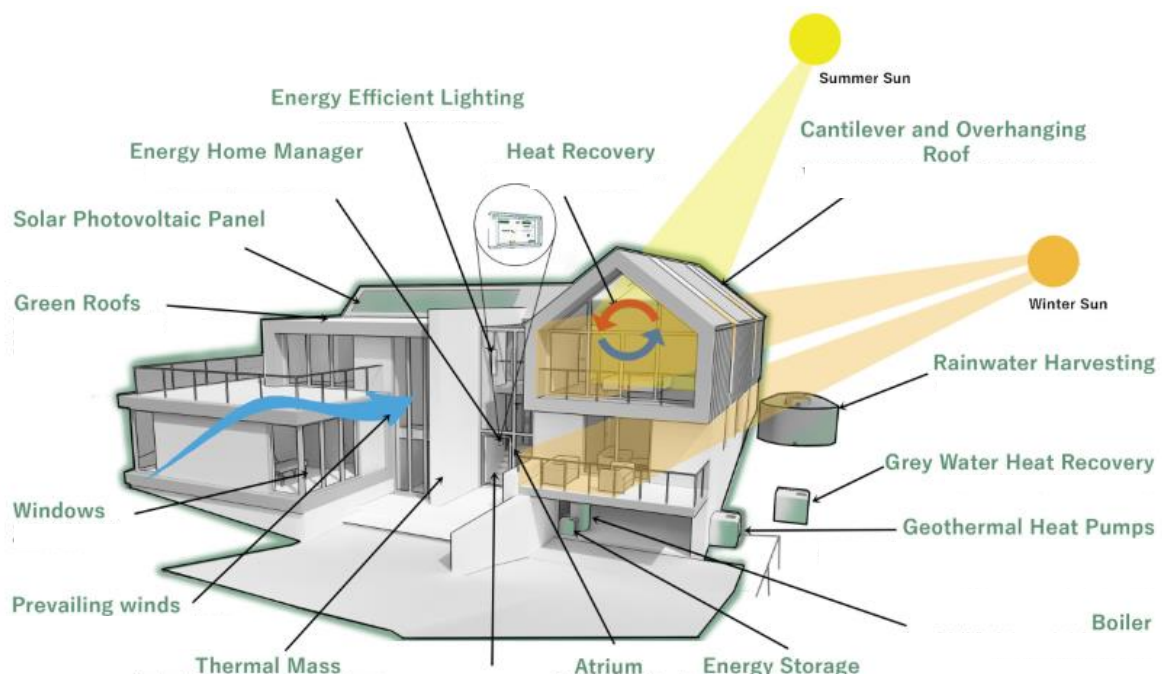
Beauty is now not only in the eye of the beholder but is in planning law too.
We can specify how we want new developments to look.
We can specify what we consider to be “beautiful”.

“Instead of developers forcing plans on locals, they will need to adapt to proposals from local people, ensuring that current and new residents alike will benefit from beautiful homes in well-designed neighbourhoods.”

“..we need to bring about a profound and lasting change in the buildings that we build .. the National Model Design Codes...will enable local people to set the rules for what developments in their area should look like, ensuring that they reflect and enhance their surroundings and preserve our local character and identity.”

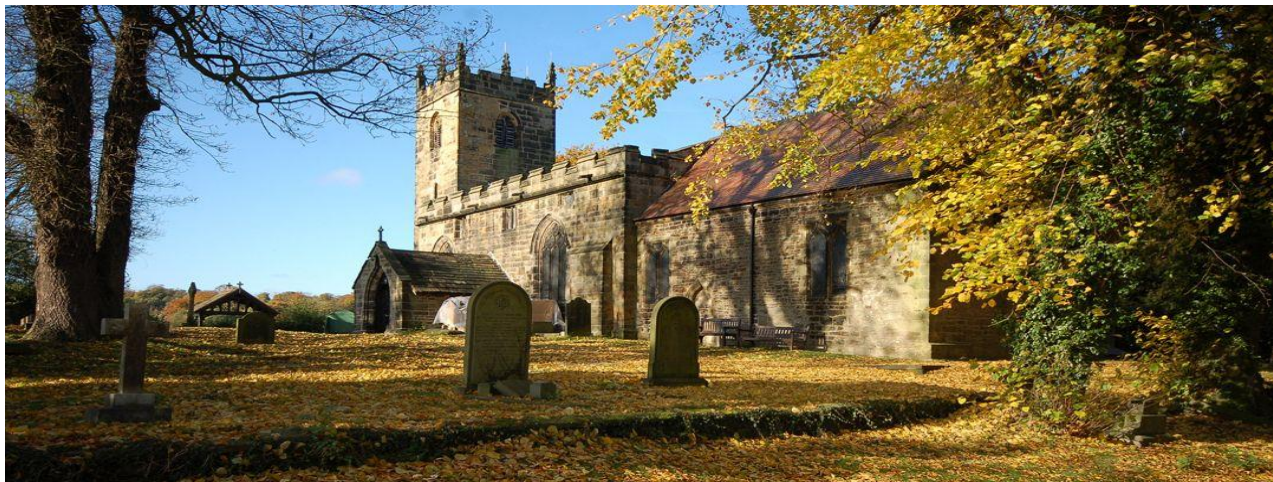
Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP Housing Secretary

We can consider how to tackle climate change through sustainable housing designs and encouraging self-sufficiency and specify that these requirements are included in future housing developments



Culture and Heritage

We also want to celebrate our culture and heritage



St Peter's Church is not only an architectural treasure but is also home to significant works of the arts and crafts movement. A window designed by Burne Jones, made by Morris & Co and porch gates designed by Lutyens. Should they be on a list of local treasures?



Down the road from St Peter's is Tankersley Old Hall where much of Ken Loach's *Kes* was filmed.

Apart from the physical structures that mark Tankersley's history there are the memories of residents who have lived through remarkable changes.

A challenge for the Working Group might be to look at ways of capturing those memories so that they can be passed on to future generations.



Transport and Movement:



We can consider measures that will make travelling in and through the village safer.

Residents have raised concerns about the number of accidents occurring on Pilley Lane. Some residents have suggested

- Improved signage
- Installing traffic calming measures to force slower speeds

Education and Safe Roads Around the School :

Residents have already raised concerns about the safety of roads around the School. The number of parked cars near the School and along Westwood New Road creates problems and dangers for other car drivers and also for children.

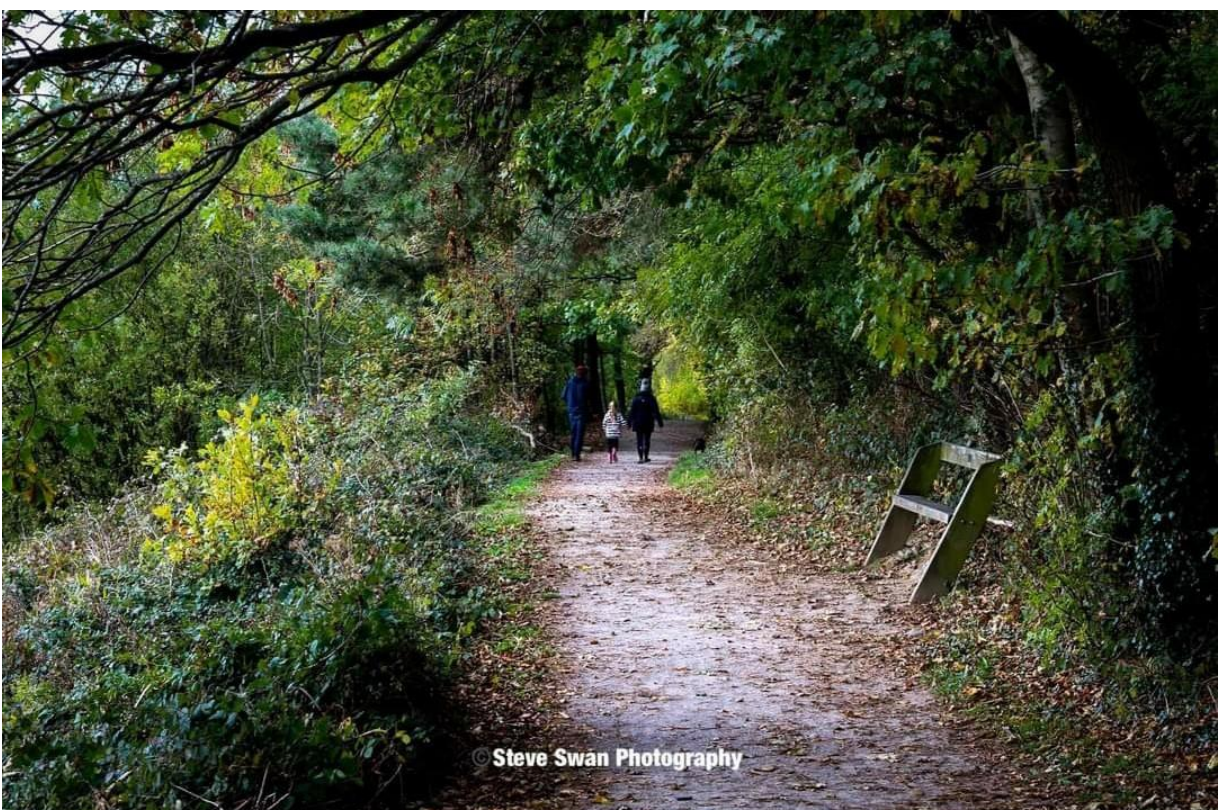
Some residents have suggested

- Installing one or more safety islands in the Westwood New Road to make it safer for children and residents to cross the road.
- Installing speed calming measures on the roads near the School
- Reducing the speed limit on the roads near the school to 20 mph

The Working Group would like to know what YOU think about these suggestions or to hear how you think the situation can be improved.

Rights of Way :

We can also develop recommendations that will help to ensure that our rights of way are well-maintained and accessible to all.



Green Spaces /Environmental/ Green Belt



We are fortunate to have many green spaces within our parish including Broad Ings Wood, the Parks, the recreation ground and large amounts of green belt.

These are well used and regularly bring the communities together



We have an opportunity in our Neighbourhood Plan to protect such spaces from inappropriate development by designating them as ‘Local Green Spaces’.

We can also consider improving the woodland management of Broad Ings Wood.

The Village Centre / Economy / Business /Retail



Our Village Centre is a focal point for a range of local activities and we need to consider how we can make sure it stays vibrant and well-used.

Equally, our parish has expanded considerably recently. We need to be sure there are sufficient facilities and amenities to support this amount of growth and future growth.

