**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 08th June 2015 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present: W Clarke Apologies: S Grace

D Marshall K Lester

P Jenner

J Crossland

J Jackson

G Ralph

M Stevenson

**8910 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors S Grace and K Lester.

**8911 MINUTES OF 18TH MAY 2015**

Councillor Jenner referred to minute 8909 regarding the Woodhead ward Parish Councillor’s vacancy. The vacancy was advertised on the notice board and no other nominations came forward. As Tracey Smith-Lowe was already nominated and voted in favour by the Parish Council at the previous meeting (May) she will be the Woodhead ward Parish Councillor.

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

**8912 DCC**

A circular was distributed regarding a temporary road closure, the A6024 Holme Moss from its junction with the A628 to the County Boundary, from 22nd June 2015 to 30th June 2015 between 9.30 hrs and 15.30 hrs.

Also, a notice of a Parish and Town liaison forum, 22nd June 2015, 5.45pm – 7.45pm, County Hall, Matlock.

**8913 PDNP**

The Ballot papers for the High Peak and Metropolitan area were received.

A copy of the English Woodland Grant Scheme application at Heyden Valley was received.

**8914 DALC**

A circular was distributed with information regarding the following – DALC website sign in details – NALC co-option legal briefing note – Electronics meetings’ summons – New Transparency code requirements, Councillor Jackson expressed an interest in finding out more about the Parish Council becoming web enabled.

**8915 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Jenner mentioned the housing development plans are in the process of being released.

Councillor Jenner called out the names of those people recently elected to High Peak Borough Council and Peak District National Park Authority, including the Chair, the Mayor of the Borough and the leader of High Peak Borough Council for the next four years.

**8916 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

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

The Clerk informed the Parish Council the Annual Return has been completed and has been sent for external audit.

**8917 ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor Marshall stated he has some matters to finalise before giving any updates.

Councillor Jackson raised concern regarding proper use of the allotments – not specifically used for fruit and vegetables but for hens/chickens and are they registered with DEFRA. The Parish Council’s rules and regulations point out the need for an allotment holder who keeps above a certain number of hens/chickens to register with DEFRA. Comments were made that some of the allotments, for instance, on Conduit Street are not suitable for growing fruit and vegetables. The Parish Council discussed the matter and DEFRA rules and the need for a number of allotment issues to be ironed out.

Councillor Stevenson mentioned recently attending an Allotment Association meeting where there is a lot of information and support available. It would be a good source of contact to help with any allotment issues.

A suggestion was made to get a general opinion from the allotment holders as to what they think the allotments should be used for (fruit, veg, hens, chickens, flowers). This could be done by sending out a short memo with the renewal letters asking people to reply.

Also, a number of people have complained about the fencing. Councillor Clarke advised the fencing has been put up to keep the foxes out.

**8918 FACILITIES FOR YOUTH**

Councillor Ralph stated the youth club is now struggling for volunteers to help with the running of the club and may no longer be able to continue from September. Councillor Stevenson mentioned there is a volunteer group in Glossop that may be able to provide the required help. She said she would make some enquires. Councillor Jenner advised he may be in a position to help out.

Councillor Clarke referred to the safety concerns raised regarding the use of the toilet facilities when the bowling club and youth club are using the hall at the same time. He advised that Councillor Lester mentioned the situation has now been resolved and an agreed procedure is to be followed.

**8919 AOB**

A number of concerns regarding traffic though the village were raised, there is a great need for speed/traffic control measures. The Parish Council members suggested writing to High Peak MP Andrew Bingham with a request for any signs/controls available that can be put in place to help the situation. Some ideas were suggested, for instance, as the speed limit adjusts from 40mph to 30mph through the village it would be helpful to get some flashing lights to warn motorists to slow down as they drive through. One area of concern is the increase in the volume of large vehicles (and their speed) on New Road – time/weight restrictions could be put in place to help local residents.

Car parking is still a major issue throughout the village. Councillor Jenner mentioned in particular around West Drive when matches are being played, this is the cause of a lot of congestion. He said he would contact High Peak Borough Council to check if anything can be done to improve the situation.

Councillor Crossland mentioned the football club is in the process of sorting the lease on the pitch and as soon as this is tied up they will be in a position to improve the car parking situation. Creating more spaces by getting rid of the humps by the goal at Tintwistle Villa’s patch, next to the road – at the club’s expense.

The Parish Council agreed on adding a new item to the agenda under the AOB section - The purchase of the land at Sexton Street.

More salt is to be placed at the top of Old Road and the other bins are to be checked.

The Well Dressing is on Friday 26th of June 2015 and the Gala will take place on 27th of June 2015.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th of July 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.