

TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Tintwistle Parish Council Climate Emergency Action Plan

PURPOSE: To inform on actions to date and seek Councillor feedback

RECOMMENDATIONS: That Council notes and approves:

- i) The actions taken to date and the revised programme of work (Appendix A)

Background

At the Tintwistle Parish Council (TPC) meeting on 20 November 2023 the Council approved the Climate Emergency Action Plan to date including:

- i) Plans for the Big Green Raffle 2023
- ii) Funding for Sexton Street Memorial Garden
- iii) The planting of a small orchard on the Sexton Street field
- iv) The change of Warden for the Holybank Quarry
- v) The proposal for responding to the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (DWT)
- vi) 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

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 Green Champion Competition was deferred to 2024. The second Big Green Raffle was held on 10 December and raised £527.50. This will be used to fund the establishment of the Sexton Street Memorial Garden. The Tintwistle and Crowden Christmas Cards raised £30.00 after costs. It was agreed that sales of the cards will be used towards the cost of creating the Memorial Garden.

The Tree Council is making funds available for tree and hedgerow planting. It was agreed that a small orchard will be planted on the Sexton Street field later this year.

Jane Corkin, the Forest School Teacher at Tintwistle CofE Primary School, has taken on the role of Holywell Quarry Warden, beginning in March '24. Investigation is still underway with HPBC to get the area for the new housing development designated as a local green. 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 Programme of Work
- ii. Approve the Programme with amendments

2. Reason for Recommendation

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

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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 and funding applications 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, High Peak Borough Council, 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

Appendix

A. Tintwistle Parish Council Climate Emergency Action Plan as of 19 February 2024