**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 14th December 2015 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present: W Clarke Apologies: J Jackson

P Jenner K Lester

D Marshall G Ralph

J Crossland T Smith-Lowe

S Grace M Stevenson

Due to the number of absent Councillors Councillor Clarke recommended that item 7 on the agenda be postponed for discussion until the January meeting.

**5962 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Jackson, Councillor Lester, Councillor Ralph, Councillor Smith-Lowe and Councillor Stevenson.

**5963 MINUTES OF 16TH NOVEMBER 2015**

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

**5964 HPBC**

Circulars were received re: High Peak Local Plan Main Modification Consultation – December ’15 and details of the Christmas recycling and rubbish collection arrangements.

**5965 DCC**

A circular re: Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan update was received.

**5966 PDNK PLANNING APPLICATION NP/HPK/1015/0921**

Notice has been received that permission for the above planning application has been granted.

**5967 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Jenner told the Parish Councillors that High Peak Borough Council held a seminar recently on terrorist attacks and major incidents. Those present were informed, although High Peak is not at risk plans are in place and officers are on call 24 hours a day, just in case.

**5968 REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Wilcox attended the meeting to give an update on the transpennine options being considered by the Government. Adding, this is the very early stages, this is for the future. Highways England have examined the case for a road tunnel to improve connections between Manchester and Sheffield. According to initial feasibility findings a tunnel is technically feasible. It is likely to be 2020/2021 when resources will become available. The Parish Councillors considered whether the parish council/public (having greater local knowledge of the area) could get involved in the studies, feasibility tests etc. Councillor Wilcox stated, there is no reason why they can’t put themselves forward.

Furthermore, work is continuing into the A57 Mottram bypass and A57 (T) – A57 link (i.e. The Glossop Spur). These should be under construction by 2020/2021. Traffic implications will need to be assessed. Derbyshire is assessing the likely impacts on the A628 (T) through Mottram and Tintwistle and the A57 through Glossop and over the snake.

Concern was raised as there has been no promise of money to take the relief road to bypass Hollingworth and Tintwistle to Woodhead. The County Councillor and Parish Council want the complete bypass.

Councillor Wilcox stated the next phase for the road tunnel is to look at options where the tunnel will start and finish and links to the existing road network.

The meeting was closed to allow the public to ask questions. A question was raised regarding the timescale of the project. The reply, construction has been estimated to start in 2020/2021.

Concern was raised from members of the public regarding pollution commenting if you build a bypass the volume of traffic will increase as will the level of pollution. Councillor Wilcox stated if the traffic is moving along the bypass the level of pollution should reduce – although it will attract more traffic it will be moving traffic.

**5969 ALLOTMENT REPORT**

To be discussed at the January meeting.

**5970 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

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

**5971 FACILITIES FOR YOUTH**

Regarding football, Councillor Crossland mentioned they now have a lease on the site where Tintwistle Villa used to be.

Councillor Jenner commented there is uncertainty regarding the youth club continuing after Christmas as volunteers are urgently required.

**5972 THE PURCHASE OF LAND AT SEXTON STREET**

At the moment the Parish Council’s solicitor is waiting to find out if there is a lease for a small garden area (included on the plans).

Councillor Grace mentioned the carol service is to be held on Sunday at 6.00pm.

Councillor Marshall stated the metal scoop the poop signs are now completed and ready to be placed around the village. He also mentioned dog chipping comes into law on 16th of April 2016 and warned of a £1000 fine.

Councillor Clarke wished everyone a happy Christmas.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

**5973 PRECEPT**

At the precept meeting in January Councillor Jenner recommended the precept figure for 2016/2017 is not set any higher than the figure agreed for 2015/2016. Councillor Crossland proposed that the Parish Council agree. The majority of Parish Councillors voted in favour of keeping the precept figure at £17,500 for 2016/2017.

Various points of the allotment report were discussed with the Parish Councillors expressing their opinions and points of views. It was suggested all interested Parish Councillors and members of the public should meet, discuss and go through all the available information. Proposed by Councillor Marshall and seconded by Councillor Grace with all in favour. The meeting is due to take place in March.