



# TANKERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tankersley Parish Council Held on Monday 25 April 2022 at 6.00pm in the Tankersley Hub

**Present:** Cllr Robert Lodge (Chair), Cllr David Crossley, Cllr Lindsey Greaves,  
Cllr Matthew Jarvis, Cllr Dennis Simpson, Cllr Kerry Sowersby

**In Attendance** Catherine Mullen – Clerk,

**Also Present** Four members of the public

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### Private Session

The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2)

1. **Apologies and Four Null and Void Appointments.**
  - 1.1 The Clerk informed the Parish Council that while investigating a complaint made by a resident, fundamental procedural flaws in the process to fill councillor vacancies in 2019 had been identified. These had been reported to the Monitoring Officer, Barnsley Legal Services and Electoral Services who held that the four appointments were null and void. David Laughton and John Hopkinson had resigned allowing the position to be regularised. The Parish Council was still waiting for the resignations of Richard Horsfall and Jane Laverack so that steps to regularise their appointments could be taken. There were accordingly no apologies to record.
  - 1.2 The Clerk confirmed there are no issues with non-attendance.
2. **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:

Cllr Greaves declared an interest in planning application 2021/1098  
Cllr Sowersby declared an interest as an allotment holder.

- 2.2 To Consider any Dispensation Requests Received by the Parish Clerk**  
The Clerk advised that no dispensation requests had been received.
- 3. Motion to Remove Items 3 and 4 of the Agenda**  
A motion to strike out items 3 and 4 of the Agenda was proposed by Cllr Simpson and seconded by Cllr Jarvis. The motion was approved.
- 4. Meeting with the Monitoring Officer 12 April 2022**  
The Clerk updated the Parish Council of the meeting with the Monitoring Officer and explained what had been discussed including the background to possible breaches of the Code of Conduct by Councillors which had been reported to the Monitoring Officer and in some cases South Yorkshire Police by residents and by the Clerk. The Clerk also informed the Parish Council that a Community Governance Review of the Parish Council would be taking place.

## Public Session

### CORE REQUIREMENTS

*Covering governance administration, finance and asset management*

- 5. Public Question Time**
- 5.1** A member of the public raised concerns about flooding on Pilley Green. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had powers under s.260 Public Health Act 1936 to help residents affected by flooding. The state/existence of drainage ditches was discussed. It was suggested that the old Coal Board plans should be looked at to check for the location of dykes
- 5.2** A member of the public complained of comments made at a meeting of allotment holders on 2 April that the resident did not attend and which were based on hearsay.
- 5.3** A member of the public referred to the findings of an investigation into a complaint they had made.
- 6. Minutes**  
The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March were agreed as a true and accurate record. Cllr Simpson proposed and Cllr Sowersby seconded that Cllr Lodge as Chair be authorised to sign the Minutes as a true and correct record. Cllr Lodge signed the Minutes.
- 7. Business Raised During Public Question Time**  
No further issues were raised.
- 8. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting, not covered by agenda items**  
The Clerk referred to a concern raised at the meeting of 21 March regarding the safety of Pilley Lane. Following that meeting the Clerk had written to the Traffic Dept of Barnsley MBC and a response had been received. The response was disappointing and did not take into account the accidents that had occurred on Pilley Lane. The Clerk pointed out that



South Yorkshire Police were not recording many traffic accidents and it seemed the only way to get any action was to record details of accidents ourselves.

**9. Three Year Plan**

The Three Year Plan was updated.

**10. Allotments Update**

**10.1** At the meeting with Allotment holders the allotment holders had expressly requested that their support for the actions taken by the Parish Council should be recorded.

**10.2** The Clerk informed the Parish Council that an Enforcement Notice had been issued to an allotment holder who was not cultivating their plot in accordance with the tenancy agreement and agreed cultivation plan.

**10.3** Tankersley Parish Council considered the request by allotment holders that the site should become a non livestock site. Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED that the issue should be deferred.

**10.4** Minute 12.2 of the Meeting of 21 February 2022 recorded the decision by Tankersley Parish Council to merge plots 14 and 15 to create a single plot. An existing allotment holder had interpreted this action as revoking the rule that limited allotment plots to one per household and requested to be added to the waiting list for a second plot. Tankersley Parish Council reviewed the history of how the three new plots had been created. It was pointed out that the Parish Council had not been consulted on splitting a single plot into three new small plots in Spring 2021 but had been presented with a fait accompli. Tankersley Parish Council had retrospectively authorised the creation of 3 new plots out of a single plot by Minute 7.4.6 of the Meeting of 20 September 2021 but this was solely to give assurance and security to the allotment holders on those plots. The Parish Council's preference would be to restore the plot to a single plot or a maximum of two plots. Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED that the creation of a new plot 14 at the meeting of 21 February 2022 did not represent a single household having two plots and that the rule that only one household can have a plot remained in place. The request by the existing allotment holder to go on the waiting list for a second plot was therefore denied.

