

TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Tintwistle Parish Council Climate Emergency Action Plan

PURPOSE: To inform on actions to date and propose the earmarking of funds to support the programme of work

RECOMMENDATIONS: That Council notes and approves:

- i) The actions taken to date and the revised programme of action (Appendix A)
- ii) Plans for the Big Green Raffle 2023
- iii) Funding for Sexton Street Memorial Garden
- iv) The planting of a small orchard on the Sexton Street field
- v) The change of Warden for the Holybank Quarry
- vi) The proposal for responding to the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (DWT)
- vii) Liaising with High Peak Borough Council regarding a 'green wedge' policy in respect of the proposed housing development on the west side of the village

Background

At the Tintwistle Parish Council (TPC) meeting on 26 June 2023 the Council approved the Climate Emergency Action Plan to date. Earmarked funds of £200.00 towards the implementation of the Plan and £350.00 towards the costs of the Opportunity Mapping exercise were approved. The 9 children's posters have been installed by Paul Scriven at a variety of locations in Tintwistle and Crowden. The Green Champion Competition has been deferred to 2024.

- i) The revised **Programme of Action** is attached at Appendix 1
- ii) Preparation for the second **Big Green Raffle** is underway. It will take place on Sunday 10 December. All raffle prizes are ecologically sound, biodegradable, or help people keep warm.
- iii) A resident approached the Parish Council for suggestions for where they could plant a tree in memory of her mother. The Council considered the request and came up with the idea of creating a '**Memorial Garden**'. Cllr Grace and Cllr Stevenson surveyed the Sexton Street site and have identified a small, secluded area behind the tennis court. A relative of the deceased has visited the site and was delighted with the idea. Arrangements need to be put in place for managing the Memorial Garden. The intention is that it retains a wild rather than manicured look. Wildflowers could be added, a bench and maybe a sign 'Sexton Street Memorial Garden'. Sara Scott-Rivers and Cllr Stevenson have taken the initiative to produce **Tintwistle and Crowden Christmas Cards** for sale supported by a small grant from High Peak Borough Council. Sales of the cards will be used towards the cost of creating the Memorial Garden.
- iv) The **Tree Council** is making funds available for tree and hedgerow planting. We propose the planting of a **small orchard** on the Sexton Street field.
- v) Pete Girdlestone has been our first Holybank Quarry warden and has done a sterling job of creating the Friends of the Quarry Group and organising working parties on a regular basis to implement the DWT Management Plan. However, he wishes to step down, given the demands of his new job. Jane Corkin, the Forest school teacher at Tintwistle CofE Primary School, has agreed to be the new

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Warden. An event is being planned to take place up at the Quarry in the new year for the handover and to celebrate the Quarry and all it has to offer.

- vi) Develop an **action plan led by a Councillor**, which will identify the strategically important sites for habit restoration or creation; overview of next steps, including actions for restoration of key species groups in the area; resources on habit creation and management for core networks sites and priority habitats (including ancient hedgerows); and where appropriate funding recommendations need to be agreed.
- vii) Through liaising with HPBC get the area for the new housing development designated as a local green space and ask the HPBC Planning Department if they have a **'green wedge' policy within the Local Plan**. A green wedge policy is designed to stop villages merging and maintaining the landscape character.

1. Options for Council

- i. Approve the progress of the Plan and proposals in (iii) to (vii) above
- ii. Approve the Plan with amendments
- iii. Reject the Plan with the implication that the Parish Council plans for combatting climate change do not go ahead and TPC is unlikely to comply with UK Government targets

2. Reason for Recommendation

TPC has already approved the intention to have a Climate Emergency Action Plan. The Council needs to be satisfied with the proposals for implementation of the Action Plan

3. Expected Benefits

The Parish of Tintwistle and Crowden will benefit in the following ways:

- The local community receives support and guidance to tackle the challenges of climate change and alert residents to actions that can be taken
- The Tintwistle and Crowden natural environment will benefit in respect of its biodiversity
- TPC Business Plan will incorporate Climate Change priorities

4. Implications

4.1 **Legal** - N/A

4.2 **Risks** – TPC cannot be seen as denying the Climate Emergency and any political fallout from this position

4.3 **Financial** – Expenditure to support the implementation of the Plan

4.4 **Timescales** – June 2022 – March 2025

4.5 **Stakeholders** – Peak District National Park, United Utilities, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, local community and businesses

4.6 **Contracts** – N/A

4.7 **Crime and Disorder**- N/A

4.8 **Biodiversity** – Central to the Plan

4.9 **Data Privacy Impact** – N/A

4.10 **Equality and Diversity** – All sectors of the community to be involved

4.11 **Climate Change**- Central to the Plan

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Appendices

A. Tintwistle Parish Council Climate Emergency Action Plan as of 20 November 2023