**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

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

Councillors Present: M Stevenson T Owens

A Dyer E Scriven

J Crossland T Wynne

S Grace B M Lowrie (Parish Clerk)

P Jenner

**9586 ROBERT LARGAN – MP HIGH PEAK**

The Parish Council welcomed the High Peak MP Robert Largan to the meeting. Robert Largan extended a thank you for the invitation. The members were informed on progress and updates on the Mottram bypass. It was explained the new £4.8 billion levelling up fund will invest in infrastructure to improve everyday life across the UK. High Peak has top priority in this project. Robert Largan also discussed the Transpennine Tunnel, this would have a considerable impact in sorting out Tintwistle traffic issues and provide a massive link between Manchester and Sheffield. Explaining the costs involved, however it is more likely there will be a Hollingworth/Tintwistle bypass than a Transpennine Tunnel.

The MP also referred to Andy Burhams’ Clean Air zone – placing a surcharge on old commercial vehicles. A charge will be placed on HGVs/vans not compliant with green emission standards. As trunk roads are exempt, this will create an extra incentive for HGVs/vans to drive through Tintwistle thus the MP is involved in meetings with DCC, Highways England and TBC to find a solution to avoid this situation.

Robert Largan was happy to answer a number of questions raised by the Parish Councillors. Cllr Grace mentioned the issue of traffic speeding along the A628 and traffic calming measures. Although there is an ongoing campaign in the village to help reduce speeding i.e. speed watches. Cameras would be of much greater benefit.

Regarding the Governments new 3 billion bus revolution Cllr Dyer asked if Robert Largan could provide his support for this to extend to Tintwistle. With reference to a small local bus company who tried to establish a Glossop to Hyde bus service last year but was stopped by Covid-19 and challenging bureaucracy.

Cllr Grace also raised the issue of fly tipping in the village, with particular focus on the Knarrs area.

Robert Largan asked the members to email the details so he could raise these issues with the appropriate authorities.

**9587 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Naz.

**9588 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

The Borough Councillors’ report was distributed to all Parish Councillors and discussed. The Parish Councillors were informed it is presently difficult for the Borough Councillor to regularly attend the Parish Council meetings as he has other commitments on a Monday that coincide. It was considered, if there are issues the Parish Council would like to particularly discuss and raise with the Borough Councillor, invitation arrangements would be made in advance.

**9589 MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2021**

Update:

**Point 9526 -** The Clerk reminded the Parish Councillors to provide the email addresses to be used to access google shared drive.

**Point 9577 –** It was agreed for Cllr Grace to proceed with painting the benches and placing these at Sexton Street playing fields, proposed by Cllr Grace and seconded by Cllr Owens.

**Point 9584 –** Regarding Holy Bank Quarry, Cllr Stevenson mentioned the Regional Officer visited and walked around, looked at various aspects of the quarry. A report will be drafted, providing more information on the quarry. The Friends of the Quarry Group is developing.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Dyer and seconded by Cllr Grace, all agreed.

**9590 HPBC**

Notification of planning application HPK/2021/0063 – R Carrington – 32 West Drive, Tintwistle.

Proposed two storey side and rear extension and single storey extension.

**9591 DALC**

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**9592 LOCAL RESIDENTS**

A letter was received from local resident E Davies with concerns regarding a garden behind the large hedge bordering the bowling green. The Parish Councillors discussed the issues raised i.e. area of garden waste, over grown weeds. It was agreed to contact Environmental Health for advice and Cllr Stevenson, Cllr Grace and Clerk to consider a reply to the letter. Proposed by Cllr Crossland, seconded by Cllr Scriven, all agreed.

As part of the new Willow Gardens development an agreement was made to tarmac the pathway at Speedwell near the allotments that goes along to the school. A query was received from a local resident on the progress of this matter. It was agreed, in the first instance to ask Borough Councillor Rob Baker to follow up on this issue.

