**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 20th February 2017 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present: W Clarke Apologies: J Jackson

P Jenner G Ralph

J Crossland T Smith-Lowe

S Grace

K Lester

D Marshall

M Stevenson

**9072 APOLOGIES**

Councillor J Jackson, Councillor G Ralph and Councillor T Smith-Lowe.

**9073 MINUTES OF 28TH NOVEMBER 2016**

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

**9074 DCC**

A circular was distributed on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner of Derbyshire, Hardyal Dhindsa, to organise events the Commissioner can attend as he has pledged to visit all 383 towns and villages in Derbyshire.

**9075 HPBC**

A notice was distributed regarding the Derbyshire County Council elections on 4th of May 2017.

**9076 PDNP**

A circular was distributed regarding a Derbyshire cycle hire centre that has acquired a child-parent tandem cycle.

**9077 DALC**

Information was received on the following – Subscription charges for 2017/18 – Smaller Authorities Audit Appointment – HR matters – How elected members can improve the health of communities, in relation to the transfer of public health from the NHS to local government and Public Health England (PHE) is one of the significant extensions of local government powers and duties in a generation. Councillor Lester mentioned in this respect Tintwistle loses out a lot regarding community care.

**9078 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

In relation to the recent flooding Councillor Jenner mentioned representatives from Derbyshire County Council and High Peak Borough Council attended a meeting to observe and assess the water causeway to the Mount Pleasant water run ditch. A drain channel had been cleaned out up until it reached the gate/wall where a culvert was laid under the tarmac. A pipe ran under the tarmac connecting the two parts of the water ditch. After discussion it was concluded that the joining pipe was not large enough to take the huge volume of water that fell on Monday 21st November 2016. Although some flooding may have occurred it would not have been as bad if the water ditch had been totally open.

Councillor Jenner explained that at the High Peak Borough Council full meeting on Tuesday 21st February 2017 the following were proposed - dwelling rents to reduce by 1% over 52 weeks - garage rents to be increased by 1% over 52 weeks - Rate to Band D to increase by 1.9%. Also included, was the full budget for 2017/2018 and the appointments of the Mayor for 2017/18 and the Chair for High Peak Borough Council.

**9079 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

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

**9080 FACILITIES FOR YOUTH**

Councillor Jenner advised he would contact Buxton College again and other colleges in the area in a bid to get volunteers to help with the running of the youth club.

Councillor Crossland mentioned that work is continuing on the sports building and all is going well. Work is due to start on the pitch soon. Hopefully all should be finished by mid-May and when completed the building and facilities should look great.

**9081 WEBSITE**

Councillor Stevenson mentioned the photographer has been around the area to take some local photographs and other information to be placed on the website is being followed up.

**9082 MATTERS ARISING**

Correspondence received from a local resident was read aloud by the Clerk to the Parish Council. The individual expressed concern regarding the forthcoming roadworks on West Drive and also at the lack of communication to local residents. It was queried why leaflets were only distributed to the residents of West Drive and not to other residents in the area. The members discussed the roadworks, agreeing it will cause horrendous problems with traffic, disruptions and delays for people travelling to work and other appointments.

The Parish Council suggested the road improvements by Highways England should include a number of safety measures. To stop drivers overtaking there should be double white lines between Millbrook and the Towers.

The Parish Council is concerned about the length of time the roadworks are due to take. Concern was also raised regarding the lack of communication from Highways England to local residents and to the Parish Council. The Parish Council will investigate the reasons as to why it was only the residents of West Drive that received leaflets.

Councillor Grace mentioned that he had managed to source a sponsor for the dog poo bins. At an approximate cost of £120.00 each. Councillor Grace proposed purchasing two bins. These to be bought through the Parish Council so the VAT can be claimed back. All were in favour.

**9083 FLOOD DAMAGE**

The Parish Councillors discussed the reasons for the recent flooding that lead to water gushing into some homes. It was considered it was not only the heavy rain that caused the flooding and it is believed a joining pipe around the Mount Pleasant area could not cope with the large amount of water and matters were not helped by the number of blocked drains/grids in the village.

Councillor Clarke and Jenner have put in numerous requests to High Peak Borough Council to have the drains/grids cleaned and cleared.

The members agreed it is necessary to ensure as much as possible is done to make sure this doesn’t happen again.

**9084 TREE PLANTING**

Councillor Grace passed around a plan to all the members showing the types of trees to be planted on the Sexton Street recreational field. He mentioned funding is available for some of the trees. It is thought a small corner plot could be reserved for pupils of the primary school to plant their own trees. There was agreement from the Parish Councillors to get rid of the branches and hedges around the Sexton Street playing fields. Also, Councillor Grace proposed fixing a gate and some fencing down by the steps, off the recreation ground onto Bank Lane. All were in favour. Councillor Grace agreed to get some quotes.

**9085 PLANS FOR THE USE OF THE SEXTON STREET LAND**

The Parish Council members discussed in detail some ideas for the new building on the Sexton Street land. Looking at previously drawn plans they discussed what might need to be done. The Parish Councillors considered what the size of the building should be and the range of activities the facilities are likely to be used for including the bowling club and youth club. It may be an idea to ask villagers what sort of activities they would like to see the new building used for. Councillor Crossland mentioned the need to get an architect to draw up the plans professionally before looking into any lottery grants. Then to find out what lottery grants are available.

Councillor Stevenson mentioned she would search a number of websites to look for available funding. Councillor Stevenson also mentioned the building could also include an information point, as Tintwistle is at the head of the Longendale Valley.

Councillor Clarke suggested the first thing the Parish Council should do is peg out the area and measure the plot.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

**Precept**

At the precept meeting in January the Parish Councillors recommended keeping the precept figure for 2017/18 the same as the previous year at £17,500. Proposed by Councillor Crossland and seconded by Councillor Jenner, all were in favour.