

TINTWISTLE PARISH
Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting, held on 22nd May 2023 at 6pm at Tintwistle CoE
Primary School

Present:

Parish Cllrs M Stevenson (in the chair), A Dyer, S Grace, E Scriven, M Boyd

Borough Cllr R Baker

1 member of the public

Parish Clerk C Strickland

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These had been received from Parish Cllrs N Naz, D Buddell and A Vanterpool

CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Cllr Stevenson read out the Chair's annual report* and referred to the powerpoint to support.

*Attached below

ISSUES RAISED FROM THE FLOOR

There were no issues raised from the floor.

Cllr Stevenson formally thanked the member of the public for their attendance and support of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.

ANNUAL TINTWISTLE PARISH MEETING – Chair’s Annual Report

22 MAY 2023



Welcome to our Annual Parish Meeting and thank you very much for coming along.

1. This is the final Parish Meeting report of the last Parish Council. Apart from my reporting what your Council has achieved over the last 4 years, we would like to hear your comments and suggestions – within the powers the Parish Council has, we shall use them to shape our aims for the next four years.

SOME NUMBERS May 2019 – April 2023

1	Parish newsletters published and distributed	16
2	Required policies published and implemented	16
3	Dog waste bins installed	10
4	Funds allocated to local community organisations from the new Parish Council Community Fund since 2021	£2,544
5	Parish Council Committee Meetings held	40+
6	Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Chairs meetings attended	25
7	Planning applications considered	19
8	Correspondence with issues addressed and resolved	50+
9	Allotment Inspections	5
10	New allotment tenants	31

But these numbers provide just part of the picture of what the Council has worked on, and I shall touch on other aspects of the Council’s work.

2. First, I would like to convey my sincere thanks to all the Councillors for the time and hard work they have put in over the last four years to help make Tintwistle and Crowden safe and attractive places to live in. Much of what we Councillors do is hidden - and therefore not always recognised. All Parish Councillors work in a voluntary capacity and receive no payment for the work they do. I hope this brief overview will help put this right and also give you an idea of what your Parish Council taxes go towards funding.
3. Our Clerk, Charlotte Strickland, has drawn up a table to illustrate where the Parish Council funding, called the precept, goes. You may have questions about the figures.

I would ask you to save them for when I have finished this report or alternatively study them at home and email myself or Charlotte later.

4. One of the main objectives of this Council has been to secure the funding and bring to fruition a new Community Centre to replace our now very decrepit building. An extremely challenging task at the best of times, but even more so at the time of a pandemic, when funders have been directing their funding towards Covid related projects. The Project Team, now the Community Centre Committee, has comprised Cllrs Jill Crossland, Thomas Wynne, Tony Owens, Allan Dyer and myself. We have worked with planning consultants to draw up initial plans for the building over the last year and submit the planning application to High Peak Borough Council. This has now been approved and we can move to the next stage which will entail securing a Public Works Loan, tendering for a building contractor, demolishing the current 'green hut' and eventually erecting a new building. We are aiming for your new Community Centre to be opened in 2025. An important aspect of current discussions is how the facilities for the Bowling Club will be accommodated. Shortly we shall be conducting a survey with all residents. This will seek to secure your views on having a new Community Centre and how it will be funded. There will be a special edition of the newsletter to describe the proposed new building and its facilities.
5. We have made sure that Crowden residents are kept informed of developments through the Crowden Residents' Association, and regular Councillor visits have been made to the community. I am delighted to tell you that as from this year Meriel Boyd, a Crowden resident, has been elected as the Woodhead (Crowden) Ward Councillor.
6. The Allotments Committee has been chaired by Councillor Jenner for the last 4 years. It is with huge sadness that this year Cllr Pat Jenner has stepped down as a Councillor for our Parish. Pat has served our community for 40 years and is well known to many of you. He has been a dedicated and active Councillor, particularly championing activities for young people. We wish him well in his retirement from the role – though as our adopted 'father of the Council' we shall no doubt be contacting him when we need historical information about any issue. A significant number of allotments have come up for new tenancies. We have kept to the principle of creating smaller plots, which have enabled more people on the waiting list to receive a plot. This has necessitated new fencing on the Arnfield site. Revised Tenant Terms and Conditions, a Waiting List Policy and Code of Conduct are all in place. The Committee is responsible for regular inspections of allotments and the enforcement of the Terms and Conditions. There has been an improvement in the state of most allotments and the Committee will continue to make sure standards are maintained. Our thanks to the Committee for the work they have done so far.
7. Two of our other Councillors are also stepping down this year. Cllr Jill Crossland has been on the Council for almost the same amount of time as Pat. We shall miss her no end, her no nonsense approach and her extensive knowledge of Council business over the years. We wish her well with the huge job of running Tintwistle Athletic and the annual Children's Gala. Tom Wynne has also left the Council this year.

