**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 23rd July 2018 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present: W Clarke Apologies: J Jackson

S Grace K Lester

J Crossland G Ralph

P Jenner

D Marshall

T Smith-Lowe

M Stevenson

**9214 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Jackson, Cllr Lester and Cllr Ralph.

**9215 MINUTES OF 18TH JUNE 2018**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Smith-Lowe and seconded by Cllr Crossland with all in favour.

**9216 DCC**

A copy of the draft Derbyshire Bus Partnership Plan 2018 – 2023 (March 2018 version) was distributed.

The members were informed that Derbyshire Constabulary and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service are hosting an open day at the Joint Training Centre, Fire and Police HQ, Ripley on the 4th of August 2018.

**9217 HPBC**

Arcadis are Highways England’s consultants for the Trans-Pennine Upgrade Project. As part of the consultation process they want to meet with local Parish Councils to explain the details of the project and to answer any questions that members may have. The Clerk will contact Arcadis to arrange a convenient date for a presentation.

**9218 DALC**

A circular was distributed with information regarding the following – Launch of the Derbyshire Excellence Awards – Derbyshire Dales District Council Consultants – Launch of the Great British High Street Awards.

**9219 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Jenner stated there was no High Peak Borough Council meeting recently so there is no report at this time.

**9220 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

The accounts were proposed by Cllr Marshall and seconded by Cllr Crossland and all approved in favour.

**9221 WEBSITE**

BT have now fixed the damaged phone line. Internet access is available again.

**9222 ALLOTMENT INSPECTION REPORT**

An allotment review inspection was carried out in June 2018 by Cllr Stevenson and Cllr Smith-Lowe. The review identified those allotments that do not meet the standards required by the Terms and Conditions – allotments that are not cultivated, worked on or used properly.

The report made a number of recommendations. The Parish Council discussed these recommendations and the allotments causing concern, deciding on the action required. The decisions made included a letter to terminate a tenancy and letters requesting that plots are tidied and maintained. The allotments will continue to be monitored. It was considered that a number of tenants may be struggling to maintain their allotments. It was therefore agreed that one or two Parish Councillors should speak to these tenants. To see if help is required or if they would consider subdividing their allotments for easier maintenance. Cllr Grace proposed getting a fence for allotment no. 9 (due to be released soon), seconded by Cllr Jenner and all agreed. A number of allotments should be available soon and will be allocated to those on the waiting list. It was also mentioned that at the time of the inspection some of the allotments were difficult to access, this was discussed.

**9223 UPDATING TRAFFIC ISSUES**

There is no report at this time.

**9224 STORM DAMAGE**

Nothing further to report at this time.

**9225 PLANNING FOR THE NEW BUILDING**

Regarding the new building, Cllr Clarke mentioned that Tintwistle Community Centre has some money in reserve. It has always been the intention that this money is used for fixtures and fittings.

The Community Centre members would be happy to help the Parish Council with funding the new building, to join in and be part of the committee.

**9226 MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Grace mentioned that good quality nets have been purchased for the tennis courts and football posts. There appears to be some confusion regarding leaving the nets up or taking them down when they are not in use. It was considered the nets should be left up but to check the insurance situation first.

Cllr Grace made a request to the Parish Council to donate the £40, £30 and £20 prize monies for the scarecrow competition and to donate the £75 for the garden competition winners. All agreed to the requests. Cllr Grace thanked all the people that took part in and those involved in the scarecrow and garden competitions. The prizes are to be awarded to the winners at the Autumn Fair. Cllr Clarke thanked Cllr Grace for organising these competitions.

A number of queries have been received regarding the planted area at the roundabout at the top of West Drive/A628 junction. A-One+, working on behalf of Highways England were contacted. They advised the reason the shrubbery had to be cut down to the ground was due to the give way line having to be placed further back on the road as visibility had to be maintained. It is expected the area will recover from the cut back next year. However the height will need to be checked regularly to maintain visibility. A number of Parish Councillors have checked visibility at the roundabout and noted that there is proper vision when turning right or left. The area will continue to be monitored.

Cllr Smith-Lowe raised concern regarding the recent condition of the ladies toilet. Noting the facilities are not being kept very clean and require proper attention.

Cllr Jenner and the bowling club secretary recently inspected the steps outside the Parish Council hall. Cllr Jenner mentioned that the steps were in a state of disrepair and for safety reasons require urgent attention. He proposed the steps should be fixed - sooner rather than later. Seconded by Cllr Grace. In addition, the steps at the back of the building and the bowling club steps are also considered dangerous and require attention.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.