**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 16th October 2017 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present: W Clarke Apologies: J Jackson

J Crossland P Jenner

S Grace G Ralph

K Lester T Smith-Lowe

D Marshall

M Stevenson

Cllr Clarke mentioned to the Parish Council, Tameside Reporter and Glossop Chronicle journalist David Jones has been nominated for an O2 Stand Out Award. David Jones was congratulated on his nomination.

**9146 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr J Jackson, Cllr P Jenner, Cllr G Ralph and Cllr T Smith-Lowe.

**9147 MINUTES OF 18TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

Cllr Grace referred to the scarecrow competition mentioning he had received a very nice letter from the Scouts Group, thanking the Parish Council for the funds raised from the competition.

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

**9148 DCC**

A notice was received that Derbyshire County Council has launched a set of bus and volunteer car services called Derbyshire Connect. Derbyshire Connect Dial-a-bus and Derbyshire Connect Active Travel services are for people who are not able to use conventional public transport.

Information on Derbyshire mobile libraries was received.

Notice was received regarding the temporary road closure of West Drive, Tintwistle to facilitate the A628 Manchester road widening and junction improvement.

**9149 DALC**

A circular was received regarding the following – DALC AGM – Nominations for President and Vice Presidents 2017-2018 – DALC Survey.

Information on the Annual Report 2016 – 2017 of the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils.

**9150 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

There is no report at this time.

**9151 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

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

**9152 FACILITIES FOR YOUTH**

There is no further report at this time.

**9153 WEBSITE**

Cllr Stevenson mentioned a meeting has been arranged with a local resident to confirm if interested in joining the website committee and becoming an administrator.

**9154 MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Grace updated the Parish Council on the flood damage caused by heavy rain earlier in the year and on the blocked drains and grids in the village. He mentioned the gully at the top of Mount Pleasant has been cleared and returned to its old status.

Cllr Grace added, the Environment Agency needs more help from local residents to build a larger case file for greater effect to move forward.

The members referred to the warning letters that were sent out to the plot holders of the allotments that are of concern (following the inspection in September), discussing the next step - the follow up process and what further action should be taken.

It was considered, following the next allotment inspection and if there have been no signs of improvements on the allotments where a warning letter was sent then a letter of notice should be issued. It was also felt, the Parish Council should be made aware of any circumstances i.e. illness where a plot holder is unable to attend to or is struggling with their allotment. In certain cases it may be helpful to advise a plot holder to share/give up an allotment.

The Parish Council discussed an e-mail Cllr Grace received regarding the Ebenezer Brow road restricitions.

The issue of resurfacing the Old Road driveway to the Arnfield allotments was raised. The Parish Council is in favour of doing a complete and proper resurfacing job as proposed by Cllr Jenner and seconded by Cllr Smith-Lowe. It was also agreed that funds from the allotment renewal payments would be used towards the costs.

Cllr Stevenson and Cllr Grace explained in detail the quotes received from Manchester Resurfacing and D & D Landscapes. It was agreed that both firms would do a reliable and good job.

Cllr Stevenson and Cllr Grace asked the Parish Council to make the final decision on the firm to contract the job to. Having discussed the quotes, costs and work involved under the headings – planings, MOT and depth, compacting and kerbs. The Parish Council put the decision to a vote – four in favour of D & D Landscapes and one in favour of Manchester Resurfacing – the majority voting in favour of D & D Landscapes.

It was noted Remembrance Sunday is 12th of November.

**9155 PLANNING FOR SEXTON STREET**

The Parish Council discussed initial plans and ideas for the new Sexton Street building. It was suggested the first step is to decide on what the building is to be used for - activities and events the Parish Council and community would like to see taking place. There is a lot of work involved in organising and starting up the process. Cllr Stevenson mentioned there are four possible funding streams, it is not possible for one funding stream to provide all the necessary funds.

Cllr Crossland mentioned, in the first instance there is the need to contact a good architect and arrange a meeting. Cllr Lester advised she would contact Mr Nicholson. In time, when the plans have been drawn up then the Parish Council can apply to High Peak Borough Council for planning permission.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.