8. Cllr Emily Scrivens has overseen the purchase and installation of new dog waste bins, which the Parish Council is responsible for emptying. To help us with this task and other maintenance jobs the council has employed Paul Scriven. Many thanks to Paul for all he does on behalf of the Council. No job seems to be too much for Paul. We also have Cllr Scrivens to thank for running 3 very successful Markets on behalf of the Council on the Sexton Street field. We hope you can all make it to the Summer Market on 9 July, which Emily now runs in a private capacity, donating part of the proceeds to the Community Centre Fund.
9. Cllr Shaun Grace continues to successfully organise the annual Scarecrow Competition, the Garden Competition, ensure the village has a lit Xmas Tree at the Cenotaph and made sure that Remembrance Sunday is well organised. Thank you very much Shaun, we hope you can continue.
10. The Parish Council Community Fund was initiated by this Council using monies that were previously allocated to the Chair's Allowance. £2,544.00 has been allocated in grants to local organisations with a total of 16 applications. A decision will be made at the Annual Council monthly meeting tonight whether to continue with this fund.
11. The A628 has continued to be a principal and ongoing issue for the Council. We initiated meetings with National Highways (NH) in 2020 and they have culminated in their decision to create a 'Village Gateway' along the A616 and A628 to include Crowden, Tintwistle and Hollingworth. This will be a set of traffic calming measures that are designed to slow down the traffic and make the road safer for motorists and pedestrians alike. The plans have been approved and we await information from NH as to when the work can commence. Meanwhile Cllrs Tony Owens, Stevenson and Dyer, have established a good working relationship and regularly raise issues with the NH Route Manager. The issues have often been brought to our attention by local residents. Thank you. We are pleased to say that the response times have definitely improved over time. We also continue to pursue the congestion and speeding issues that plague our part of the A628.
12. Alongside other councils across the country Tintwistle has drawn up a Climate Emergency Plan. We are very pleased to have Sara Scott-Rivers support us as our Climate Change Campaign Coordinator. You will have seen her weekly posts on Facebook, which we hope are encouraging residents to make the changes in their lives that are so urgently needed to preserve our planet. We have no other planet to live on as our children remind us. Shortly you will see the winning posters designed by children from Tintwistle CofE School reminding us to do our utmost to combat the effects of climate change. The Big Green Raffle was a great success in December '22 raising over £300.00 towards the Community Centre Fund. A Tombola run at the same time raised over £600.00. We hope to run both events again this year.
13. Tintwistle Parish Council owns the Holybank Quarry area, off Old Road. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust have drawn up a 50-year Rewilding Plan for us for the area. Tintwistle Parish Council is the first Parish Council to join the Wild Peak Network. Pete Girdlestone is our Holybank Quarry Warden. He has organised a 'Friends of the Quarry Group' who have regular working sessions. They have kept the area litter free, planted some saplings, kept the paths clear, cleared the drainage channel, and

created and are maintaining 'scrapes' to gather water. Already there have been several quarry visits by groups of children organised by the school. We have plans to install information boards about the plants, the wildlife and the fossils that can be seen on some of the rocks.

14. The Tintwistle Parish Council Newsletter has continued to be published, with 16 publications to date. We have strived to make the newsletter attractive, interesting, and informative. Huge thanks to Cllr Dyer who so ably puts the whole publication together and to Ruth Elder and Gemma Hall who have been designing the children's puzzle page - which we hear is also popular with some adults!
15. The Council needs to work with partners to achieve its objectives and tackle issues as they arise. Our thanks go to High Peak Borough Council and its Tintwistle Councillor Rob Baker, Peak District National Park, United Utilities, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, National Highways and Derbyshire County Council.
16. Last September we welcomed our new Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer, Charlotte Strickland. Already a wide range of policy and administrative government requirements have been put in place and are up and running. Charlotte will be doing the Clerk qualifications which will enable the Council to be better informed and more accountable.
17. Finally our thanks go to all our residents, for the support you give the Parish Council, your feedback and the contacts with our councillors, making us aware of the issues that are important to you.

Cllr Marianne Stevenson

22 May 2023