



# TANKERSLEY

## Annual Parish Meeting 2022

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### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Tankersley Held on Monday 28th March 2022 at 7.00pm in the Welfare Hall, Tankersley**

**Present:** Cllr Robert Lodge Chairman Tankersley Parish Council (Chair),  
Helen Reckless – Tankersley Community Platinum Jubilee Working Group,  
Judith Hopkinson – Tankersley Community Association (TCA),  
James Walker – Tankersley & Pilley Environmental Group (TPEG)  
Eleven Members of the public

**In Attendance** Catherine Mullen – Secretary and Proper Officer Tankersley Parish Council

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**  
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone present to introduce themselves.
- 2. Additional Agenda Items**  
No items were added to the Agenda.
- 3. Minutes**  
Copies of the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28 June 2021 had been published on the Parish Council Website since 15 March. One member of the public also a member of the Parish Council pointed out that Councillors attend the Annual Parish Meeting as residents and asked for the Minutes to be corrected. The correction was made and the Minutes were agreed.  
Helen Reckless proposed and John Hopkinson seconded that Cllr Lodge as Chair of the meeting be authorised to sign the Minutes as a true and correct record.

Cllr Lodge signed the Minutes.

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4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were none.

5. **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in the Parish – Helen Reckless**

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Helen Reckless began by describing previous national celebrations and how they have successfully brought communities together. She outlined the work that was being done by the TCA, St Peter's School, The Parish Council, St Peter's Church, Pilley Methodists and volunteers to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Flyers had been organised and would be distributed soon.

There was considerable enthusiasm amongst residents in the Parish to beautify the Parish for the Jubilee celebrations. The work of the children at St Peter's School was particularly appreciated.

6. **Annual Report of Tankersley Parish Council – Cllr Robert Lodge**

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Cllr Lodge detailed the work carried out by the Parish Council over the last 12 months, the hanging baskets, the Easter Egg Trail, the end of lockdown event in August, the Scarecrow Event, the pumpkin carving and best dressed house for Halloween, the return of the bonfire and firework event, the Christmas trees and a new event to celebrate the lighting of the trees, grants awarded to St Peter's School and TPEG and to the Platinum Jubilee Community Working Group to purchase flags to hang from the hanging basket brackets from May, the fight to keep Tankersley Lane open, working in partnership with TPEG to clean Lidgett Lane.

Cllr Lodge also detailed the Parish Council's contribution to making the Jubilee Weekend a success not only over the Jubilee weekend but long term for the benefit of Parish residents. This included purchasing two Jubilee benches designed by children at St Peter's school

In addition, the Parish Council would be planting seven trees to celebrate each decade of the Queen's reign and a special tree to mark the Queen's Green Canopy. The trees would be planted throughout the parish to create a Jubilee trail for residents to walk.

Cllr Lodge also informed the Meeting about possibly two new non-Jubilee benches being placed in the Parish. One would be in Pilley Pocket Park and there would possibly be another bench to commemorate Barry Hines and Kes.

Cllr Lodge then gave an overview of the Parish Council's income and expenditure over 2021 -22. He went on to explain that the Parish Council had changed the way it was working to 3 themes and identified the work being done and the lead councillors.

7. **Annual Report of Tankersley Community Association (TCA) – Judith Hopkinson**

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Judith Hopkinson outlined the history of the Tankersley Community Association (TCA) and how it had developed to where it was today. She explained how the TCA generates income and how the lottery grant had been used to benefit the community. She detailed the regular users of the Hub and the TCA's partners. She explained how the Tuckshop had developed from providing refreshments that could be enjoyed outdoors during Covid lockdown and also

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covered Book Swop.  
She also set out the TCA's plans for the future.

8. **Annual Report of Tankersley and Pilley Environmental Group (TPEG) – James Walker**  
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James Walker described the history of TPEG and its aims and objectives. In the past TPEG has, among other tasks, planted 13,000 bulbs, erected and maintained the Tankersley and Pilley stones, and cleared numerous footpaths. More recently they have improved the dipping pond by coppicing nearby trees and digging it out. In the last year work done by TPEG includes clearing the Hub Car Park, rebuilding the flower beds by the New Road bus stop and planting them, clearing intruding vegetation on the footpaths on New Road so that it was safe for walking, and litter picks organised with local businesses. Work continues with clearing trees from paths after storms, maintenance work in Potter Holes and Broads Ings plantations, clearing footpaths, and litter picking. More than 50 local volunteers have been involved. A recent project has been the planting of shrubs and flowers by the footpath leading to Thorncliffe Way. A project now in hand, working with other organisations, is to plant a wild flower meadow in the Lidgett Lane playing field.

9. **Issued Raised by Members of the Public**

9.1 **Traffic**

The increasing congestion on the Parish roads as a result of developments near J36 of the M1 was discussed.

9.2 **State of Roads**

Concern we raised about the very poor condition of some roads in the Parish, particularly Lidgett Lane and New Road. It was pointed out that the Parish Council is in constant touch with BMBC about the roads and that after the Avant development has been completed BMBC will undertake a review of them.

9.3 **Amenities**

It was pointed out that with housing developments the parish is growing, but there are no complementary amenities or improved infrastructure. The school is not being expanded to deal with the increased number of children in the parish, there is no GP's surgery to deal with the larger community. A discussion took place in which views were mixed about the amenities available in the parish and what was needed.

9.4 **Attendance at Annual Parish Meetings**

It was noted that attendance at the Annual parish Meetings and Parish Council meetings by members of the public is very low. Possible ways of raising awareness were discussed. Points raised during the discussion were that members of the Parish did not feel engaged with the Parish and organisations representing the Parish. Another member of the Public commented that low attendance at Parish Meetings might be a reflection of satisfaction with the work of the Parish Council and that attendance might only be higher if there was a major problem to be addressed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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