**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held remotely on Monday 15th February 2021 at 7.00pm**

Councillors Present: M Stevenson N Naz

A Dyer T Owens

J Crossland T Wynne

S Grace B M Lowrie (Parish Clerk)

P Jenner

**9571 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Scriven.

**9572 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

The Borough Councillors’ report was distributed to all Parish Councillors and discussed. Under the item HPBC Committees, it was noted, opposition was voiced to the Economy and Growth Select Committee regarding the A57 Link Road/Mottram Bypass. Cllr Dyer proposed a request to Cllr Baker to clarify if the opposition mentioned was a personal view or that of Tintwistle residents, seconded by Cllr Wynne.

**9573 MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2020**

Update:

**Point 9526 -** The Clerk informed the members a google shared drive account has been set up.

**Point 9552 –** Regarding Assets of Community Value, Cllr Stevenson mentioned this item is to be taken forward to a future meeting.

**Point 9562** – It was noted, Cllr Stevenson had attended the Chairs’ meetings held by DALC.

**Point 9563 –** It was agreed to invite an officer from Derbyshire Police to attend the March or April Parish Council meeting.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Wynne and seconded by Cllr Crossland, all agreed.

**9574 DCC**

Information was received regarding the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Vulnerability Fund.

Notice of temporary footpath closure, nos. 12 & 21 Tintwistle Parish and nos. 52 & 61 Charlesworth Parish from 29th January 2021 to 18th February 2021.

**9575 HPBC**

Information was received from Highways England regarding the A628 and A616 improvement programme for 2020-21.

**9576 DALC**

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**9577 LOCAL RESIDENTS**

A letter was received from Hallina Billingham, founder of a group called ‘Save Roughfields’ set up to oppose the planning for the development of 102 houses on the Roughfields area in Hadfield. A request for the Parish Council to support the cause. The decision to support the cause or not, was put to a vote. The members voted – 4 supported, 4 against and 1 abstained.

The Parish Council agreed to a partial response, a collective reply from the members who support the cause.

A letter was received from a local resident informing the Parish Council of two benches to be donated. Cllr Grace advised the members, he has agreed to collect the benches, to be used for the benefit of the village. Their location has yet to be decided.

A request from Tintwistle WI to use the Council offices in 2021, when Covid restricitions are lifted, was agreed.

**9578 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

1. Alliance Environmental agreement – Approval to agree and sign the litter bin emptying contract and invoice for £271.91.

Approval for grass cutting at Sexton Street field, May to October 2020, invoice for £438.88

1. Bus shelter maintainance, approval of Parish Council for agreement to be signed.
2. Approval for extra dog waste bins. To clarify with Cllr Scriven if two or three bins are required.

The above proposals were agreed as were the accounts to 31st January 2021, proposed by Cllr Wynne and seconded by Cllr Dyer, all in favour.

At the precept meeting in January 2021, the Parish Councillors agreed to keep the precept figure for 2021/2022 the same as the previous year, at £17,500. Proposed by Cllr Jenner and seconded by Cllr Grace, all in favour.

**9579 COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE AND REPORT**

In relation to the MUGA, Cllr Crossland explained a condition survey of the tennis courts area was carried out by Surfacing Standards, with recommendations and costs. Cllr Crossland mentioned that there are four possible options available regarding resurfacing the tennis courts area.

The sub-committee members are hopeful that a grant can be obtained for 80% of the costs from the Football Foundation, it was noted that this is one of their priority projects.

Cllr Stevenson thanked Cllr Crossland on behalf of the sub-committee for progressing with the MUGA plans. Cllr Stevenson mentioned applying to the National Lottery Reaching Communities Funding to seek to secure £500,000 for the Community Centre project. A consultation strategy is required for the funding application. The consultation survey will be launched on 1st March for five weeks.

This will include the following – A digital online survey, paper based multi choice questionnaires, telephone survey, survey tools.

The Parish Council was asked to approve the following:

1. The plans for a MUGA
2. The consultation strategy
3. Progress to date

Proposed by Cllr Wynne and seconded by Cllr Grace, all agreed.

