**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 26th June 2017 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present: W Clarke Apologies: J Crossland

 S Grace J Jackson

 D Marshall P Jenner

 T Smith-Lowe K Lester

 M Stevenson G Ralph

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr J Crossland, Cllr J Jackson, Cllr P Jenner, Cllr K Lester and Cllr G Ralph.

**MINUTES OF 22TH MAY 2017**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Smith-Lowe and seconded by Cllr Marshall with all in favour that they are approved.

**HPBC**

Notice of planning application – HPK/2017/0262 – removal of the existing conservatory and a proposed single storey extension to the rear.

Also, HPK/2017/0332 – to extend a full bay window at the front elevation of the property.

**PDNP**

Notice of planning application – NP/HPK/0517/0521 – EE (UK) Ltd – Land adjacent to Torside reservoir.

A notice on the consultation on updating the Peak District National Park management plan for 2018–2023.

**DALC**

A circular was distributed regarding the following – Transparency Fund – Updated Legal Topic notes – HR news – NALC star council award 2017 – Grants and Funding bulletin - insurance cover.

**REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Apologies were received from Cllr Jenner, there is no report at this time.

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

The accounts were proposed by Cllr Marshall and seconded by Cllr Smith-Lowe with all in favour that they be approved.

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

**FACILITIES FOR YOUTH**

On behalf of the Parish Council Cllr Grace thanked everyone involved in the recent GALA day. It was a great success and a brilliant day.

The Scarecrow competition will be held from 17th July to 23rd July 2017. The recipients of this year will be First Tintwistle Scouts Group.

Cllr Clarke thanked the members of the Friends of Conduit Street Playing Fields committee for all they have done.

Cllr Stevenson informed the members that TAGA have formed more formal links with the primary school - pupils are getting involved in activity sessions.

**WEBSITE**

Information to be put on the website from the clubs and societies in the village is being chased up.

**MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Grace apologised for being absent from the last couple of Parish Council meetings. Cllr Grace mentioned he had received a request from the residents of the Old Schoolhouse properties regarding the small road linking the Parish Council offices (recently re-tarmacked) – would the Parish Council be happy to put in place a road calming measure e.g. a couple of bollards to deter vehicles using the road. All were in favour.

Another request is to have a gate installed from the end of the bowling green going across the road. After discussion the Parish Councillors agreed there is no need for a gate and a sign should be adequate.

Cllr Grace mentioned getting a quote for the fencing work at the far end of the recreation ground, costing approximately £1076.00. Adding, Mrs Grace has offered to do up a plan for the costing/cutting of hedges around the recreation area.

The Holly Bank fencing work is now completed.

Cllr Stevenson said she had received a number of concerns regarding the steps at the far end of the recreation ground that lead to Bank Lane, they are uneven and could lead to accidents. The Parish Councillors agreed in favour of installing handrails to run alongside the steps.

Cllr Stevenson raised concern regarding maintaining the borders around the recreation ground and basketball area. The strimmer being used is not sufficient for the purpose. The Parish Councillors were in favour of purchasing a bladed more robust strimmer.

Cllr Grace made a request for the Parish Council to donate the £40, £30, £20 prize money for the winners of the scarecrow competition. All agreed to the request.

The Parish Councillors all agreed to the date of 29th of July 2017 to judge the entries to this years’ garden competition. The entries forms are to be sent out to residents shortly.

Cllr Clarke mentioned John Le Page had asked for weed killer for the Cenotaph viewing garden – would the Parish Council agree for Cllr Clarke to obtain the weed killer (licence required). All were in favour.

The Clerk read aloud a letter received from local residents regarding the traffic on Old Road. Derbyshire County Council, High Peak Borough Council and the MP are to receive a copy of this letter (to highlight residents’ concerns and ask what they can do about this issue). The Parish Council discussed the traffic concerns on Old Road suggested a number of traffic calming measures. It was suggested writing to Derbyshire County Council to request a ‘No Entry ‘sign to be placed at the top of Old Road.

Cllr Stevenson enquired if there were any further developments regarding the flood damage. Nothing new to report a this time.

Regarding the damaged wall running along the A628 Cllr Clarke mentioned the Parish Council’s solicitor has been instructed to act on the Councils behalf and contact Highways England regarding maintenance responsibility.

With reference to improvements required to the access road leading to the Arnfield allotment site. Cllr Stevenson informed the members she had looked into the matter, commenting that road plainings are in short supply. She contacted a number of different companies about the work that needs to be done, with a rough estimate costing (£1500 - £2000) for packing down and laying the plainings. Cllr Marshall said he would check out further pricings for plainings. Cllr Stevenson mentioned that all the companies would require a site visit to give proper advice Cllr Stevenson requested another Councillor present at these visits. Cllr Marshall agreed.

Cllr Marshall informed the members of a complaint received regarding some damage to the side room next to the main hall during the little gems session. The organisers are to be informed of the complaint.

Cllr Marshall raised the issue of the mud path at the recreation field beside the Parish Hall he suggested tarmacking a small area at the entrance, adding a low fence and posts to direct traffic to the far end of the field at busy times. All voted in favour.

The Parish Council thanked the well dressing committee for all the hard work and effort.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm