**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 19th September 2016 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present: W Clarke Apologies: J Jackson

 P Jenner K Lester

 J Crossland G Ralph

 S Grace

 D Marshall

 T Smith-Lowe

 M Stevenson

**9041 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr J Jackson, Cllr K Lester and Cllr G Ralph.

**9042 MINUTES OF 18TH JULY 2016**

The minutes were proposed by Councillor Jenner and seconded by Councillor Grace with all in favour that they be approved.

**9043 DCC**

An invitation letter was received stating Highways England will be holding public awareness events on Saturday 8th and Thursday 13th of October 2016 regarding the Trans-Pennine upgrade programme.

In relation to the traffic problems in Tintwistle, Councillor Stevenson mentioned Tintwistle Road User’s Action Group have set up an action plan (away from the A628) to look at congestion on the side roads in Tintwistle. The focus will be on what the group and residents can do to improve the traffic situation in the village.

The Parish Council was informed of a number of e-mails received from residents of Old Road with several concerns – i.e. the road is being used as a short cut by heavy vehicles, traffic travelling at excessive speed. DCC and Highways have also been informed of these concerns.

A circular was received with information on the Snow Warden scheme 2016-17. A notice requesting volunteers will be displayed on the notice board.

A circular was distributed on the Chesterfield proposals to join Sheffield City Region – what it means for Derbyshire.

An invitation to a Liaison Forum on Monday 31st October 2016 at County Hall, Matlock, 6pm – 8pm.

**9044 DALC**

A circular was distributed with information including the following – appointment of Chief Officer for DALC – NALC – training and events.

**9045 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Jenner stated there is no Borough Council meeting to report on at this time.

Councillor Jenner raised the issue of the pelican crossing on the A628, he has reported problems on six occasions to Highways. An engineer was sent out each time. Again on 16th September there were several complaints about the lights/beep not working, this was reported and an engineer to be sent out to fix the problems.

Councillor Jenner had recently received a number of e-mails from residents on Old Road regarding the road being used as a rat run and vehicles speeding excessively. All the concerns were reported to High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council.

He also mentioned the handrail outside the Parish Council offices needs to be repaired and a white line painted on the steps at the door for health and safety reasons. Councillor Jenner proposed that D&D Landscaping do the work, seconded by Councillor Crossland with all in favour.

**9046 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

The accounts were proposed by Councillor Crossland and seconded by Councillor Jenner with all in favour that they be approved.

**9047 ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor Grace mentioned he has a consignment of chip bits for Conduit Street allotments. Anyone requiring a supply should just drop by the cabin. Free of charge.

Councillor Stevenson queried the necessity of having allotments as an item on the agenda each month. The Councillors agreed any member wishing to discuss an allotment issue should make a request to the Clerk to add allotments to the agenda itinerary.

**9048 FACILITIES FOR YOUTH**

Councillor Jenner mentioned he had contacted the University and College again with a request for volunteers for the youth club. He was informed the courses hadn’t started back just yet.

Councillor Crossland stated that work is due to commence on the new football facilities in approximately a weeks’ time.

**9049 WEBSITE**

The group have had a number of meetings to discuss in detail the necessary information required for setting up the website. This information is being gathered together. It has been arranged for a professional photographer to take pictures of the village to be posted on the website. The aim is to launch the website in the next month or so. The Clerk handed out a budget showing the website set up costs. The members of the Parish Council agreed to the costs. Proposed by Councillor Marshall and seconded by Councillor Crossland with all in favour.

**9050 MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Clarke mentioned the defibrillator has now been attached to the Conserative Club wall. The job was done free of charge.

Councillor Grace commented he had contacted High Peak Borough Council/Peak District and the Forestry Commission to get things moving regarding the removal of the trees at the playing fields. Terms and conditions are to be sent out. The licence for felling is also to be sent out shortly. For health and safety reasons the felling of the trees will be done during week days (school hours) and the Sexton Street site will be closed off. Other projects are ongoing – commemorative benches to be made using the wood from the larger tree trunks and placed around the village. One bench will be placed at the war memorial.

Councillor Grace mentioned the oak tree will be planted at a ceremony at the war memorial on 28th September 2016.

Councillor Stevenson raised concern regarding gravel being swept onto Old Road and not being cleared. Councillor Jenner advised he would contact High Peak Borough Council and request a sweeper.

The Annual Return has been approved and was shown to the members of the Parish Council. The external audit was proposed by Councillor Marshall and seconded by Councillor Crossland.

Councillor Grace mentioned the scarecrow competition raised £200. The proceeds will go towards the war memorial. The Parish Council agreed to prizes of £40, £30 and £20 for the winners.

A letter was received from Davis.Blank.Furness confirming they have registered the purchase of the property (land at Sexton St) with the Land Registry.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.