**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 20th April 2015 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present: W Clarke

 D Marshall

 P Jenner

 J Bland

 J Crossland

 D Deacon

 S Grace

 K Lester

 G Ralph

 T Smith-Lowe

**8887 APOLOGIES**

No apologies.

**8888 MINUTES OF 16TH MARCH 2015**

With reference to minute 8886 regarding the dangerous condition of both the wall and fence along the Bridge Mill site, Councillor Jenner mentioned he has taken the issue up with the Enforcement Officer from the Development Control offices, expressing the Parish Councils serious concerns. Councillor Jenner stated the High Peak Borough Council Planning Officer is to take note of the complaint and report to the Enforcement Officer and reply back.

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

**8889 HPBC**

A Statement of Persons Nominated circular was received from High Peak Borough Council for the forthcoming general election. As ten candidates have been nominated for Tintwistle which is a nine candidate ward the Parish Council discussed the need to hold a Parish Council election and the procedures involved in doing so.

**8890 PDNK AND PLANNING APPLICATION NP/HPK/0914/0977**

Notice was given that permission for the conversion of existing garage to dwelling, Old Road, Tintwistle has been granted.

**8891 DALC**

Circulars were distributed with information regarding the following – Purdah Guidance – Changes to the smaller authorities’ local audit and accountability framework – Government Ombudsman to Larger Parish and Town Councils Consultation – Government Transparency Fund of £4.7m – Section 137 – Expenditure Limit 2015/16.

**8892 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Jenner mentioned due to ongoing concerns and complaints regarding dog fouling new legislation is coming into force. The legislation refers to dogs fouling on footpaths, playing/sports fields and grass verges etc. The procedure will mean that dogs are subject to DNA testing. In areas where a dog has fouled samples will be taken and checked for a match with DNA tests. Owners of dogs testing positive can be fined up to £1000. The Parish Council discussed the lack of poop bins throughout the village.

**8893 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

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

**8894 ALLOTMENTS**

With reference to insurance cover for TAGA members Councillor Grace mentioned that some details of the cover are still in the process of being clarified. However Councillor Grace added, a person holding more than one plot will only have to pay the insurance cost once. The insurance will cover one or more allotments held by the individual.

**8895 FACILITIES FOR YOUTH**

No further report at present.

**8896 AOB**

Councillor Clarke raised concern regarding the HPBC grass cutting service, commenting when the grass has been cut the clippings are not collected therefore left blowing around, especially from the footpath back onto the grass area. This is of particular concern along Speedwell. Councillor Clarke asked Councillor Jenner if he could raise the issue with HPBC, requesting if the grass clippings can be collected while the grass is being cut.

Councillor Marshall mentioned a request was received from members of the Church - to use the playing field on Sexton Street as a car park on Monday 15th of June 2015. The Parish Council agreed to the request.

Councillor Clarke informed members of the Parish Council that United Utilities have offered the Parish Council the option to buy the land at Sexton Street, at an initial asking price of £50,000 plus VAT but following negotiations the figure was reduced to £45,000 plus VAT. Councillor Clarke put the motion to the Parish Council to vote in favour of this offer. The Chair requested a proposer and seconder. Councillor Marshall proposed the motion, seconded by Councillor Grace with all the members in favour of purchasing the land at Sexton Street which includes the Council offices, playing field, bowling green and tennis courts.

Councillor Ralph mentioned a quiz night is to be held on Friday 24th of April 2015 at the Conservative Club to raise funds for the Community Centre. All are welcome.

An article is to be written by the Glossop Chronicle to raise awareness of the dangers of traffic speeding along the A628. Speed watch checks are being carried out on Friday 24th of April 2015. Members of the Parish Council have been invited to attend, meeting at the Parish Hall at 4.00pm, walking to the Church and from there monitoring traffic speed along the A628.

Councillor Clarke thanked all the Parish Councillors for their hard work and efforts over the last four years. A special mention was extended to Councillor Deacon and Councillor Bland as they are now retiring from the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.