



TANKERSLEY

Parish Meeting

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Draft Minutes of the Parish Meeting of Tankersley Held on Thursday 14th April 2025 at 7.00pm in the Hub, Tankersley

Present: Helen Reckless – (Chair), Cllr Andrew Cocking
Twelve Members of the public

In Attendance Siani Allan – Proper Officer Tankersley Parish Council

Before the Meeting started the Clerk explained that

- this Parish Meeting had been called by electors of the Parish to discuss concerns. It was a meeting called by the Parish for the Parish
- under Local Government Act 1972 the Parish Council has a duty to organise and pay for Parish Meetings
- Parish Meetings, unlike Parish Council Meetings, are public meetings
- Under the legislation where the Chair of the Parish Council is a Parish resident and present then they **MUST** chair the Parish Meeting. The Chair of the Parish Council was not present and therefore the electors present had to select someone to chair the meeting from amongst themselves

The electors selected Helen Reckless to chair the meeting and the Parish Meeting began.

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

2. Additional Agenda items

No additional agenda items received.

3. To take as read the minutes if the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd April 2024, as published on the Parish Council website and circulated and if approved, to authorise the chairman to sign them.

It was agreed for Chair Helen Reckless to sign the minutes.

4. To receive a report by the Chairperson of the Parish Council (Councillor H Reckless) on the work of Tankersley Parish Council during 2024/25.

Cllr Reckless read the following report from Tankersley Parish Council:

1. Council and Committees

- 1.1 The Parish Council comprises 9 seats with 4 being elected Councillors across 2 Council Wards and 3 Councillors being co-opted with two vacancies. The Full Council takes overall responsibility for all decisions but can choose to delegate authority to a committee or to a Council Officer but can never delegate authority to an individual Councillor.
- 1.2 To be more effective, the Council works with several working groups to spread the workload, review issues in more detail and operate more effectively.
- 1.3 In addition, several Councillors serve as the Parish Council's representatives on various Outside Bodies, Partnerships, Liaison Groups and regularly attend associated meetings. These include;
 - Parish Council Joint Consultative Committee
 - Yorkshire Local Council Association
 - Rural Parishes Group
- 1.4 The Parish Council owns and manages assets within the Parish;
 - Broad Ings Wood
 - Beacon at Pilley Pocket Park
 - SID
 - Various benches and Grit Bins
- 1.5 In addition, the Parish Council activities include;
 - commenting on planning applications within the parish.
 - production of a Parish Newsletter.
 - liaising with relevant authorities regarding infrastructure /policing/community issues to represent your views and get the best advantage for the local area.
 - engaging with all interested parties regarding current and future shape of life in the local area
 - liaising with BMBC regarding the new ward boundary proposed.

2. Clerk to the Council's report

2.1 This report covers activities from May 2024 to March 2025, which began with the Annual Meeting in May 2024.

2.2 The Parish Council has been involved in several projects/ activities over the past year including;

- Childrens Christmas Party
- Bonfire
- Neighbourhood Plan for Tankerskey
- Renovation of the Pilley Pocket Park Armada Beacon

2.3 The finances of the parish have been well managed with a thorough internal and external audit being conducted. In 2024 – 2025 the precept was held at £22,500 to help support Parish activities and to help keep costs down for residents. For 2024-25 the Parish council opted to increase the precept to £24,750 to help battle increasing costs.

2.4 The parish council website has now been updated with previous minutes of meetings and can be found by following this link www.tankersleypc.org.

4.1. To answer questions or consider any matters relating to Tankersley Parish Council's Annual Report.

Following this the following questions/observations were raised:

- One resident expressed that they believed the 10% increase was proportionate
- One resident questioned what other projects would be completed during the following financial year. The Clerk explained that since beginning in January, a lot of time had been taken up sorting previous issues such as the audit, budget and banking however the council were looking to hold the Bonfire, children's Christmas party and hold a beacon lighting event at the Beacon situated at Pilley Pocket Park.
- One resident wished to thank the Parish Council for the work which they had undertaken throughout the year and to thank the current council and clerk for keeping the parish council going following a rocky period with vacancies and a full council change.

5. To receive a report on the last 12 months activities of Tankersley Community Association.

John Hopkins of the TCA provided an update on the TCA's 2024/25 year via presentation. The TCA is currently made up of a committee of 9 people and a volunteer group of approx. 20. An update was provided on the updates occurring at the Hub which over the last 12 months had included a new floor in the senior citizens room, new kitchen facilities and solar panels on the building. Income is gained through the year primarily via room hire, donations and fundraising events. It was confirmed that the centre is well used by 7 usual hirers and private functions as well as for community use. The chair of Tankersley Parish Council thanked the TCA volunteers for their efforts over the past 12 months.

46 Hanging baskets were confirmed to be lined up by the TCA for the coming months.

6. To receive a report on the last 12 months activities of the Neighbourhood Plan working group.

Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan John Thornton provided an update regarding the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan working group over the last 12 months. The 97 responses from the neighbourhood plan had now been collated (a summary was given) and were used to form the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan document. TPC Clerk and chair Helen Reckless expressed concern that the Draft Plan had not been completed in time to use the rest of the grant received and that a significant amount of it had needed to be returned. The Clerk had tried to request an extension and/or change of use for the funding to be put towards a Housing Need Survey however this request was denied. It was agreed that work would be allocated between members of the group in the coming months to ensure that the next grant amount awarded would be used correctly and in a timely manner.

7. To receive a report on the last 12 months activities of TPEG.

TPEG Chair David Shearn provided an update on the work undertaken by the group over the last 12 months. Quarterly litter picks had been undertaken, the footpaths around the village (e.g. pilley green to potter holes) and through Broad Ings Woodland had been cleared of brambles and leaves and a Woodland Walk had been undertaken with Roy Stewart (local tree expert) to discuss better looking after the woodland environment. The village stone markers had also been cleaned and repainted and BMBC were looking to replace the the rotten boardwalk at the dipping pond thanks to notification from TPEG.

8. An opportunity for residents of Tankersley Parish to raise matters relating to the Parish.

Residents raised issues with bin collections not being completed. It was raised that collections had stopped down narrow streets as the new larger lorries were unable to do refuse collections however the point was raised that the borough owns a much smaller unit for jobs such as this. Cllr Barnard agreed to take this up with Waste Management.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:53 pm