**11. Financial Matters**

**11.1 Expenditure**

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise the payments set out below for April

i) Clerks Net Salary –	355.64
iii) Clerks Expenses –working from home allowance	24.00
iv) HMRC tax (Clerk) paid monthly	88.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>468.44</b>

**11.2 Expenditure to be authorised**

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise the payments set out below for April and May

Item	Cost £
Councillor training with YLCA for Cllr Sowersby	60.00
YLCA Annual subscription	574.00



Renewal of Moneysoft License	90.00
Jubilee Trees- Walnut and Acer	383.40
Jubilee Trees – Rowan, Beech, Kilmarnock Willow, Hornbeam	588.68
Jubilee Tree - Alder	271.78
Business Stream – Water for allotments	74.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>2042.26</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>2510.70</b>

### 11.3 Income

Precept payment for 2022-23 (paid 4 April 2022)	20,000.00
Interest on Deposit account	0.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,000.11</b>

### 11.4 Current and Deposit Account Statements as at 1 April 2022

Current	£15,633.88
Deposit	£12,503.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>£28,137.08</b>

### 11.5 Bank Reconciliation Statements

**11.5.1** Tankersley Parish Council considered the Current Account Bank Reconciliation Statement up to 31 March 2022 and RESOLVED that the Chair and Clerk should be authorised to sign it.

**11.5.2** Tankersley Parish Council considered the Deposit Account Bank Reconciliation Statement up to 31 March 2022 and RESOLVED that the Chair and Clerk should be authorised to sign them.

### 11.6 Reclaiming VAT

The Clerk informed Tankersley Parish Council that she had submitted the Reclaim for VAT from 1 August 2021 to 31 March 2022 on 1 April.

### 11.7 Presentation of Accounts for 2021-22

The Clerk took the Parish Council through the various aspects of the Accounts for 2021-22. The Clerk highlighted that a risk assessment carried out 22 December 2021 had identified missing assets and this fact was recorded in the accounts.

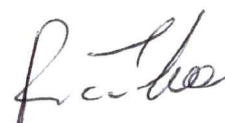
Tankersley Parish Council considered and agreed the accounts. Tankersley Parish Council authorised the Chair and the Clerk to sign the accounts and the clerk was authorised to submit the accounts and AGAR documentation to the internal auditor.

### 11.8 Timetable for Exercise of Public Rights

The Clerk explained what the Exercise of Public Rights was and informed the Parish Council that she aimed to present the AGAR 2021-22 to the Parish Council at its June Meeting on 20 June 2022. She would be submitting the AGAR and other required documentation to the external auditor before 24 June 2022 and that the exercise of public rights would run from 24 June 2022 to 8 August 2022.

### 11.9 Risk Management

#### 11.9.1 Changing the Bank Mandate



Following the discovery that former Cllr David Laughton's appointment was null and void the mandate would have to be updated again.

**11.9.2 What does the Parish Council Actually Own?**

Following the discovery that it does not own the allotments Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED that land registry searches should be carried out on Broad Ings, Potters Wood and the small park near the post office. This has implications for the insurance review and also for the insurance claim concerning the accident of 21 December 2021.

**11.10 Accident**

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the insurer had still not authorised repairs to the wall and the kissing gate damaged by a car on 21 December 2021.

**11.11 Insurer**

Tankersley Parish Council authorised the Clerk to consider other insurers when reviewing the insurance renewal

## **CRIME AND SAFETY**

**12. Pop-Up Police Station and Smartwater**

Cllr Simpson informed the Parish Council that a pop up police station would be held at the Tankersley Hub on 9 May where smartwater would be available.

## **ROAD SAFETY AND SPEEDING**

**13. Status of SID**

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED that the SID should be recalibrated.

## **14. SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

**14.1 Parish Council Newsletter**

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the newsletter reflects the content of the Parish Council's presentation for the APM and now that the end of year accounts had been completed a draft would be circulated.

**14.2 New Location for the Beacon**

The Beacon had been inspected for health and safety so that it could be lit on 2 June as part of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. The inspection revealed the bottom of the beacon was rotten. Plans were made to saw the rotten wood from the beacon. While these plans were being made it was suggested that the beacon should be relocated to a spot where more people could see it lit and which would also make space for Barnsley MBC to develop the play area of the park

**14.3 Queen's Green Canopy and the Seven Trees**

The Clerk reported that the Jubilee trees had started to arrive and that they would soon be planted

**14.4 Jubilee Benches**

The Clerk reported that the Jubilee benches were on target to be in position for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June.



- 14.5 A New Bench in Tankersley Old Hall to Celebrate the Writing and Filming of Kes**  
Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED that a new bench should be commissioned and installed near Old Hall to celebrate the writing and filming of Kes.  
Cllr Crossley pointed out that a wooden bench was being removed from Pilley Pocket Park to make way for a Jubilee Bench and suggested the wooden bench should be relocated to the Dipping Pond.
- 14.6 Children's Christmas Party 2022**  
Cllr Greaves updated the Parish Council on the date for holding the Christmas Party and that volunteers had come forward to help.
- 15. Planning Applications**
- 15.1** 2021/1098  
Request by residents to support opposition to changing agricultural land for equestrian use  
LOCATION: Pilley Green  
Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to submit objections to the application
- 15.2** 2022/0394  
Erection of double storey side extension designed to replicate existing architectural style including provision of front and rear facing dormer windows  
LOCATION: 24 Pilley Green, Pilley, Barnsley, S75 3A4  
Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED it had no objection to the application.
- 15.3** 2021/1691  
This is an amendment to an earlier application.  
Erection of 1no. building for industrial (class E(g)(iii)/B2) or storage and distribution (class B8) use with associated spur road, yard, parking, landscaping and drainage infrastructure (Reserved matters of the outline part of hybrid planning permission 2019/1573 for Phase 3 seeking approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) (Amended Plans)  
LOCATION: Land to the north of Dearne Valley Parkway. Gateway 36 Phase 3, Hoyland, Barnsley
- Cllr Simpson pointed out that the development is not within Tankersley parish.
- 16. Date of Next Meeting**  
To RESOLVE to note the date of the next meeting which would be the Annual Parish Council Meeting as Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Tankersley Hub.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.56 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***

