



TANKERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tankersley Parish Council Held on Monday 15th November 2021 at 7.00pm in the Tankersley Hub

- Present:** Cllr Robert Lodge (Chair), Cllr Jessica Coy, Cllr David Crossley (Late), Cllr Lindsey Greaves, Cllr John Hall, Cllr John Hopkinson, Cllr Matthew Jarvis,
- In Attendance** Cllr Jim Andrews, Cllr Rob Barnard, Catherine Mullen – Clerk,
- Also Present** One member of the public
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1. Apologies.

1.1 Cllrs David Laughton, Jane Laverack and Dennis Simpson had sent apologies

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

2. Public Question Time

The response from BMBC to the comments raised by the Parish Council to Planning Application 2021/1159 Plot 2 West of Sheffield Road, Hoyland, a second distribution centre potentially larger than the Hermes distribution centre was discussed.

Cllr Lodge highlighted that the current problems regarding J36 of the M1 would result in heavy vehicles using Church Lane to access and exit the M1 via J35A, Cllr Andrews stated that this would be prevented by placing weight restrictions on Church Lane.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 18th October were discussed. The Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record. Cllr Hopkinson proposed and Cllr Jarvis seconded that Cllr Lodge as Chair be authorised to sign the Minutes as a true and correct record. Cllr Lodge signed the Minutes.

4. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

4.1 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:

Cllr Horsfall declared an interest in the allotments.
Cllrs Crossley and Hopkinson declared interests in the Community Association.

4.2 To Consider any Dispensation Requests Received by the Parish Clerk

The Clerk advised that no dispensation requests had been received.

5. Business Raised During Public Question Time

The Clerk was asked to provide Cllr Andrews with a copy of the comments and observations submitted by the Parish Council to BMBC and the response received as discussed in item 2.

6. Complaint Referred to the Monitoring Officer

The Parish Council noted that a candidate who had applied to be co-opted as a councillor but failed to attend their interview had subsequently complained that an interview should not be part of the co-option process. The candidate had argued that their application should be sufficient to be selected. The Parish Council noted that the matter had been referred by the Clerk to the Monitoring Officer.

7. Items Deferred to the November Meeting

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to defer the following items until the next Meeting.

- Risk Management Policy and Risk Assessment
- Amenities Working Group and Membership

8. Allotments Update

8.1 Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise and implement the new allotment tenancy agreement to take effect from 1 January 2022.

8.2 Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise and implement the Privacy Statement for all allotment holders.

8.3 Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise and implement the new allotment rules from January 2022.

The only issue to be considered is the height of the fences where livestock and/or bees are kept on the allotments. Should the fencing be 2m high or should the fencing be normal but with an internal enclosure for the livestock being 2m high. The Clerk to obtain input from allotment holders.

9. New Website

Tankersley Parish Council noted the problems caused by the incompatibility of the current websites aged platform and the hosting platform.

Tankersley Parish Council considered the quotes obtained by the Clerk from web designers. Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to appoint Gaz Healey. The Clerk was authorised to take the appropriate actions to ensure work on the new web site began as soon as possible.

10. Financial and Accounting Software

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to purchase the financial and accounting software provided by Edge IT Systems Ltd

11. Councillor Training

11.1 Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise Cllr Hall to attend the training for councillors being provided by YLCA on 12th and 13th January 2022. Total Cost £60.00

11.2 Cllr Coy requested a copy of the Good Councillor Guide. Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to obtain a copy from YLCA.

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

Cllr Coy referred to the fact that a number of projects at the last meeting had been cancelled due to councillors being away. Cllr Coy suggested that a list of when Councillors will be away due to holiday or other engagements should be produced. This would help the Parish Council to identify which events could go ahead and those where alternative organisers might have to take over. Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to produce a holiday calendar.

