



# TANKERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tankersley Parish Council held on Monday 17th January 2021 at 6.15pm in the Tankersley Hub

**Present:** Cllr Robert Lodge (Chair) Cllr David Laughton, Cllr David Crossley, Cllr John Hall, Cllr Matthew Jarvis (public session), Cllr Richard Horsfall, Cllr Jane Laverack, Cllr Dennis Simpson

**In Attendance** Cllr Jim Andrews, Catherine Mullen – Clerk,

**Also Present** Three members of the public during the public session

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### Private Session

**1. Apologies.**

1.1 Cllr John Hopkinson had sent apologies

1.2 Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise the non-attendance of Cllr Greaves at the meeting.

1.3 The Clerk confirmed there are no concerns regarding non-attendance.

**2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests**

2.1 **To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers:**

Cllrs Horsfall and Laverack declared an interest in the allotments.

Cllrs Crossley declared an interest in the Tankersley Community Association.

- 2.2 To Consider any Dispensation Requests Received by the Parish Clerk**  
The Clerk advised that no dispensation requests had been received.
- 3. The Role of the Parish Council**  
A debate on the role of the Parish Council and training for Councillors took place.  
Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED
- 3.1** that the style of the Agenda should be thematic and cover Crime and Safety, Road Safety and Speeding, Environment and Social and Community Infrastructure.
- 3.2** That Cllrs Laughton and Crossley would produce a strategy document by the end of January 2022 for consideration at the next meeting
- 4. Appeal against Notice to Terminate Allotment Tenancy**  
The Appeal was considered.

## Public Session

- 5. Public Question Time**
- 5.1** A member of the public detailed their concerns regarding the management of a complaint made against a Parish Councillor in 2021.
- 5.2** A member of the public raised concerns about the night time closure of the A61 that are taking place from 17 January to 17 March.  
Cllr Andrews explained that night time diversions had to take into account that it was not lawful for HGVs to be diverted through residential housing estates.
- 5.3** A member of the public had written to the Clerk regarding inconsiderate parking by Avent contractors. Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to ask Cllr Hopkinson to contact Avent on this subject.
- 5.3** It was pointed out that Tankersley Lane would be opening to pedestrians in May 2022.
- 6. Minutes**  
The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record. Cllr Hall proposed and Cllr Laughton seconded that Cllr Lodge was authorised to sign the Minutes as a true and correct record. Cllr Lodge signed the Minutes.
- 7. Business Raised During Public Question Time**  
The SID has been moved near the school and is working well.  
A resident had requested that the SID be moved to Pilley Lane.
- 8. Councillor Vacancy**  
The Parish Council were informed that Cllr Coy had resigned. Tankersley Parish Council authorised the Clerk to begin the process to fill the vacancy.
- 9. Allotment Update**
- 9.1** The Clerk informed the Parish Council that only the tenants who had been under notice to remedy breaches in their tenancy agreements had not yet returned their documents or paid their rents. The new 2022 tenancy agreements were not issued until the breaches had been remedied. The breaches had now been remedied and new 2022 tenancy agreements would be issued to these tenants this week.

Discussions were taking place with other tenant regarding carpet on their plot. This is not against the rules but is now viewed as bad practice.  
 Another tenancy agreement would be terminating as the tenant was leaving the area.  
 New tenancy agreements had NOT been issued to any tenants who had been issued with notice to terminate the tenancy agreement.

**9.2** Cultivation plans were in the process of being agreed with all new tenants and had been agreed with tenants who had received notice to remedy breaches relating to cultivation. The plans were being incorporated into the new tenancy agreements.

**9.3** The Clerk informed the Parish Council that currently there is no-one on the allotment waiting list. A resident from Platts Common had enquired about being added to the list. As the address was more than 1 mile from the Parish boundary the person was not eligible for a Parish Council allotment and could not go on the waiting list.

**9.4** The Clerk informed the Parish Council that one or more skips would be needed to clear the bottom plots and the carpet. The Clerk also pointed out that top soil and manure/compost was needed for the bottom plots. Cllr Horsfall highlighted the problems of leaving skips accessible to the general public. Tankersley Parish Council authorised the Clerk to order a skip and report back to the Parish Council as to what was needed to improve the allotments.

**10. Amenities Working Group**

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED the Amenities Working Group was no longer required.

**11. New Website**

Not all councillors had provided their bios. Councillors were requested to submit their bios to the Clerk by the end of January.

**12. Sponsored Hanging Baskets**

Cllr Crossley informed the Parish Council that all baskets for 2022 had been paid for.

**13. Benches**

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED that

**13.1** Cllrs Laughton, Crossley and the Clerk should decide which new benches should be ordered and where they would be installed. The Clerk would then obtain quotes for installation.

