**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 18th April 2016 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present: W Clarke Apologies: J Jackson

 D Marshall

 P Jenner

 J Crossland

 S Grace

 K Lester

 G Ralph

 M Stevenson

 T Smith-Lowe

**8993 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor J Jackson.

**8994 MINUTES OF 21ST March 2016**

Minute 8991, amended to note Councillor Stevenson and Councillor Marshall were asked to carry out a further inspection on the allotments.

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

**8995 DCC**

A circular was received regarding the closure of restricted byway no. 8, Tintwistle until 31st July 2016.

**8996 HPBC**

The Notice of Poll for the forthcoming Police and Crime Commissioner Election was received.

**8997 DALC**

A circular was distributed with information that DALC is running several training courses/seminars over the next few months.

**8998 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Jenner reported that HPBC held a special meeting to consider the Housing and Business Plan for the next 25 years. The Government Inspector having sent back the High Peak Borough plan to HPBC for adoption/or otherwise. After some discussion and concern about the sustainability of the plan based on current conditions i.e. bus and train services – (the plan may be affected taking into account the DCC bus subsidy cuts). The vote was unanimous in favour of adopting the plan. This will give some protection against green-field developments.

The Councillor Initiative fund will be reduced from £1000 to £750 in the next budget cuts by High Peak Borough Council. The new fund will begin in April 2016.

Councillor Jenner expressed concern over the number of complaints regarding traffic problems on the A628 and Old Road being used as a rat run by speeding traffic. The Parish Council and local residents are keen for traffic calming measures to be implemented. Councillor Jenner advised any representations to Andrew Bingham M P would need support i.e. letters from local residents.

Councillor Jenner mentioned a weight restriction pilot program is to be introduced in Hadfield, if this takes off it could be extended to Tintwistle.

It was mentioned a speedwatch check is to be carried out.

The Parish Council discussed the parking issue, another major concern. Due to lack of spaces cars are parking on footpaths throughout the village. The members mentioned the idea of putting an article in the newsletter with some helpful suggestions to ease the situation.

There was a report of road crumbling on Church Street, repairs have now been carried out.

**8999 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

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

Councillor Grace gave his apologies and left the meeting.

**9000 ALLOTMENTS**

Copies of the report on the recent open meeting along with a copy of the present allotment waiting list were handed out to the Parish Councillors.

Councillor Stevenson along with Councillor Marshall carried out a second review of the allotments in April. As part of the inspection the Councillors were asked to identify the plots that do not meet the standards required by the Parish Councils terms and conditions. Councillor Stevenson named the allotment holders/plots that are not being attended to/or used. Letters are to be sent out to those concerned requiring the allotments to be brought up to standard/used within a specified time scale.

It was noted that plot number 25 is due to be vacated.

The Parish Council reflected on and discussed in detail the waiting list policy and agreed on a list of rules to be followed. The updated rules to be written up.

**9001 YOUTH CLUB**

Councillor Jenner put forward the idea of contacting Tameside College as they may be in a position to provide people to help with the youth club.

Councillor Stevenson informed the Parish Council she had contacted the Heritage fund and Big Lottery to get more information on these grants and the requirements needed. She suggested the Parish Council will need to decide on its aims and objectives. Councillor Stevenson emphasised the first important activity is the consultation phase. A start up plan is required to get things moving. There are local contacts available to help with the Big Lottery funding and the Heritage funding has a North West team to help with the application.

Councillor Crossland added, plans have previously been drawn up and these would be worth looking at.

**9002 MATTERS ARISING**

A letter from Davis Blank Furniss (solicitors) was read aloud to the members. It was regarding an individual on New Road who leases part of the land adjacent to their property. The matter concerned the tenancy agreement. Now that the Parish Council owns the land adjacent to the property in question Councillor Clarke recommended this area of land should be charged as an allotment. The Parish Council members voted in favour of this .

Councillor Ralph suggested the entrance to the Bridge Mill site, recently tidied requires some plants.

Councillor Marshall mentioned the copings on the wall opposite the Liberal Club are falling onto the field. Highways are responsible for any repairs.

Councillor Clarke mentioned John Le Page is to trim the privets around the bowling green area. Also, John Le Page is to get back to the Parish Council with a quote for grass cutting and trimming the area.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm