**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 21st March 2016 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present: W Clarke Apologies: J Crossland

D Marshall S Grace

P Jenner J Jackson

K Lester T Smith-Lowe

G Ralph

M Stevenson

MP Andrew Bingham visited Tintwistle recently and met with local residents to discuss their concerns regarding vehicles using Old Road as a rat-run to avoid the congestion on the A628. Thus increasing the level of traffic, noise and the greater risk of injury/accidents on Old Road. Before the meeting began Mrs V Mullis was invited to discuss updates with members of the Parish Council.

MP A Bingham has written to Councillor D Collins of Highways, Transport and Infrastructure on numerous occasions as local residents are concerned about the volume of traffic using Old Road. The reply from Councillor D Collins stated there are no proposals to introduce any intervention measures at Old Road, Tintwistle at this time. MP A Bingham has again written to Councillor D Collins expressing his disappointment and dissatisfaction with the reply and asking the Councillor to reconsider his original approach.

The Parish Council discussed any further action that could be taken to help the situation - suggestions included speedwatch, speed humps, reducing the speed limit to 20mph . It was also suggested the Parish Council look into writing to MP A Bingham and Councillor D Wilcox regarding traffic calming measures.

The Parish Council received an invitation to join a royal celebration on 21st of April, 2pm to 3.30pm at Tintwistle Primary School, afternoon tea will be served.

**8985 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors J Crossland, S Grace, J Jackson and T Smith-Lowe.

**8986 MINUTES OF 15TH FEBRUARY 2016**

With reference to minute 8983 Councillor Ralph mentioned the Gala will be held on Saturday 25th of June 2016. The minutes were proposed by Councillor Jenner and seconded by Councillor Marshall with all in favour that they be approved.

**8987 PDNP**

Notices were received that the following applications NP/HPK/0915/0914, NP/HPK/0915/0915, NP/HPK/1015/0927 and NP/HPK/1015/0928 for 7 Stocks Brow, Tintwistle were granted.

**8988 DALC**

Circulars were distributed with information regarding the following – Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England – Local Council Audits 2015/2016 – An Introduction to Neighbourhood Planning – Grants: Architectural Heritage fund, Neighbourhood Planning grant, grants for War Memorials. The Parish Council discussed the available grants, members to look into these in greater detail.

**8989 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Jenner mentioned voting in the E U referendum and the elections on Thursday 5th May 2016 to choose a police and crime commissioner. You need to resister by 18th of April to be eligible to vote. Notices are to be posted up.

Councillor Jenner gave an update on the North Midlands Devolution Deal (Devo Deal). The leader of High Peak Borough Council, Tony Ashton is not happy with the result of the negotiating team and claims that the devo deal is not appropriate for High Peak for a number of reasons including geographical position and transport. The Council requests officers to reopen discussions with the Greater Manchester city region and other neighbouring authorities to develop long term, join arrangements and alliances more appropriate to the economic and social geography of the High Peak area.

The motion that no fracking should be undertaken within the High Peak area until there is more proof that fracking will not be harmful or cause any fundamental damage to the infrastructure of the area. The motion was moved and seconded. An amendment was put forward. The amendment was defeated and the motion was carried.

Councillor Jenner added it is expected that the Housing and Business plan for the High Peak will be passed by the Inspector giving protection from big developers.

**8990 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

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

**8991 ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor Marshall raised the issue of sending out letters to allotment holders who are not using or taking proper care of their allotments. The Parish Council agreed on the following procedure. An initial letter will be sent out requesting that an allotment is brought up to standard within 30 days. At the end of the 30 days a further inspection will be carried out. The allotment will be reviewed again after 3 months. However, if after 30 days the allotment is not brought up to standard as required in the terms and conditions the plot holder will be sent a notice to terminate.

The Parish Council discussed an e-mail that was read aloud, the contents mainly referred to the refusal of an offer of an allotment and position on the waiting list. The members of the Parish Council agreed that it has always been the case and the procedure followed, once an offer of an allotment has been refused the request goes to the bottom of the waiting list.

**8992 MATTERS ARISING**

Now that the Parish Council owns the land around the Sexton Street area the issue of regular grass cutting and hedge trimming was raised. The Parish Council will need to look into the situation and get a number of quotes for the work.

As agreed with the Parish Council members Councillor Marshall has arranged for the tubs and grit bins to be filled (with the grit/salt remaining from the old bags).

The Parish Council agreed the notice board outside the office/hall is in need of new doors. Councillor Marshall is to look into this.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.