**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

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

Councillors Present: W Clarke J Jackson

 D Marshall K Lester

 P Jenner G Ralph

 J Crossland T Smith-Lowe

 S Grace M Stevenson

Reverend Bruce Perrin was invited to attend the Parish Council meeting. He was introduced to the Council members. Reverend Perrin thanked everyone for the invite, gave an introduction and began the meeting with a prayer.

**8920 APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

**8921 MINUTES OF 08TH JUNE 2015**

With reference to minute 8916 Councillor Stevenson asked how the Parish Councils budget is prepared and managed. She was informed the precept (budget plan) is prepared at the start of each year, in January. Explained briefly, the precept itemizes all the costs/expenses the Parish Council incurred during the previous year and estimates what the individual expenses are expected to be for the coming year. Copies of the precept are to be given to the newly elected Parish Councillors.

Councillor Jackson queried why the agenda item – ‘The purchase of the land at Sexton Street, Tintwistle’ was being included under part II of the agenda. The Parish Council discussed this issue. It was explained, presently the matter is only at the initial stages of discussion and nothing has been confirmed or received in paper form from United Utilities. Councillor Crossland proposed a vote, the purchase of the land at Sexton Street, Tintwistle is to be included under part II of the agenda until there is further development. Seconded by Councillor Marshall. The motion was passed.

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

**8922 DCC**

Circulars were distributed regarding temporary road closures, the A6024 Holme Moss from its junction with the A628 to the County Boundary, from 27th July 2015 to 04th August 2015 between 9.30 hrs and 15.30 hrs. Also, the B6105 Torside, Glossop from its junction with Padfield Main Road to its junction with the A628, from 12th August 2015 to 13th August 2015 between 22.00 hrs and 06.00 hrs.

**8923 PDNP**

The Ballot results were received for High Peak and Metropolitan area.

**8924 DALC**

A circular was distributed regarding the smaller authorities transparency funding.

**8925 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Jenner mentioned he was informed by a member of the public that workmen were seen at the play area – taking down/dismantling the climbing frame. Councillor Jenner discussed the issue with Councillor Clarke. No notification was sent to the Parish Council. On further investigation, Councillor Jenner approached the workmen and was informed that due to some recent vandalism in the area the site was to be made safe. However, on inspecting the climbing apparatus, structural holes were found in the main frame. On safety ground, HPBC Parks and Play Areas decided they had no option but to take the climbing frame down. Councillor Jenner then spoke to Joy Redfern (HPBC senior manager) she advised she would look into the matter and report back.

The Parish Council felt it should have received prior notification regarding the dismantling of the climbing frame. Any further discussions/decisions should involve the Parish Council.

Councillor Jenner mentioned the Council Initiative Fund is likely to go ahead allowing organisations within the village to apply for funding.

The surgery dates notices are ready.

Council Jenner stated he had been asked to judge the recent scarecrow competition.

**8926 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

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

**8927 ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor Marshall raised concern regarding the number of allotments in need of tidying up. He suggested, along with the renewal letters in September, reminder letters could be sent out to the allotment holders who are not keeping their plot tidy and in good condition.

It was noted, the fence at Mr Robinsons allotment has now been repaired.

Councillor Marshall and Councillor Grace are due to carry out an allotment inspection shortly. A request was made for volunteers. Councillor Jackson and Councillor Stevenson agreed to help out. The Parish Council discussed the need to be firmer on those people who are not working or using their allotment properly.

Councillor Stevenson mentioned an invitation has been extended to HPBC MP Andrew Bingham to attend the Annual Village show on 12th September.

**8928 FACILITIES FOR YOUTH**

Councillor Lester stated, due to a new job one of the regular volunteers at the youth club will no longer be able to help out from September.

Councillor Stevenson advised she checked with NALC on the availability of youth club helpers. She was informed that no assistance is available at present.

**8929 AOB**

Councillor Grace stated the scarecrow competition was again a great success and thanked Councillor Jenner for judging the competition. There is a presentation for the winners at the Annual Village show on 12th of September 2015. Councillor Clarke and all the Councillors thanked Councillor Grace for his efforts in organising the competition, a thank you was also extended to the GALA members for their involvement. The funds raised are to go to the well dressing ladies comittee.

Councillor Crossland mentioned football training throughout the summer on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Councillor Crossland also said the car park at West Drive is now ready for development (the area is to be flattened/levelled out).

Councillor Marshall commented, the Best Kept Garden competition was a great success and thanked everyone involved for their support.

**8930 PURCHASE OF LAND AT SEXTON STREET, TINTWISTLE**

No further updates at present.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.