**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 16th March 2015 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present: W Clarke Apologies: J Bland

 D Marshall

 P Jenner

 J Bland

 J Crossland

 D Deacon

 S Grace

 K Lester

 G Ralph

 T Smith-Lowe

**8877 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Bland.

**8878 MINUTES OF 16TH FEBRUARY 2015**

With reference to minute 8876 regarding the recent meeting held with United Utilities and a HPBC representative Councillor Jenner had expressed his disappointment at not being invited to this meeting.

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

**8879 DCC**

The members of the Parish Council were informed of the proposed road works along the A628 Woodhead Pass between Flouch and Tintwistle. The works involve re-surfacing of the carriageway along four sections stretching a total approximately 16km.

**8880 PDNP**

A circular was distributed regarding Parish Members appointments to the National Park Authority outlining the arrangements for these appointments following the Parish Council elections in May.

**8881 DALC**

A circular was distributed with information regarding the following – Spring Seminar, change of venue – Legal Topic Note 5 – No referendums relating to council tax increases for local councils in England.

**8882 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Jenner mentioned the following: at a High Peak Borough full Council meeting the conservation area for Tintwistle and Hadfield were approved but without the inclusion of the tennis courts/bowling green and (post office) the shop, Sexton Street. As requested by Councillor Jenner these areas should be included for conservation status, the decision was upheld. An investigation was undertaken by the Executive Director with instructions for his officer Richard Tuffrey (Design and Conservation) to look into the matter and report back. The report stated “The blocks proposed for inclusion to the north of the post office (shop) are earlier and therefore of greater historic significance. Another criteria adopted by the consultant in recommending the boundary at this point is the desirability of including all of the buildings around the historically significant key junction of New Road and Church Street, this separates the blocks put forward for inclusion from those further down”. No comments were received from the consultation process regarding the post office (shop), bowling green or tennis courts.

Councillor Jenner stated High Peak Borough Councils’ government grant has been cut, however the Borough Council will freeze council tax again but there are proposals to increase the council house rents by 2.2 %. Adding, free call out, no charge for removal of rats, bed bugs or flees. Also, car parking fees are frozen for every year of this administration.

The proposal for a Netto store opposite Conways in Brookfield has been passed.

**8883 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

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

**8884 ALLOTMENTS**

Over the coming weeks Councillor Marshall and Councillor Grace intend to take a routine walk around the allotments, checking the plots are being used again and in good condition. Councillor Grace mentioned the car park area at the allotments which has recently been tidied up is looking much better.

The insurance cover for TAGA members is in the process if being clarified.

**8885 YOUTH CLUB**

Councillor Lester mentioned all is fairly quiet at the youth club.

**8886 AOB**

Councillor Clarke stated that the Bridge Mill site, as yet remains unsold. Discussing the site the Councillors expressed serious concern regarding the wall separating the property from New Road as the stone copings are bursting away from the wall. In the interest of public safety it is a hazard. People walking on the footpath on New Road alongside the wall are in danger of being injured. Also of concern is the chain link fence that runs along New Road from West Drive which is in a state of disrepair. The members of the Parish Council feel there is a need to contact, in writing, the owners of the site expressing the Councils concerns regarding the current state of the wall and fence. They are a danger to the public and need to be sorted out.

Councillor Ralph noted the small garden to the side of the Council offices is neat and tidy. The Parish Council agreeing to purchase additional flowers for the garden.

Regarding the Borough and Parish elections on Thursday 7th Mary 2015, the nomination papers were distributed. The Close of Poll is at 4.00pm on Thursday 9th April 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.