**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 24th April 2017 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present: W Clarke Apologies: J Crossland

 P Jenner S Grace

 K Lester J Jackson

 D Marshall T Smith-Lowe

 G Ralph M Stevenson

**9095 APOLOGIES**

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

**9096 MINUTES OF 2OTH MARCH 2017**

The Parish Council was informed, Councillor Grace has contacted R Ralph regarding the fencing work required along the footpath that leads from the recreation ground to Bank Lane.

It is to be noted that when a job or some work needs to be done for the Parish Council, the Parish Councillors agreed on contacting those individuals in the village who have been reliable, trustworthy and have a long standing record of doing previous work for the Parish Council.

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

**9097 DCC**

A copy of the Highway Works Notification was received for the forthcoming street lighting works in Glossop, Tintwistle, Charlesworth and Chisworth.

A poster was received regarding the Step Up Beat Heat Crime campaign. This aims to raise awareness of the services offered by Derbyshire Victim Services and Stop Hate Uk.

**9098 HPBC**

An invitation was received from Highways England re: Planning Future Investment In England’s Strategic Roads. Multiple events from 8th May 2017 to 18th May 2017.

**9099 DALC**

A circular was distributed regarding the following – New DCLG guidance on Transparency funding – National Living Wage New Rates from 1 April 2017 – New Governance & Accountability Guide – Proposed new NALC model contract.

**9100 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Councillor Jenner stated there is no High Peak Borough Council meeting to report on at this time. Councillor Jenner passed on a request received from the Projects Officer from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council regarding allotment rent for the Arnfield and Conduit Street sites. The members were informed the matter has been dealt with recently.

Regarding the Mottram bypass proposal, a survey was conducted on 5th April 2017 throughout Tintwistle. A report is available showing responses from Tintwistle residents and a summary of these results. Councillor Jenner mentioned he sent a letter to Highways England giving his own personal opinion regarding this issue. Copies were distributed to the Parish Councillors.

Councillor Jenner informed the members he had attended a recent consultation meeting regarding the Mottram bypass/Trans-pennine upgrade programme.

Councillor Jenner mentioned the security floodlights were up and working on the Conduit Street allotment site. It was suggested writing a thank you letter to DCC Crime Police.

In a recent survey carried out by the members of the youth club it was noted the responses were similar to a survey taken in 2004 with, briefly: a) Keep post office open – 323 b) By-Pass – 317 c) Youth Club – 315.

**9101 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

It was explained that the cost of grass cutting included in the accounts figures is likely to be what the Parish Council will pay on a regular basis.

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

**9102 FACILITIES FOR YOUTH**

No report at this time.

**9103 WEBSITE**

The Parish Councillors discussed the lack of fibre optic broadband availability in Tintwistle, causing delays in internet access. The Parish Councillors proposed contacting BT to emphasise the need for a Parish Council to have greater capacity and also, if anything can be done to provide the Parish Council with fibre optic broadband in the near future.

**9104 MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Marshall put forward the idea of charging £120 per time for use of the Parish Council facilities for the forthcoming DCC and general elections. Proposed by Councillor Jenner and seconded by Councillor Marshall with all in favour of the new charge.

Councillor Clarke mentioned enquiries have been made to Highways England and United Utilities regarding the maintenance for the wall along the A628. There has been no reply to an email sent to United Utilities as yet.

Councillor Ralph raised concern regarding the amount of rubbish people are dumping at the top of Woodhead, at a layby near Crowden. People are just parking at the layby and dumping rubbish or driving through throwing litter from the vehicle window. A number of similar incidents were discussed by the Parish Councillors. Councillor Clarke suggested that maybe this area could be included in the tidy tinsel event Councillor Grace is holding in the near future.

Councillor Marshall made a request to get aggregate stones for the mud path at the entrance to the recreation field to allow people to walk across the area. The members agreed to the request.

The Parish Councillors agreed to hold its Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 22nd May at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.