**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 18th September 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

**9137 APOLOGIES**

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

**9138 MINUTES OF 24TH JULY 2017**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Crossland and seconded by Cllr Grace with all in favour that they are approved.

**9139 DCC**

An information notice was received to close public footpath no. 9 Tintwistle for a distance of 30 metres from the north end at the Ebenezer Brow crossing from 4th September 2017 to 29th September 2017.

Information was received regarding Gold Cards. As a majority of cards will expire in September and October a public campaign has been launched to promote the need for renewal.

**9140 DALC**

A circular was received regarding the following – DALC AGM – New General Data Protection Regulations - £13 million Woodland Creation confirmed.

**9141 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Jenner mentioned at the recent High Peak Borough Council meeting the topic of conversation was the motion – NHS proposal consultation on Shire Hill possible closure. Cllr Jenner explained the recent cuts from Government funding was the reason the consultation is been considered. The people of Glossop want to keep the Shire Hill facility open and High Peak Borough Council should support that position - the consultation was approved. During discussion on this subject the Parish Councillors were also in support of the people of Glossop to keep the facility open. A letter of support to be written to the NHS trust.

Also, submitted at the meeting a question for the Executive Councillor for Environmental Services.

A Councillor mentioned several reports of bins being damaged by the bin crew but had not been reported by the bin crew. When customers call they are being told they have to pay for a replacement bin.

Can the executive member look at putting a procedure in place for these damaged bin reports to be looked into and where damage has occurred but not been reported by the crew, a free replacement bin could be offered.

The Executive Councillor for Operational services replied – he will be speaking to colleagues to ensure that they continue to keep thorough and accurate records of damaged bins. Where there is doubt about the accuracy of such reports to impress upon them the requirement to provide a replacement at their cost.

Regarding the flood damage Cllr Jenner reported that High Peak have done a bit of work on the drains including some road works. But it will take some time to sort.

Cllr Jenner apologised for being unable to hold his monthly surgery session.

Cllr Crossland raised concern regarding motorbikes racing up and down a number of pathways in the area, causing a nuisance where people are walking – one near West Drive football field, the pathway at the start of Speedwell another at South Close near the school. Metal barriers had been put in place to deter this but to little effect. Something needs to be done. The Parish Council members discussed this matter and agreed the need to write to High Peak Borough Council explaining the situation and asking if they can do anything about it.

Regarding the maintenance issue of the damaged section of the wall running along the A628, the Parish Council was informed a letter is due from the solicitor with reference to the legal situation.

**9142 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

The accounts were proposed by Cllr Jenner and seconded by Cllr Crossland with all in favour that they are approved.

**9143 FACILITIES FOR YOUTH**

Regarding getting volunteers to help with the youth club Cllr Jenner commented there has been little change over the summer months.

**9144 WEBSITE**

A website update meeting was held recently (Clerk and Cllr Stevenson). Copies of draft procedures (including purposes of the website, procedures for launching, update and maintenance) were handed to the Parish Councillors for discussion, Cllr Stevenson asked for any comments.

The launch date is proposed for October 2nd 2017, the actual launch date is the start of the development of the website.

The Parish Council members agreed on the two administrators – Clerk and Cllr M Stevenson. It was also considered an idea to ask a local person with relevant experience if they are interested in joining the website committee.

As the Clerk is paid for hours worked a record of any extra time required for the website should be noted.

The Parish Councillors voted to go ahead with the next stage of development of the website.

**9145 MATTERS ARISING**

A review of the allotments was completed by Cllr Stevenson, Cllr Marshall and Cllr Smith-Lowe during September 2017. Copies of the allotment review recommendations/observations were handed out to all Parish Councillor for discussion. The overall conclusion is, the condition of the allotments on the Conduit Street site have improved. However, there are some concerns over a number of plots on the Arnfield and Manchester Road sites, showing little or no activity. The Parish Council members discussed the recommendations - included in discussions was at the idea that where an allotment holder has more than one plot and is struggling there should be an option to give up that plot.

Warning letters are to be sent out to the holders of the plots of concern.

Cllr Grace thanked Cllr Jenner for help from the Initiative Fund towards the scarecrow competition, raising £240 to go to the scouts group. Next year the funds raised from the competition will be allocated to a senior group in the village.

Cllr Grace mentioned a lot of time and effort has been spent on improvements on the tennis courts - the fencing has been cut right back and new tennis nets provided.

Cllr Stevenson and Cllr Grace are following up on the surface improvements required to the access road leading to the Arnfield allotment site.

Cllr Marshall enquired about the handrails to be installed along the steps at Bank Lane. Cllr Grace replied, the contractor has been contacted and a price agreed.

Cllr Smith-Lowe raised concern regarding the New Road viewing garden. The garden is over run with weeds. Cllr Clarke advised organising some weed killer and requesting John Le Page to do the work.

Cllr Stevenson requested putting an item on the agenda for the next meeting – Planning for the Sexton Street site.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.