**9580 ALLOTMENTS UPDATE**

Cllr Jenner explained an allotment site visit had been arranged recently to establish the amount of work required on the plots. Cllr Jenner gave an update on the condition of a number of allotments (in disrepair) and pathways.

The following proposals were put to the Parish Council and discussed.

1. Installation of fencing and gates – Three new gates are to be constructed to allow access to the new sites that are to be allocated out.
2. Cllr Grace proposed drawing up a revised allotment plan to reflect the layout of the new plots and pathways.
3. On one particular plot there is a supply of scrap metal. It was proposed a scrap metal merchant should be contacted to dispose of this.
4. A letter is to be sent to a tenant who has received a termination notice, asking him to vacate the allotments by the end of March.

The above were proposed by Cllr Jenner and seconded by Cllr Grace, all agreed.

It was also agreed six allotments are to be offered out to those on the waiting lists. Agreed allotment plot 42 should be halved, one half to be retained by the present tenant on the condition that the plot is worked on. The other half to be allocated out.

An issue was raised regarding looking at resizing a number of the allotments. This will be taken into account at the March sub-committee meeting. A request was made to invite Cllr Grace to the meeting as a guest.

**9581 TPC COMMUNITY FUND OUTCOMES AND REPORT**

The Parish Council discussed the outcomes of the TPC Community Funding.

The following were proposed by the Selection Panel.

1. In year 21/22 £1000 is allocated to the Community Fund.
2. In year 21/22 the Chair’s Allowance ceases and is replaced by ‘Councillor Business Expenses’. It is suggested that this budget should be £500 and be reviewed annually.
3. To approve the funding criteria for funding applicants.
4. Proposed that non constituted groups can apply to the Council in writing for a donation for specific needs.

The above proposals were approved, proposed by Cllr Dyer and seconded by Cllr Wynne, all agreed.

A letter was received from G Ralph, a request for a donation for the Over 70’s club. Cllr Jenner proposed a donation of £100, seconded by Cllr Owens, all agreed.

**9582 VILLAGE GREEN STATUS**

The Parish Council discussed the application to register land known as Sexton Street recreational grounds and bowling green, Tintwistle, as a village green. Although the application was accepted in December 2013, Derbyshire County Council have asked the Parish Council if it is still wishes to support the application.

Cllr Jenner mentioned he contacted the DCC representative to discuss in detail the implications if the Parish Council chooses (1) not to go ahead with the application or (2) to register the land as a village green.

Both aspects were discussed and the development of the new community centre was taken into consideration.

Cllr Jenner proposed that the Parish Council should not go forward with the application to register the land for village green status at this particular point in time but may come back to the application at some stage in the future, seconded by Cllr Crossland, all agreed.

Cllr Jenner will contact the DCC representative to inform him of this decision.

**9583 TO FURTHER ON LINE BANKING**

The Clerk explained the signature requirements detailed on the Parish Councils’ bank mandate does not presently allow for on line banking with Natwest/RBS. The Clerk outlined the options available to facilitate on line banking. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Natwest/RBS to follow up on the procedures and mandate requirements needed to set up on line banking. Proposed by Cllr Crossland and seconded by Cllr Jenner, all agreed.

**9584 HOLYBANK QUARRY AND REPORT**

Cllr Stevenson and Cllr Owens met with Dave Savage from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to discuss the best ways to maintain and preserve the quarry area. He was encouraged by the potential wildlife and flora around the area.

To develop and encourage the future of the quarry area, the following proposals were put to the Parish Council.

1. To be the first Parish Council to sign up to the Wild Peak Network.
2. To agree to work with a DWT officer to conserve Holybank Quarry area.
3. To consider setting up a ‘Friends of Holybank Quarry Group’.

Approval for the above was proposed by Cllr Owens and seconded by Cllr Grace, all agreed.

**9585 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Parish Council agreed the dates for the next two meetings - 15th March 2021 and 19th April 2021

It was agreed to invite Robert Largan MP to the March or April meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.