Similarly, the way people are working is evolving and we might want to think about how we can support jobs locally and greater levels of home-working.

We may also need to look at the increased number of electric and hybrid cars and think about introducing electric charging points

Community Assets and Infrastructure

The community facilities in the parish provide an important lifeline not only for our community but for those in neighbouring villages. It is vital to ensure that these are safeguarded, improved and, if necessary, expanded to meet the changing needs of our residents.

The new developments mean there are more families and young people in the parish who need things to do and safe places to meet.

At the same time we are living through a time when there is an aging population and when so many of our community are still recovering from the enforced isolation of the lockdowns.

The Working Group will be looking at what additional activities and facilities might be needed to support activities and places to meet for people of all ages in the community.



How Long Will it Take to Write the Neighbourhood Plan?

It is difficult to estimate how long it might take to write the Plan as so much depends on YOUR input, but we anticipate the draft plan being completed in 2024.

How Can I Get Involved?

The more residents that input into the Plan the better and more useful it will be. We will be keeping the community updated as the Plan progresses. If you can't make the drop in session on 12 February 2023 but would like to learn more about the Working Groups or have any feedback, please contact us at clerk@tankersleypc.org

Community Events in 2023

Tankersley Community Association aka TCA

TCA leases and manages the Tankersely Hub. It is completely separate from the Parish Council. TCA is responsible for organising many of the community events in the parish and for bringing community together. If you feel that the formal meetings of the Parish Council are not for you, but want to be involved in events then supporting TCA as a volunteer is a way to do this.

The Coronation

In 2022 the parish celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

These events were organised by a group made up of volunteers and representatives from all the organisations in the parish. Without them the events would not have taken place.

In May 2023 the parish will mark the coronation of HM King Charles III with a number of events.

If you want to be involved in helping to organise the events please contact John Hopkinson at made2measuremusic@yahoo.com



The Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Event

Over 1,000 people attended the Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Event in 2021 and 2022. In 2021 the costs of the event was £2656. In 2022 this increased to £3096.



Although the money spent on the fireworks in 2022 increased from 2021 there were noticeably fewer fireworks.

It seems likely that the costs of fireworks in 2023 will be more than in 2022

Rather than simply increase the precept to take account of these increased costs the Parish Council is looking at making the event a paying event.

The Parish Council would like to know YOUR views on whether the 2023 event should be

- Free for everyone
- Free for parish residents with non residents paying an entry fee
- A paying event for everyone

It has also been pointed out that the 2023 Autumn Half Term for Barnsley schools runs from 30 October to 3 November. This impacts on the number of volunteers who will be available to collect the wood for the bonfire on the Friday and be involved in building and lighting the bonfire as well as marshalling the event and helping to clear up afterwards.

If you would like to be involved in the 2023 Annual Bonfire and Fireworks event then please contact the Clerk at

clerk@tankersleypc.org

Millennium Plate

To mark the Millennium a Millennium plate was made and given to all parish residents. While “stock-taking” the Parish Council found about 50 of these plates. The plates are about the size of a saucer for an espresso coffee cup.



If anyone would like one of the Millennium plates please contact the Clerk at

clerk@tankersleypc.org

If there are not enough plates to meet demand then the names of people who have asked for a plate will be pulled out of a hat.

Parish Council Elections

May 2023

The current Parish Council was elected in May 2019. It's term ends in May 2023 when a new Council will be elected.

There are currently 5 out of a possible 9 Councillors on the Parish Council. This will remain the case until the May elections. Being at just over half strength limits what the Parish Council can do and impacts how tasks are achieved.

When will the Vote Take Place?

Parish Council elections are different to other local elections and General Elections. It is quite normal for a Parish Council to be elected without any voting taking place. The usual signs of an election such as a polling station and polling cards being issued often do not happen. It is not unusual for most residents to be unaware that a Parish Council election has taken place.

This happens because not enough electors put their names forward to stand as Parish Councillors and there are not enough candidates to contest the Council seats.

For example there are 9 Council seats on Tankersley Parish Council.

If 9, or fewer electors put their names forward to stand as Parish Councillors then the election will not be contested and no voting will take place. The candidates who put their names forward will be automatically elected. There will be no campaigning and no opportunity for hustings where electors to find out what the candidates believe to be the priorities of the parish, or to find out what each candidate has done to benefit the parish.



**For a vote to take place on
4 May 2023 more than
9 electors have to put their
names forward.**

**If following the May elections the Parish Council remains at 5
then the new Parish Council will be limited in what it can do.**

What Does the Parish Council Do?

Parish Councils must act within the law. They can only spend, raise or use money if there is a specific statutory power for them to do so.

For example a Parish Council does not have a statutory power to create a new war memorial, to set up and run a Pub, to repair potholes in the road, or to be a library authority. Therefore, despite what residents might want the Parish Council cannot do these things.

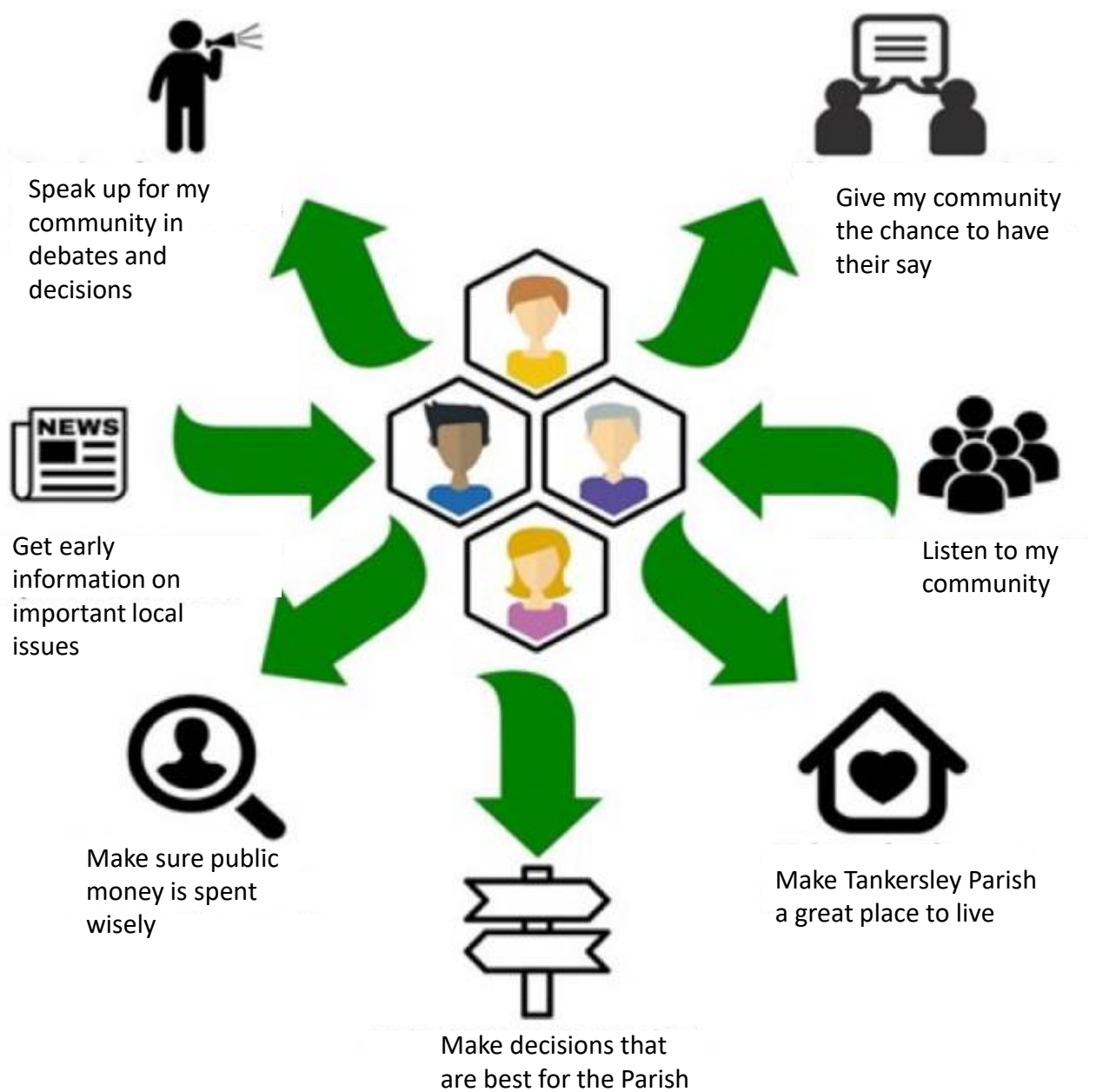
The work of Parish Councils falls into three main areas

1. Delivering services
2. Improving the quality of life for residents
3. Giving communities a democratic voice

Parish Councils vary enormously in size and this affects the number and type of services they can provide. Tankersley is one of the smaller Parish Councils. In 2022-23 it had a precept of £20,000. Obviously it cannot provide the same level or type of services as a Parish Council such as Weymouth with a precept of £3.2 million.

Tankersley Parish Council does not own or lease any buildings. The only land it owns is Broad Ings Wood. This limits what the Parish Council gets involved in.

What Does a Parish Councillor Do?



Becoming a Parish Councillor can be very rewarding as you will be able to identify the parish priorities and take steps to help improve the parish and the lives of residents.

As a Tankersley Parish Councillor your role can include developing strategies and plans for the area, helping with problems and ideas, representing the community, working with other local community groups, decision making and reviewing decisions and talking to the community about their needs and what the Parish Council is doing.

However, it needs to be remembered that a Parish Council does not have the same powers as Barnsley MBC. It can only do what the law specifically allows it to do. It is critical that Parish Councillors understand what the Parish Council can actually do. This is why the Parish Council expects its Councillors to go through training and provides a training budget to cover this.

Can I Stand for Election?

To stand for election in May 2023 you must be:

- A citizen of the UK, or Commonwealth, or the Republic of Ireland; or a Member State of the European Union
- At least 18 years old
- An elector of Tankersley parish; or in the past 12 months have occupied land or other premises (as owner or tenant) in Tankersley parish; or have worked in Tankersley parish (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the Tankersley parish boundary

**4 May
2023**

Parish Council Elections



Do YOU Want to Make Things Better?

Do YOU want to make a difference in Tankersley and Pilley?

Would YOU like to offer your skills and experience?

Do YOU enjoy being part of a team?

BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Find Out More

Email : clerk@tankersleypc.org