

# Tintwistle Parish Council Special Community Centre Newsletter July 2023

# Out with the old!



...and in with the new. A brand new state of the art, "green", Community Centre to be proud of....for years to come.



### SOME OF YOUR IDEAS FOR USING YOUR NEW VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE:

- Indoor Sports, Business & Community Meetings, Parties, Weddings.
- Wi-Fi access and photocopying / printing services.
- Hot desking and use of small meeting rooms.
- Supporting field events in Sexton Street playing field, e.g. Car Boot Sales
- Hiring for theatre rehearsals, playgroups and other social gatherings e.g. Beetle drives, card groups, sewing or knitting classes.



Note: Artist's impressions only. Final design/internal layout to be published in detail in future Newsletters.

### Dear Resident.....

### Why do we need a new Community Centre?

Tintwistle Parish Council has decided to build a new Community Centre, on Sexton Street to replace the now, very decrepid, 'green hut' which is long overdue for demolition. In 2021 we conducted a survey with residents to find out what they would like the Community Centre to be used for and how they themselves would like to use it. Based on the feedback the Council commissioned plans for a new building suited to a range of functions and with much better facilities, including for use by the Tintwistle Bowling Club.

### How do we propose to fund the new building?

On 20 March 2023, the Council agreed to finance the project through what is called a Public Works Loan (PWL). The PWL is a government scheme particularly designed to meet the costs of capital projects of Parish Councils. We have explored other sources of funding and have agreed that this is the quickest and most secure form of funding.

### How does PWL work?

In order to receive a PWL, the Parish Council must seek the views of its residents. The loan repayments are made from the Parish Council precept. This is part of the High Peak Borough Council Tax. The amount of precept you pay depends on your property band. For example, this year, 2023/24, Band D taxpayers pay 75p per week. In order to work out loan repayments, the Parish Council must make a number of decisions:

- How big a loan is required?
- Will the repayment term be over 15, 25 or 50 years?
- What increase in precept will be required?

The Parish Council plans to meet the cost of repayment through an increase in the precept and supported by funds secured from hiring out the new centre's facilities.

Assumes loan of £500k, as we already have £90k			
in reserves	Repayable period		
	15 years	25 years	50 years
Current Precept (2023)	£19,442	£19,442	£19,442
New Precept	£56,199.42	£44,677.84	£36,978.83
New % increase of Precept (on current)	189%	129%	90%
Current Yearly Band D Council Tax	£38.81	£38.81	£38.81
Estimated New Yearly Band D Council Tax	£112.17	£89.18	£73.81
Current Monthly Band D Council Tax	£3.23	£3.23	£3.23
Estimated New Monthly Band D Council Tax	£9.35	£7.43	£6.15
Current Weekly Band D Council Tax	£0.75	£0.75	£0.75
Estimated New Weekly Band D Council Tax	£2.15	£1.72	£1.42

Notes: All calculations are estimates based on the PWLB fixed rates as of 15/06/2023. Band D is used for the calculations as required by the Public Works Loan Board but all Bands will have an increase in their precept.

### What happens now?

All residents of Tintwistle and Crowden/Woodhead will receive this special Community Centre Newsletter setting out the plans and the facilities of the building. There will be an opportunity to voice your opinions on the plans both in writing or by attending one of two consultation events and letting your views be known there.

### How do you find out more?

The consultation period will run from 7 July to 19 August. The two public consultation events will be held at the existing Community Centre in Sexton Street on Thursday 27 July and Thursday 10 August 2023, both from 7pm to 9pm.

### How do you let us know what you think?

- In person at one of the two consultation events as above.
- Online at https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/53XC739 or a paper copy obtained from and returned to Pixie Bakes or the Village Shop, New Road, Tintwistle SK13 1JN
- By completing the enclosed voting flyer and returning it to the TPC Office on Sexton Street, Tintwistle SK13 1JN, the Village Shop or Pixie Bakes, both on New Road, Tintwistle SK13 1JN.

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