



TANKERSLEY

Annual Parish Meeting 2021

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Tankersley Held on Monday 28th June 2021 at 7.30pm in the Welfare Hall, Tankersley

Present: Cllr John Hopkinson (Chair)

In Attendance Catherine Mullen – Principal Officer Tankersley Parish Council

Also Present Thirteen members of the public

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- Welcome and Introductions**
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the Covid track and trace measures in place. The Chair then asked everyone present to introduce themselves.
 - Apologies**
A number of residents had sent apologies for being unable to attend.
 - Minutes**
Copies of the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 2 March 2020 had been circulated to all the attendees over the weekend. The Minutes were taken as read and agreed.
Cllr Simpson proposed and Cllr Jones seconded that Cllr Hopkinson as Chair of the meeting be authorised to sign the Minutes as a true and correct record.

Cllr Hopkinson signed the Minutes.

4. **Annual Report of Tankersley Parish Council – Powerpoint Presentation**

Cllr Hopkinson stressed how challenging the last year had been. and invited those members of the Parish Council present to detail the activities they had been involved with as they occurred during the powerpoint presentation.

4.1 **Neighbourhood Pumpkin Trail**

The aim of the event was to bring the community together during lockdown and to encourage walking as an activity.

4.2. **Easter Treasure Hunt**

This continued the theme of the Neighbourhood Pumpkin Trail.

4.3. **Sponsored Hanging Baskets**

39 of the 40 hanging baskets had been sponsored. The project had been a great success and “bookings” were being taken for next year. It was pointed out that there are 55 lamp posts that could be used for this purpose so there is scope for expanding the project.

4.4. **Clean up of Lidgett Lane**

Attempts had been made to involve BMBC in setting out edges on Lidgett Lane. By working together TPC and TPEG managed to clear the pavements. It was acknowledged that the hedges need to be trimmed and this will be done once the bird nesting season is over. It was also pointed out that BMBC have no plans for scheduling further work.

4.5 **Review of Allotments**

Unfortunately, Cllr Horsfall who has responsibility for overseeing the allotments was not present. In his absence it was pointed out that thorough checks of the allotments are now taking place. The plots are being reviewed with a view to splitting some of them to let more people have allotment plots. There will be a 6 monthly review of progress.

4.6 **Keep Tankersley Lane Open**

It was acknowledged that this had been a very time-consuming project. Following the public consultations the matter had been escalated and help sought from Miriam Cates MP. This had led to correspondence with the Secretary of State for Transport. This led to a discussion involving members of the public who were present about the implications for the road network of closing Tankersley Lane.

4.7 **Spring Newsletter**

This had been well received.

4.8 **Speed Indicator Device (SID)**

The view of the meeting was that the public were happy to see the device being used. The possibilities of buying a second device and/or updating the current device were discussed. It was requested that Tankersley Parish Council discuss the possibility at their next meeting.

Cllr Simpson highlighted that data from the SID was being analysed and it was hoped would form the basis of a road safety strategy that might also lead to improved road signage.

4.9 **Traffic Calming**

This forms part of the 3 Year Plan being developed by Tankersley Parish Council but has yet to be discussed.

4.10 **Grit Bins**

Grit has been obtained for the grit bins so as to be fully prepared for winter weather. It was pointed out that the Yellow Grit bins belong to BMBC and the black bins belong to Tankersley Parish Council.

4.11 **Dog Fouling**

Concerns were expressed about the replacement of bags for the dog poo bins. It is BMBC's responsibility to empty the dog po bins.

concerns were also expressed about dog owners not using the bins and leaving dog poo on paths. It was suggested that

- dog poo on paths should be circled with paint,
- circling dog poo with paint should be added to the Tankersley Parish Council 3 Year Plan
- the "We're Watching You Campaign" should be relaunched
- Social media should be used to raise awareness of the problem
- The dog warden should be invited to a Tankersley Parish Council meeting to discuss the issues.

4.12 **Allotment Waiting List**

The policy regarding going on the Allotment Waiting List is being refined. In future all requests to be added to the list must be in writing and sent to the Clerk.

4.13 **Litter Picking Events**

Litter picking events carried out in partnership with TPEG have been very successful with over 50 volunteers turning out.

4.14 **Black Lane**

The problems of litter were discussed.

5. **New Initiatives for 2021 - 22**

5.1 **Christmas and Bonfire Events**

Monies for the Christmas and Bonfire Events for 2020 had been ringfenced.

A post covid celebration will be held on 14th August. It will take the form of a Family Gala /Picnic in the Park

5.2 **Pumpkin Trail**

This will be repeated this year.

5.3 **Scarecrow Festival**

The school is already involved in making scarecrows. These will be placed in gardens on the second Sunday in September where they can be seen and people can vote for the best one. The scarecrows will then be moved to the Welfare Hall for a celebration.

5.4 **November Bonfire**

Subject to obtaining the necessary permissions this will take place.

5.5 **Childrens Christmas Party**

Talks are taking place with the school to ensure that there are no diary clashes. The planned date for the party is 17 December subject to the School's plans.

5.6 **Refurbishing Benches**

There are 58 benches in the parish. A discussion took place regarding the legal responsibility for injuries resulting from failing to carry out repairs to the required standard.

5.7 **Christmas Trees**

The possibility of sponsored Christmas trees from the company that is providing the sponsored hanging baskets is being investigated.

5.8 **Councillor Clinics**

A new forum for contacting and raising issues with councillors has been introduced – Councillor Clinics. These will be trialled for 3 months. Details of the clinics have been posted on 2 of the 3 noticeboards in the Parish and on the Tankersley Parish Council web-site. To attend a clinic contact the Clerk

5.9 **Q & A Sessions Introduced at the Beginning of Tankersley Parish Council Meetings**

This started last month

5.10 **Gardening Projects**

Tankersley Parish Council is investigating the possibility of developing gardening projects to engage with members of the community.

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

6.1 **Better Lines of Communications**

The Spring Newsletter and introduction of Councillor Clinics were complimented as positive developments.

6.2 **Defibrillator**

It was pointed out that there is only one defibrillator in the Parish. Is it possible to obtain more?

6.3 **Sports and Activities**

It was pointed out that there were no activities and limited facilities for young people to engage in sports within the parish. Tankersley Parish Council was requested to investigate what could be done to resolve this situation and if any funding for sporting activities was available

6.4 **Amenities**

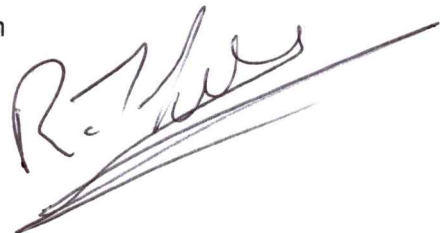
It was pointed out that with housing developments the parish is growing, but there are no complementary amenities. The school is not being expanded to deal with the increased number of children in the parish, there is no GP's surgery to deal with the larger community, no hairdresser. A discussion took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

Reference was made to the Pre-planning Application submitted by Pilley Parklife. The Chair clarified that the stance of Tankersley Parish Council to the pre-planning application is that they cannot comment until a formal planning application has been made.

6.5 **Ancient Hedge in Pilley**

The ancient hedge runs along a side of the allotments and forms the boundary of one of the plots. A discussion took place about who is responsible to maintain and repair the hedge.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm

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