**TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Monday 21st February 2022 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present: M Stevenson T Owens Apologies: R Largan (MP)

A Dyer E Scriven R Baker

 J Crossland N Naz B M Lowrie -

 S Grace T Wynne (Parish Clerk)

 P Jenner

**9725 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

The Borough Councillor’s report was distributed to Parish Councillors and discussed.

The following items were included in the report.

* The Initiative Fund is now open for applications for the new financial year commencing April 2022. It was agreed that we should make an application towards the new Community Centre. Proposed Cllr Owens, Seconded Cllr Dyer. All agreed
* Litter picking. A date is to be advised.
* Conduit Street Park. Unfortunately, the weather has delayed the installation of the table tennis facility.
* Casework included the repair of the Cinder Path. Cllr Baker’s support for this was noted.
* It was agreed that a joint letter from TPC / HPBC would be submitted to DCC in reference to the continuing matter of flooding on the Waterside / Goddard Lane area.
* Manchester Clean Air Zone. Cllr Baker informed the Parish Council that the scheme has been paused.
* HPBC has announced a Queen’s Platinum Jubilee fund of £550 for Parish Councils towards the event. Proposed that MS should apply for this fund. All agreed

**9726 MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2021**

Update:

**Point 9707 –** PCSO Alan Nield attended the Coffee Morning to listen to residents’ concerns about some youths causing issues in the village. He is aware and is dealing with the matters raised. It was also agreed that the Police would be invited to attend every Council Meeting as a permanent Agenda item. Proposed by Cllr Jenner, seconded by Cllr Dyer. All agreed.

**Point 9701 –** Formal notice has now been received on 3 Arnfield allotments . Cllr Jenner to discuss this and other allotment matters with the Clerk, upon her return in order that the vacant allotments are allocated. Cllr Grace agreed to meet with any proposed new tenant to help them identify their specific allotment allocation. Proposed by Cllr Jenner, seconded by Cllr Dyer. All agreed.

**Point 9722** – Further discussion took place regarding the Cenotaph Tree. In light of no further clarification on this matter, it was agreed that TPC write to HPBC expressing concerns that this matter appears to have been forgotten? Proposed by Cllr Wynne, seconded Cllr Owens. All agreed.

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

**9727 DCC**

Information regarding Mobile Library dates has been received. Cllr Scriven to post on the Facebook sites.

The formal letter confirming the completion of roadworks into and out of Willow Gardens has been received from DCC.

**9728 DALC**

Regular monthly newsletter received and noted by Cllrs.

Details to be obtained regarding the Levelling-Up Fund – MS to formally request information from Robert Largan (MP) by letter, copy to Cllrs Baker and Woods.

MS has been attending DALC Chairs’ meetings and will continue to provide notes for Councillors as appropriate.

**9729 LOCAL RESIDENTS**

An email has been received from Mr Jack Bond, resident of Willow Gardens, regarding the Cinder Path to the rear of his property. This was discussed by Councillors present.

* This first came to the attention of TPC in October 2021
* A local resident (Sara Scott-Rivers) has set up an on-line petition to determine whether people are in support of lighting on the Cinder Path
* Cllr Stevenson contacted the Public Rights of Way Team (PROW) at DCC and their representative attended site, carried out an inspection and agreed a repair was necessary but that it would not be completed in this financial year. However it appears the repairs have begun. (Lighting does not come under the PROW team)
* Meanwhile Sara Scott-Rivers has been completing some research into the types of and costs of, suitable lighting for the Cinder Path.
* Suspension of meeting proposed by Cllr Jenner, seconded by Cllr Dyer, allowing Sara Scott-Rivers to explain the situation to the councillors present.
* A draft response from the Chair to Mr Jack Bond was circulated to Councillors for comment. The draft was agreed, proposed by Cllr Wynne, seconded by Cllr Crossland.

A joint letter has been received from the residents of the School Houses on Sexton Street, requesting suitable signage to deter drivers from travelling past the Council Offices up to the School Houses, unless genuine delivery drivers. Cost of signage to be sought by Cllr Dyer in line with standard TPC signage. Proposed by Cllr Grace, seconded by Cllr Dyer. Cllrs Stevenson and Grace to agree a suitable response to the letter.

**9730 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

It was noted that the two identical invoices from Lynbrook were estimated bills for the periods 4/10/2021 – 3/11/2021 and 4/11/2021 – 3/12/2021.
The charge for January included the costs for printing Newsletters. As the end of January, all charges are up to date.

A credit is due from UW in respect of electricity charges which appear to have been overestimated.

Cllr Dyer mentioned that a proposal will be tabled at the March meeting in respect of the future arrangements for photocopying.

The petty cash amounts included the marquee costs for the Christmas Market and the Display Boards.

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

Marquee costs for 5 June 2022 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Naz, seconded by Cllr Scriven, all agreed.

**9731 TINTWISTLE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The latest Report was discussed by all Councillors and approval agreed for

* Progress on securing a Public Works Loan
* Payment of the Bowling Club Planning Application costs. Proposed by Cllr Naz, seconded by Cllr Grace
* Provisional closure date of the existing Community Centre of 30 September 2022. Proposed by Cllr Jenner, seconded by Cllr Crossland
* Provision of £200 to fund the costs of events promotion and certificates for event organisers. Proposed by Cllr Owens, seconded by Cllr Scriven

Suspension of meeting proposed by Cllr Jenner, seconded by Cllr Crossland to allow the Bowling Club to update Councillors on the progress with their plans for a new facility. It was requested that the Bowling Club regularly update the TPC Project Group on progress.

**NOTE -** Cllrs Wynne and Jenner left the meeting

**9732 CLIMATE EMERGENCY PLAN**

This is a legal requirement of all local authorities, and we have some work to do to ensure we have things in place to ensure compliance. An Action Plan needs to be agreed.

**9733 PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY FUND**

Four local organisations were awarded sums from the Community Fund in January. Christ Church, Tintwistle Conduit Street Playing Field, Tintwistle Ladies (Well Dressing) and Tintwistle Allotment Gardeners’ Association.

**9734 HOLYBANK QUARRY UPDATE**

The Friends of the Quarry Group is meeting on 29 February. Hollie Fisher, DWT, is attending and will advise the group on opportunity mapping. A further report will be presented at the TPC March meeting.

**9735 TREES ON WEST DRIVE - UDATE**

Currently awaiting details of the new arborist in Staffordshire Moorlands, following the recent departure of Monica Gillespie.

**9736 TINTWISTLE FOOTPATH 2 - UPDATE**

Works being completed to re-surface the path.

**9737 QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

A grand Summer Market and Picnic-in-the- Park is planned for 5 June 2022 in the Sexton Street Field. A grant of £550.00 is available from the Jubilee Fund towards this event. Cllrs Stevenson and Scriven to complete the relevant Application Form. Proposed by Cllr Stevenson, seconded by Cllr Wynne

**9738 – MEETING WITH ROBERT LARGAN AND UNITED UTILITIES**

A helpful and very informative meeting took place with Robert Largan and representatives from UU. Cllr Naz to follow up issues with Arnfield with UU.

**9739 – UPDATE ON RECRUITMENT OF CLERK/RFO POST**

The advertisement will be issued on Thursday 24 February 2022. Closing date for applications is Friday 18 March at 5pm. Interview to take place week commencing 28 March 2022. The interview panel was agreed to be Cllrs Stevenson, Naz and Dyer.

Cost of £150 for Quest Media advertisements and recruitment support was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Wynne, seconded by Cllr Crossland

**9740 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 21 March at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.06pm