**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 19th March 2018 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present: W Clarke Apologies: S Grace P Jenner G Ralph

 J Crossland M Stevenson K Lester B M Lowrie (Clerk) D Marshall

 T Smith-Lowe

**9175 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr S Grace, Cllr G Ralph, Cllr M Stevenson and B M Lowrie.

**9176 MINUTES OF 11TH DECEMBER 2018**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Jenner and seconded by Cllr Crossland with all in favour that they are approved.

**9177 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

It was mentioned at the recent High Peak Borough Council meeting there is an increase in the rateable value of 2.9%.

Cllr Jenner stated the Code of Conduct refresher training session will be held on Tuesday 24th April 2018 at 6pm in the café area, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton.

This November people across the UK will come together to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War. Cllr Jenner mentioned that High Peak Borough Council have announced a £20,000 fund, offering grants to support and enable Town and Parish Councils to hold their own events and activites. National commemorations include plans for more than 1,000 Beacons of Light to be lit followed by the ringing of church bells from 7pm on Sunday 11th November 2018.

The GDPR data protection new laws will come into effect on 25th of May 2018. To help Councils comply with the new Data Protection regime training sessions are available for all Parish, Town and Borough Councils at Pavilion Gardens, Buxton, 6.00pm on Monday 14th May 2018. Anyone wishing to attend please email rachel.rourke@highpeak.gov.uk.

**9178 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

The accounts were proposed by Cllr Jenner and seconded by Cllr Lester with all in favour that they are approved.

**9179 WEBSITE**

The development is now near completion.

**9180 MATTERS ARISING**

The Parish Councillors raised concern and discussed the recent problem with the distribution of sand and grit to the grit bins. It was considered, in order to get the job done efficiently there is a need to get a proper contractor to distribute to the bins.

The Parish Councillors noted that during the recent snow conditions that lead to the closure of the A628 over the Woodhead Pass there were no signs prior to New/Old Road warning drivers of the closure. The lack of early warning signs caused difficulties for many drivers heading over the Woodhead Pass, particularly for lorry/truck drivers who struggled to turn around as the surrounding roads were also blocked. The Parish Councillors felt that the only way forward is to contact the Highways Agency to request new electronic signs to be placed at the Gun Inn, the top of West Drive and at the junction of A628/Old Road forewarning drivers of a Woodhead Pass closure.

Also, in relation to traffic issues, the Parish Councillors stated drivers are not taking notice of the new signs/layout at Arnfield Towers where vehicles are overtaking and going around the central island at the wrong side of the road putting themselves and other motorists at risk. Highways England should also be made aware of this situation.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.