**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 28th November 2016 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present: W Clarke Apologies: J Jackson

 P Jenner

 J Crossland

 S Grace

 K Lester

 D Marshall

 G Ralph

 T Smith-Lowe

 M Stevenson

**9061 APOLOGIES**

Councillor J Jackson.

**9062 MINUTES OF 17TH OCTOBER 2016**

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

**9063 DCC**

A shale gas and fracking informative note was distributed. Information on Derbyshire Open Arts event which takes place at spring bank holiday was circulated.

**9064 HPBC**

A circular was distributed with notification from BT that they intend to remove a significant number of pay phone kiosks across the High Peak. A letter is to be sent to High Peak Borough Council expressing the Parish Council’s concerns.

**9065 DALC**

Circulars were distributed with information including the following – Annual Executive Meeting & AGM – Police and Crime Commissioner funding for communities – Neighbourhood Planning update from DCLG – Grants for Green Spaces – Derbyshire Alert Community Messaging System – Update from the Derbyshire County Council Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum – Responsive bus service for rural residents.

**9066 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Jenner mentioned the proposed new development at the Bridge Mills site. BXB Ltd recently acquired the site. They arranged a meeting recently with Councillor Jenner and Councillor Clarke to discuss emerging proposals for its redevelopment. Councillor Jenner mentioned talks have also taken place with the County Council. BXB Ltd stated, the site is to be cleaned up of contamination from previous landfill operations and made ready for development.

Leaflets are to be distributed to residents in New Road, Tintwistle, explaining their intentions regarding the site and the proposed redevelopment. It was mentioned to the members that when the planning application is submitted, residents and the public can express their views, comments and objections to High Peak Borough Council.

The Parish Council discussed the flooding which occurred on Monday 21st of November. A number of properties throughout the village suffered flood damage. A number of Councillors were approached by residents with damage to their properties. Concern was raised regarding having adequate drains to deal with flooding as a number of drains were blocked. Also, the Parish Council discussed the need to get in touch with High Peak Borough Council to ensure the grids are cleared and cleaned.

**9067 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

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

**9068 FACILITIES FOR YOUTH**

No report at this time.

**9069 ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor Stevenson raised the issue of having better pathways around the allotments. The plainings alone are not enough to line the pathways, as they can be easily scratched. Tarmac would be more sufficient.

Councillors Marshall and Stevenson carried out a second review of the allotments on 14th of October 2016. This follows the allotment inspection in April 2016. The Councillors reported their findings. The report outlined how the allotments were assessed, providing comments, recommendations and conclusions. The report also mentioned the allotments that did not meet the standards required in the Parish Council’s terms and conditions.

The Clerk read aloud a letter that was received on behalf of concerned allotment residents. The concern was regarding straying chickens/hens from allotment no. 14. They are causing damage to the surrounding allotments. The Parish Council agreed to give the plot holder six weeks to improve the situation. If there is no significant improvement by the end of the six weeks the tenancy will be terminated. A letter is to be sent out to the tenant. Proposed by Councillor Grace and seconded by Councillor Jenner.

**9070 WEBSITE**

Councillor Stevenson mentioned it has been arranged for a local photographer to take photographs of different locations in Tintwistle, these will then be placed on the website. The Clerk informed the Parish Council, a laptop and BT hub have been purchased for the website use.

**9071 MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Grace updated the Parish Council on the trees at Sexton Street playing fields. The work has now been completed.

The Christmas tree is to be put up shortly. Councillor Grace made a request to purchase new lights- costing approximately £20 - £30. The Parish Council agreed.

The Parish Council members agreed the next meeting will be held in January 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm