**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 20th June 2016 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present: W Clarke

P Jenner

J Crossland

S Grace

J Jackson

K Lester

D Marshall

G Ralph

M Stevenson

T Smith-Lowe

**9018 APOLOGIES**

No apologies.

**9019 MINUTES OF 16TH MAY 2016**

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

**9020 HPBC**

An invite from campaigning group High Peak Access to local Councillors, groups and residents to look at how access can be improved for all in Glossopdale was distributed.

**9021 DALC**

A circular was distributed with information including the following – Pay scales 2016/2018 – New financial regulations 2016 – Transparency fund for smaller authorities – Community payback contact details.

A circular was distributed re: a 1% pay award agreed by the National Joint Council for Local Government.

**9022 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Jenner mentioned at the High Peak Borough Council meeting on 17th May 2016 the new Mayor of HPBC and Chairman of the Council, Councillor George Wharmby and the Mayoress Jean Wharmby were elected to office for the next twelve months. The Deputy Mayor is Councillor Matthew Stone and his consort is Mrs Jill Stone. Also, committees were elected for the coming twelve months. The budget has been set agreeing household and business rates.

In relation to the closure of New Road on 10th June 2016 Derbyshire County Council had only three days to arrange an alternative bus service for this date. A shuttle service was arranged with the bus depot.

**9023 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

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

The Clerk informed the members the internal audit section of the Annual Return has been completed.

**9024 ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk read aloud a letter received from Mr N Robinson regarding allotment plot no.74.

Councillor Marshall and Councillor Stevenson requested permission to follow up on the allotment inspections.

**9025 FACILITIES FOR YOUTH**

Councillor Jenner mentioned there have been no replies from the college/university regarding his request for volunteers for the youth club.

Councillor Grace was informed by a co-ordinator from the little gems of a loose bolt on one of the handle rails at the disabled side at the Parish Council hall. This could cause an injury and needs attending to.

Councillor Grace also mentioned a number of incidents that have hindered the little gems sessions on the evenings that coincide with a bowling club match. The Parish Council members discussed this issue. It was felt that the bowling club members should be more aware on the need to share.

On the evenings it is busy, members of the bowling club group should park to the far side of the recreational ground allowing for more space.

Councillor Clarke added the door to the hall should not be used for access by the bowling club members while the little gems session is on. Access can be gained by the members going around the front to the side door.

Councillor Ralph mentioned the grass on the recreational ground remains uncut. This needs to be attended to prior to the Gala event on Saturday 25th June 2016. Councillor Clarke said arrangements have been made for the grass to be cut before Gala day. All preparations are ready for the event.

In relation to football matters Councillor Crossland mentioned Tintwistle football has received funding of £430,000 for new changing rooms, top quality facilities. The funding is from three different sources – Premier League, Football Association and Sport England. There are also funds available to allow for drains to be put in at the grounds. In addition a track is to be created for runners and cyclists. Work is due to start in July 2016. The Parish Council members congratulated Councillor Crossland on this achievement and thanked her for the hard work and effort.

**9026 WEBSITE**

The Parish Council requires a web developer to set up the website. Councillor Stevenson and Councillor Jackson have produced a specification for tender for the website project. Copies were handed out to the Parish Councillors. The advertisement for tender is to be put in the Glossop Chronicle. Tenders to be submitted by 1st August 2016. The successful candidate will be notified by 14th of August 2016. Once the tender is offered is will be for a period of five years. The Parish Council members proposed forming a small group of five (four Parish Councillors and the Clerk) to take on the website project.

**9027 MATTERS ARISING**

Councilllor Grace mentioned he had received several quotes for the inspection of the trees. Deciding on ACS Consultants, the registered tree Consultants provided a detailed inspection report. A hazard evaluation on all the trees. Councillor Grace read the report (commenting on the condition of each tree) to the Council members. Fungal, internal and structural decay were identified in the trees. There were comments in the report on the remaining lifespan, if any, of the trees and the likelihood of maintaining them. The cost of the inspection was £245.00 plus vat. The Parish Council discussed the findings of the report. The Councillor also mentioned, quotes received to safely take down the trees varied considerably in cost.

Councillor Grace proposed that all the trees come down and the Parish Council plant native trees in their place. To go for the £1,550.00 quote, this includes closing the site and safely removing the trees to ground level and clearing the site. Nine Parish Councillors voted in favour and one abstained. The proposal was approved. Residents in the village will be consulted on the trees they would like to see planted.

The English oak trees are ready to be placed at the cenotaph for the memorial.

An invite to a meeting is to be sent to County Councillor D Wilcox to discuss traffic calming measures.

The garden competition is on 23rd of July 2016.

Councillor Grace stated that several cars have been broken into in the last week or so – tools and money have been taken. Nobody has been caught yet.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.