

# TPEG - Tankersley and Pilley Environmental Group

General Meeting on Monday 25th October 2021 at 7.30pm  
Tankersley Hub.

## Minutes

Persons Present: James Walker, Anne Hirst, Chris Hirst, David Crossley, Kate Johnson, Christine Robinson, Jock

1. Apologies - Louise Walker.
2. Meeting of 12th July 2021 – Matters Arising.
  1. Actions:
    - JW - Avant Homes action day delayed until March 2022. JW To contact Avant for any update.
    - Alternate month litter picks have been organised by DC and AH. These will continue.
3. Finance Update - The bank balance is currently £1739.09.
  - Ward Alliance payment of £677 is included, along with £500 from TPC.
  - Note - a further £750 is now available from the Ward Alliance for the proposed Welfare Garden plan mentioned later.
  - Audit report now scanned and filed
  - A further discussion took place on the purchase of the battery hedge cutter. A vote was taken on conclusion with all in favour. The cutter will be purchased from TPEG funds as previously agreed.
4. Covid 19 and implications for TPEG work. All activities to be undertaken following current Government guidelines. The Government guidelines change on the 15th of October 2021. TPEG will ensure that Social Distancing and mask wearing is maintained where required, and desirable, when undertaking TPEG activities.
5. Update on Recent Work.
  - Dipping pond - The deeper pond area is into clay which has retained enough water to allow an escape area for wildlife. This area remained wet through the year, and has now been extended to retain a larger volume of deeper water. It was noted that there are a number of Water Beetles, Small frogs and Water Scorpions seen in the pond during this recent work.

- Dipping Pond area - the wildflower border between the boardwalk and footpath has become infested with Docks and Buttercups through the summer. It is intended that the area is managed and some of those removed to allow further wild flower sowing in the spring.
- The litter picks are being well attended by volunteers, and the waste is being collected by BMBC. Thanks to all those involved - again a great effort.
- JW has carried out some woodland path clearance in Potter Holes.
- JW - The bench in Potter Holes has been refurbished and repaired. Thanks to those involved.

## 6. Future Projects

### • Tankersley Welfare Hall - Landscape Proposal

- Ward Alliance Funding has been awarded for the project to a total of £750, however this is almost £500 less than the amount needed to carry out the work as per the initial plan. As such the start date has been delayed.
- Some misunderstanding has arisen concerning the ownership of the project, with regards to ongoing maintenance. As such the project may now be in question. Discussion took place with regards to options for solving that issue.
- It was felt that community help, in addition to that provided by TPEG volunteers, was needed to maintain the upgrade once complete. Enquiries are to be made to discover if that will be feasible prior to the project being undertaken.

**ACTION:** CH to create a paper for JW

- **Wild Flower Planting on Lidgett Lane Recreation Field** - The suggestion is that an area scraped clear of turf and seeds planted. This is ongoing and should conclude over the winter months

**ACTION - JW to put a plan together.**

- Next litter pick is Saturday the 6th November 2021 from the Tankersley Hub arranged by DC
- Next litter pick in conjunction with Twiggs and McDonalds is Wednesday 1st December at 10am arranged by AH.
- **DC and AH are arranging monthly events.**
- **Pilley Sign Board - JW** - The information board in Potter Holes Plantation is in need of repair.

**Action - DC to contact BMBC to see if they can repair it.**

If not, then JW & CH to repair it to prevent rain ruining the sign over winter.

7. Social Media & Website Update

- JW stated that the website remains current and contains recent events, posts and meeting information.

8. Any other Business - NONE

9. Date of Next Meeting

**Monday 10th January 2022 if possible at the Tankersley Hub. However, location to be shared nearer the time as COVID guidelines may change.**

8.45pm the meeting was closed