**9593 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

1. Payment approval for Social Media training session 17th March with DALC.
2. Payment approval for What3Words signs for defibrillator.

The above were proposed by Cllr Dyer, seconded by Cllr Crossland, all agreed.

It was also agreed to present a local resident celebrating a 100th birthday with a £30 gift to mark the occasion. Proposed by Cllr Grace, seconded by Cllr Owens, all approved.

The accounts were agreed, proposed by Cllr Scriven, seconded by Cllr Crossland with all in favour.

**9594 COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE AND REPORT**

Cllr Stevenson gave an update on the recent progress on the Community Centre project. Explaining the timescale of elements of the project. The Parish Councillors were asked to approve the following:

1. The cost of the topological survery.

Proposed by Cllr Crossland, seconded by Cllr Dyer, all agreed.

1. The virement of funds from the TPC current account to the savings account which is ringfenced for project expenditure.

Significant funds will be required for the building project and considering that the current a/c balance exceeds expenditure for the year it was agreed to make a one off transfer of funds of £20,000 from the current a/c to the savings a/c. It was also agreed, in principle, to review virement of funds every couple of months or other specified time. To consider further transfers of funds between the current and savings accounts.

1. The progress of the consultation.

An update was given on the surveys held.

1. The project timeline to date.
2. The way forward for the demolition of the old building.

A report to be complied to set out the options for a decision.

1. The extension of the membership of the Project Group until December 2021.

The above were proposed by Cllr Grace and seconded by Cllr Crossland, all approved.

Cllr Grace enquired if the Parish Councillors were still happy, in the meantime, to go ahead with some work to enhance the present TPC building, adding a skip may be required. Proposed by Cllr Grace, seconded by Cllr Jenner, all approved.

**9595 ALLOTMENTS UPDATE**

The minutes from the recent allotments sub-committee meeting were distributed to the members, the recommendations and proposals were discussed. A number of issues were raised and considered, including the amount of work required on the allotments, levelling and pegging out the plots, costs involved and when to allow people to commence work on the newly allocated allotments. The Chair, Cllr Stevenson considered the allotment issue required more time to allow for further discussion on the report recommendations. A resolution was agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting in two weeks to discuss the allotment issues, proposed by Cllr Stevenson, seconded by Cllr Jenner, all agreed.

**9596 ISSUES REGARDING STATE OF DRAINS, LIGHTS AND ROADWAY AT WOLLEY MILL LANE TO BE RAISED**

It was agreed to defer this item.

**9597 DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN 2021 – 2023 AND REPORT FOR SUGGESTIONS AND DISCUSSION**

It was agreed to defer this item.

**9598 TO AGREE TO DRAFT A CO-OPTION POLICY**

It was agreed to draft a co-option policy for approval at the April meeting. Proposed by Cllr Stevenson, seconded by Cllr Crossland, all agreed.

**9599 APPROVAL AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING WITH HIGHWAYS ENGLAND REGARDING ROAD SAFETY CONCERNSON THE A628 AT TINTWISTLE**

The above item was agreed and approved, proposed by Cllr Dyer and seconded by Cllr Crossland.

**9600 APPROVAL FOR POLICIES AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was agreed for the approval of policies at future meetings.

**9601 TO GIVE NOTICE FOR CLOSED SESSION ON HR MATTERS**

Approval was agreed for the 28 day notice required for a closed session to discuss HR matters and to confirm date. Proposed by Cllr Owens, seconded by Cllr Dyer, all agreed.

**9602 DATES FOR ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Parish Councillors discussed the dates for holding the Annual Parish meeting and Annual Council meeting. A resolution was agreed to hold both as face to face meetings on the 17th May 2021, adhering to Covid -19 restrictions and guidelines. Presently, Coronavirus legislation to hold meetings virtually extends only until the 7th May 2021. As such, if there is an extension to the legislation this can be considered in April.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.