**13.2** Two of the benches would be Jubilee benches. Cllr Crossley would contact the school about being involved in designing the Jubilee benches.

**14. Annual Parish Meeting**

Cllrs Lodge, Laughton and Simpson to organise with the Clerk.

**15. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting, not covered by agenda items**

The Clerk updated the Parish Council on the application for funding submitted by Rachel Cooper's Dance and Creative Arts Academy. The most practical approach would be for the Parish Council to buy the equipment and donate it to the TCA.

**16. Financial Matters**

**16.1 Expenditure**

i) Clerks Net Salary – for December '21 paid 15 January 2022	349.60
ii) Clerks Expenses – Dec- Jan working from home allowance	24.00

iii) HMRC tax (Clerk) paid monthly	87.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>460.80</b>

**16.2 Income**

Payments for 2022 Allotment Rents since 13 Dec 2021	110.00
Payments received for Sponsored Hanging Baskets 2022 as at 10 Jan 2022	1562.00
VAT reclaim 1 January 2019 – 31 July 2021	1267.38
Interest on Deposit account – December	0.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2939.49</b>

**16.3 Current and Deposit Account Statements as at 1 January 2022**

Current	£21,786.29
Deposit	£12,502.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>£34,289.17</b>

**16.4 Expenditure to be Authorised**

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorize the payments listed below for January

Item	Amount £
Retrospective payment to EDGE IT Services for upgrading package to take account of income exceeding £25k.	75.60
Reimburse the Clerk and authorise the use of her personal card to pay printing costs of allotment rules – John Brailsford Printers	77.00
Pay Business Stream for water for allotments	49.62
Pay TCA for Tree Lighting and Carols Event	222.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>£424.24</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£885.04</b>

**16.5 Accident at Pilley Hills**

The Clerk pointed out that for insurance purposes 2 quotes were needed to repair the wall and 2 quotes to repair the Kissing Gate. Currently only 1 quote to repair the wall had been obtained. Cllr Andrews and Cllr Hall agreed to send details of a stone wall mason.

**16.6. Bank Reconciliation Statements**

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED that Cllr Lodge and the Clerk were authorised to sign the Bank Reconciliation Statements. Cllr Lodge and the Clerk signed the Bank Reconciliation Statements

**16.7. Implications of Next Tier of AGAR Scrutiny**

The Clerk explained that in 2021-22 the Parish Council's turnover exceeded £25,000. Consequently, the Parish Council could no longer rely on an AGAR exemption certificate but would be subject to an external audit and more paperwork. This has cost implications.

**17. Confirming the 2022-23 Budget**

**17.1 Newsletter.**

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED.

- 17.1.1 There would be only 1 newsletter in 2022
- 17.1.2 The practicalities of both an electronic version and a printed version would be investigated
- 17.1.3 The newsletter would contain a survey
- 17.1.4 The newsletter would be sponsored. Cllr Crossley was authorised to use Facebook to identify interest from local businesses
- 17.2 Platinum Jubilee – Lighting the Beacon**  
Tankersley Parish Council considered the quotes to carry out a structural survey of the beacon. Cllr Horsfall detailed his engineering background and qualifications and offered to carry out the structural survey. The Clerk was requested to find out what other councils with beacons do. Tankersley Parish Council reversed the decision taken in December 2021 and will, costs permitting participate in the beacon lighting.
- 17.3. Platinum Jubilee – Queens Green Canopy**  
Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to identify a location for a native tree to be planted. Councillors to provide their suggested locations to the Clerk for a decision to be made at the next meeting.
- 17.4 Platinum Jubilee – Seven Trees**  
These do not have to be native trees. Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to identify a location or locations for the trees to be planted. Councillors to provide their suggested locations to the Clerk for a decision to be made at the next meeting.
- 17.5. Platinum Jubilee - Mural**  
The Clerk had contacted the artist but had not yet received quotes
- 17.6. Platinum Jubilee - Picnic in the Park**  
The expenditure was noted.
- 18. Declaring the 2022-23 Precept**  
Tankersley Parish Council DECARED a precept of £20,000 for 2022-23. The Clerk was authorised to submit the demand to Barnsley MBC.
- 19. Planning Applications**
- 19.1 2021/1641**  
Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED it had no objection to the application.
- 19.2 2021/1606**  
Tankersley Parish Council expressed concerns about the light pollution from the proposed signs.
- 19.3 2021/1628**  
Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED it had no objection to the application.
- 20. Date of Next Meeting**  
Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting would be Monday 21 February 2022 at 7pm in the Tankersley Hub

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm

***Members of Tankersley Parish Council considered the foregoing when considering their duties: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights***