13. Financial Matters

13.1 Expenditure

i) Clerks Net Salary – for October '21 paid 15 November 2021	349.60
ii) Clerks Expenses – Oct – Nov working from home allowance	24.00
iii) HMRC tax (Clerk) paid monthly	87.20
TOTAL	460.80

13.2 Income

Interest on Deposit account – October	0.10
TOTAL	0.10

13.3 Current and Deposit Account Statements as at 1 November 2021

Current	£22,739.79
Deposit	£12,502.66
Total	£35,242.45

13.4 Expenditure to be Authorised

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

Item	Amount £
Reimburse the Clerk and authorise the use of her personal card for buying a remembrance wreath for the Council	43.40
Retrospective authorisation to pay Graham Earnshaw for incorrect billing by zoom	143.88

The Clerk confirmed that this matter has now been resolved and that the monies have been repaid to the Parish Council. This will be shown in the Financial Matters at the next meeting	
Reimburse the Clerk for paying for 2021 Christmas trees Note authorisation to pay for the 2020 Christmas Tree was given at the October Meeting	150.00
Reimburse the Clerk and authorise the use of her personal card for paying for the printing of leaflets for the annual bonfire	42.00
Reimburse the Clerk and authorise the use of her personal card for paying for the printing of posters for the annual bonfire	18.00
Pay Business Stream for water for allotments	68.26
Reimburse the Clerk for purchasing walkie talkies required for TPC Bonfire event	132.99
Reimburse Cllr Crossley for purchasing new first aid kits, security tape and sundries for the Bonfire event	79.25
Reimburse the Clerk for purchasing £140 worth of amazon vouchers for the winners of the Halloween competitions.	140.00
Retrospective payment of bond to BMBC for the annual bonfire	500.00
Reimburse Cllr Simpson for purchasing fish and chips for the Bonfire volunteers	85.91
Reimburse the Clerk for purchasing snacks for the Bonfire volunteers	18.42
Total	1272.11

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1732.91
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13.5 Current and Deposit Account Statements as at 15 November 2021

Current	£21,006.88
Deposit	£12,502.66
Total	£33,509.54

13.6 Banking Issues

Tankersley Parish Council noted that the interactive mandate form was now available.

13.7 Financial Regulations and Review of Salaries

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to increase the Clerk's salary in 2022 in line with national guidelines for local government employees and as notified by NALC

14. Budget Setting and Updates

14.1 Scarecrow Event (2021-22/22-23 Budgets)

The Clerk read out the update provided by Cllr Laverack. Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to run the Scarecrow event again but as part of the larger Harvest Festival Event in October 2022. A budget of £130 for 2022/23 was authorised.

14.2 Halloween Event - (2021-22/22-23 Budgets)

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise an initial budget of £500 to cover the activities and costs for a larger Halloween event in 2022.

14.3 Bonfire and Fireworks Event – (2021-22/22-23 Budgets)

Cllr Hopkinson updated the meeting. The event had been well attended. Amongst those attending were BMBC officers who had approved the organisation of the event. Cllr Hopkinson referred to the issue of quiet fireworks. He pointed out that the quieter fireworks obtained by the Parish Council were not as quiet as those at other venues which had been just as spectacular.

Cllr Crossley informed the meeting that the site had been cleared and grass seed spread over the burning area. Jo Birch of BMBC was due to inspect the site on Wednesday 17th November to ensure that the clear up of the Park was satisfactory. This would determine whether the bond would be returned to the Parish Council.

Cllr Crossley highlighted the large number of sacks of debris collected from the burning area. Cllr Crossley pointed out that there were a lot of nails from the pallets amongst the ash that had been cleared up and requested a skip to take the debris away.

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise that a skip be organised to take the bonfire debris away.

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to provide a hamper/voucher to the value of £100 for the volunteer first aid team that had made the event possible.

Cllr Hall congratulated everyone involved in organising the Bonfire and Fireworks Event but queried whether the Event should be repeated next year. In the light of environmental pressures, increasing costs and the sheer work involved in organising and clearing up after the event Cllr Hall suggested a sound and light show might be a greener and more environmentally conscious alternative.

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to consult with residents on this proposal for 2022 and to compare the costs.

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise the provision of £2750.00 to cover the costs of either a traditional bonfire and firework display in 2022 or a greener sound and light show in the 2022/23 Budget.

14.4 Benches in Tankersley and Pilley

The Clerk updated the meeting on progress. The 2 Highway benches would be repaired in partnership with the local area team from BMBC.

It had been noted in earlier meetings that 2 of the benches identified for refurbishment could be repaired. Cllr Crossley asked if the grant from Ward Alliance was for refurbishing or replacing the benches. The Clerk was authorised to obtain quotes for replacing and installing new benches which would deal with concerns Cllr Greaves had raised regarding liability for works undertaken.

14.5 Ongoing Campaign to Tackle Dog Fouling (2021-22/22-23 Budgets)

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise the production of 30 Corex Board posters to raise awareness of dog fouling and the legal requirement for dog walkers/owners to carry dog poo bags with them.

Cllr Andrews agreed to contact the dog enforcement wardens in Rockingham Ward and ask for their input into the Parish Council's strategy to tackle dog fouling.

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise expenditure of £135.60 including VAT in the 2021/22 budget to cover these costs.

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise Cllr Hall to scope a project for launching in 2022-23 to include the school and/or local groups representing young people in a design a poster to tackle dog fouling competition and to authorise the provision in the 2022/23 Budget of £300 for this purpose.

14.6 Hanging Baskets (2022/23 Budget)

Cllr Crossley updated the meeting. The Sponsor a Hanging Basket Scheme 2022 had been advertised on social media. Sponsors were being required to complete a Privacy

Notice to allow the Parish Council to store and process the data and sponsorship payments for the baskets were being received.

14.7 Easter Events 2022 and 2023

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise the provision of £150 for the 2022 Easter Event and £175 for the 2023 Easter event in the 2022/23 Budget.

14.8 Events to Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee 2022

In view of Her Majesty's recent ill health Tankersley Parish Council considered the contingencies if there was no Platinum Jubilee. Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED that in those circumstances the events would be held to celebrate the Queen's reign. Cllr Hopkinson updated the meeting regarding the initial meeting that had taken place.

Based on this meeting and the timetable of events Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to hold events only on

- Thursday 2 June – a parade through the village to the beacon and the lighting of the beacon, and
- Sunday 5 June – a picnic in the park event.

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to begin booking face painters, equipment suppliers, bands etc for the Thursday and Sunday events. The Clerk was authorised to pay the fees required to confirm the bookings.

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise that a provision of £5000 be included in the 2022/23 Budget to cover the costs of the Platinum Jubilee Events.

14.8.1 The state of the Beacon was discussed. Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to obtain quotes from structural engineers regarding the safety of the Beacon and quotes to make it safe for the Platinum Jubilee Events.

14.8.2 Locations for the Platinum Planters remained outstanding.

14.8.3 Consideration of including elements that raise awareness of climate change and carbon neutral targets within the Platinum Jubilee Events were deferred to the next meeting.

14.8.4 Consideration of a more sustainable and permanent element to the Platinum Jubilee celebrations was deferred to the next meeting.

14.9 Summer Event 2022

In view of the Platinum Jubilee Events that would be taking place in June 2022, Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED not to hold a Summer event in 2022.

14.10 Harvest Festival Event

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise Cllr Hall to scope the Harvest Festival Event. As the event would also include the Scarecrow Event, Cllr Laverack should be asked to be involved in scoping the project.

The Event should also be discussed with allotment holders at their meeting on 15th January.

Cllr Hall suggested that the event could include an auction which would raise funds for a charitable cause. The charitable cause should be chosen following consultation with residents via the Parish Newsletter.

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to make a provision of £750 to cover the event in the 2022/23 Budget.

14.11 Childrens Christmas Party

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to make a provision of £1800 to cover the event in the 2022/23 Budget.

14.12 Christmas Tree and Lights

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to make a provision in the 2022/23 Budget of £200 to cover the costs of purchasing 2 trees in 2022.

Arrangements have been made to PAT test the Christmas lights.

It was confirmed that the Christmas Trees would be arriving on 26th November.

A discussion followed about making the lighting of the tree an event to make up in part for the cancellation of the Children's Christmas Party. Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED that the Clerk and Cllr Hopkinson and other interested councillors should explore the possibilities of an event to celebrate lighting the tree. As the tree would be lit before the next Parish Council Meeting Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to pay any necessary expenditure.

14.13 Local Sports Activities and Community Groups in the Parish

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to increase the provision in the 2022/23 Budget for awarding grants to support local sports/arts activities and community groups to £2,500.

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to draft a new Awarding Grants Policy to be considered at the next meeting.

15. Planning Applications

Tankersley Parish Council RESOLVED that it had no objection to planning application 2021/1365

Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions to dwelling 15A The Avenue, Pilley, Barnsley, S75 3AQ

16. Date of Next Meeting

To RESOLVE to note that the date of the next meeting would be brought forward to Monday 13th December 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

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