## TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Councillors Present: W Clarke Apologies: J Jackson

 P Jenner K Lester

 J Crossland G Ralph

 S Grace

 D Marshall

 T Smith-Lowe

 M Stevenson

**9086 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor J Jackson, Councillor Lester and Councillor G Ralph.

**9087 MINUTES OF 20TH FEBRUARY 2017**

Councillor Grace referred to minute 9084 and mentioned two trees have been trimmed on the Sexton Street recreation ground. Also, in relation to minute 9084 Councillor Stevenson stated the primary school pupils may be given a corner plot at the recreation ground when the trees are planted to maintain and look after. The minutes were proposed by Councillor Jenner and seconded by Councillor Grace with all in favour that they be approved.

**9088 DCC**

A notice was received regarding new charges at household waste recycling centres. Charges are being introduced from 3rd April 2017 for some types of waste accepted at Derbyshire County Council recycling centres. The types of waste that will be charged for include concrete, cement, mortar and ceramics.

**9089 DALC**

A circular was distributed regarding the following – DALC Spring Seminar – Local Council Award Scheme- Neighbourhood Planning Bill update – Legal Topic Note updates.

**9090 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Jenner mentioned the situation on land ownership regarding the recent Mount Pleasant flooding is still ongoing but will be resolved soon.

Since the recent High Peak Borough Council full meeting it will have been noticed now by Parish Councillors and residents that dwelling rents have been reduced by 1% and the Band D rate increased by 1.9%. Councillor Matthew Stone was nominated and accepted for Mayor and Chair of High Peak Borough Council for 2017/18.

Councillor Jenner reported there was some minimum damage to a gate on the Conduit Street allotments caused by youths trying to gain access. The gate has now been fixed. However this has left a feeling of vulnerability, particularly in the dark. An application to floodlight the two main gates on the Conduit Street allotments has been applied for and granted from the DCC Crime Prevention fund. The types of lamps and the costs have been provided for. Agreement is required from Tintwistle Parish Council and there is a need to consult the allotment holders at Conduit Street. The work can be done in the next few weeks. Councillor Jenner proposed going ahead with the floodlights, seconded by Councillor Grace and all agreed.

Councillor Jenner handed out copies of information he received from High Peak Borough Council regarding the road widening and improvement scheme in Tintwistle at the junction of the A628 and West Drive, including the west bound bus shelter. The information detailing what is being proposed. A plan attached showed the impact on the area. The Parish Council members looked at the plan and discussed the information.

Also discussed was the the Trans-pennine upgrade programme. The Parish Councillors felt the route Highways England want to take will not benefit Tintwistle.

A number of public consultation events are planned. Councillor Jenner mentioned attending the last consultation event as he wishes to put forward his objections to the intended proposals.

**9091 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

The Clerk mentioned the Parish Council has received payment of the VAT refund. This includes the VAT paid in relation to the purchase of the land at Sexton Street.

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

In relation to finance Councillor Jenner mentioned High Peak Borough Council was considering a change to the grant allocated to Parish Councils, during discussions Councillor Jenner argued to include the Parish Council grant in the budget. The precept still stands.

**9092 FACILITIES FOR YOUTH**

Councillor Crossland mentioned there will be a soccer school for kids that will take place over the Easter.

**9093 WEBSITE**

The Parish Council was informed that fibre optic broadband is not available at the moment in the area.

**9094 MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Grace mentioned the recreation ground has now been trimmed and tidied. John Le Page has helped with the work. A tidy up organised. Councillor Grace added, there has been a lot of cleaning and clearing done at the far end of the tennis courts. The Parish Council is very grateful to all the volunteers.

Councillor Stevenson asked if the Police and Crime Commissioner, Hardyal Dhindsa, had replied to the invitation to attend the GALA. The Clerk responded there has been no reply as yet.

Councillor Marshall enquired if any decision had been made on the purchasing of the dog poo bins. Councillor Grace informed the members he had received a number of quotes.

Councillor Grace enquired if the notice board could be revamped.

Councillor Stevenson raised concern regarding hens straying from an allotment plot on the Arnfield site. The hens are roaming around and have caused damage to her allotment. Also of concern is the condition of this allotment, untidy and in need of clearing. The Parish Council members discussed this issue. It was agreed the allotment holder needs to be informed the hens have to go with immediate effect and that the allotment is required to be tidied to a satisfactory standard.

The Clerk read aloud a letter received from the residents of the Old Schoolhouse properties regarding the road linking the Parish Council offices and the three schoolhouse properties. In the first instance, the members felt the deeds need to be looked at and a number of points need to be checked out regarding responsibility and maintaining the linking road.

The Parish Council members noted Hadfield and Padfield have numerous 20 mph stickers around the area. The members questioned the possibility of getting some for Tintwistle. Councillor Jenner explained that Hadfield and Padfield are in a trial 20mph area zone and at the moment this is not being extended to anywhere else.

The members agreed to hold the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 24th of April due to the Easter bank holiday weekend.

 The meeting closed at 9.50pm.