

TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL



BUSINESS PLAN 2025 – 2027



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Tintwistle Parish Council would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the development of this business plan.

INTRODUCTION

Tintwistle Parish Council are pleased to provide this business plan which outlines the council's vision for Tintwistle and Woodhead, its aims, services and key priorities.

The plan gives Tintwistle parish residents a clear understanding of what the council wants to achieve over the next two years as well as the services it already provides. It will be used to set the budget for the coming years.

The plan is based on community feedback and is a 'live' document which the council will update throughout the year.

Please tell us what you think about it as we welcome your comments.



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THE PARISH COUNCIL

Tintwistle Parish Council is an elected body which serves the communities of Tintwistle and Woodhead. It has ten Parish Councillors who usually serve a four-year term.

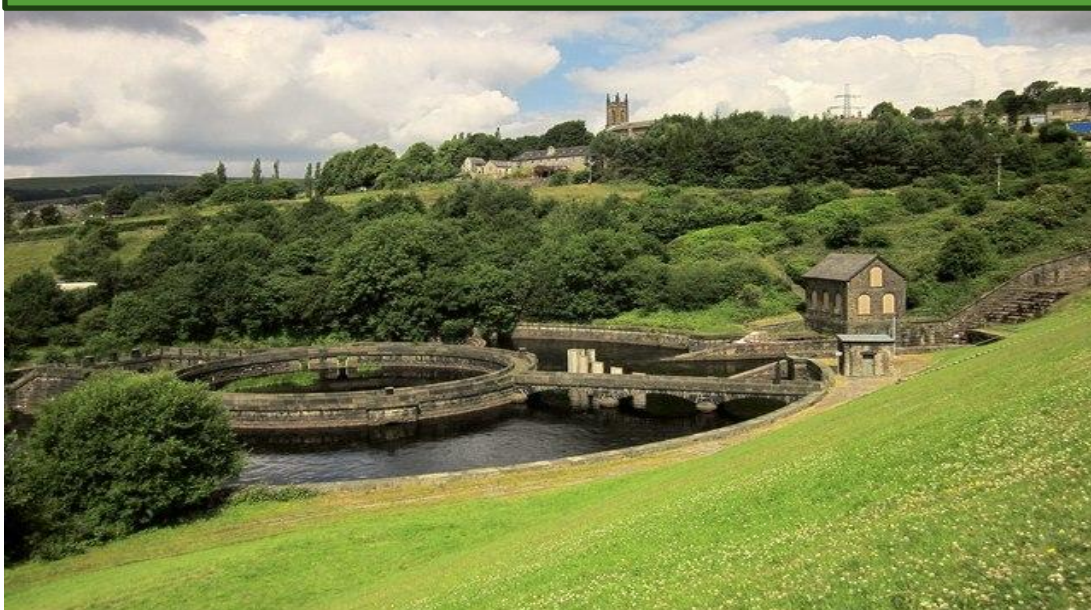
The council employs one member of staff who acts as the clerk and responsible financial officer.

The council works to its Standing Orders and Financial Regulations which lay down the rules for how the council must operate. Our councillors must also adhere to the council's Code of Conduct.

The Council holds meetings each month which the press and public have a right to observe. They are normally held at 7pm during the third week of each month except for May when the Annual Parish meeting takes place. Other committees meet regularly to oversee specific areas of work.

Our Vision

"To create a safe, sustainable and inclusive community where people want to live, work and visit."





Our Aims

To be a professional, transparent, and caring council

To provide a democratic and representational voice for the community

To help maintain a safe, inclusive, and caring community with leisure activities enjoyed by all, regardless of background

To manage local services efficiently, effectively and to a high standard

To provide value for money for local taxpayers

Where services are not provided directly by the Council, to work in partnership with others to ensure such services meet the needs and expectations of the community

To safeguard the parish's unique historical and cultural identity whilst protecting the natural environment



PARISH COUNCIL SERVICES

Tintwistle Parish Council is responsible for providing a range of services to meet community needs. Here is a list of the main services the council currently provides:



ALLOTMENTS

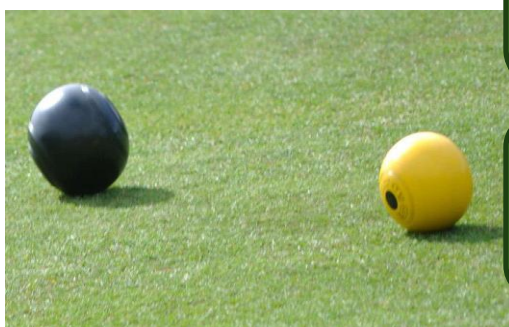
CLIMATE CHANGE
& BIODIVERSITY
INITIATIVES

COMMUNITY
EVENTS

COMMUNITY
CENTRE HIRE

PROBLEM SOLVING
IN PARTNERSHIP
(inc. crime &
disorder, road
safety)

PLANNING
APPLICATION
REVIEWS



BOWLING CLUB
FACILITIES

DEFIBRILLATOR
MAINTENANCE



DOG WASTE BINS

FUND RAISING FOR
LOCAL CAUSES

GRIT BINS

FUNDING FOR
LOCAL INITIATIVES

COMMUNITY SPACES (Holybank Quarry,
playing fields, multi-use games area)

WORKING WITH OTHERS



Many services across the parish such as health, education, transport and social care are provided by other organisations. The parish council has a duty to work in partnership with these organisations to address local issues. These include:



FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Income

The parish council is mainly funded by the residents of Tintwistle and Woodhead, through what is known as the 'precept.' This is the local tax levied by the parish council, collected on its behalf by High Peak Borough Council through council tax bills. Income also comes from other sources such as grants, bank interest and reclaimed VAT.

Expenditure

The main items of council expenditure are staff costs, outdoor maintenance, photocopying and energy. The total expenditure budget set for 2025/26 is £31,020 of which £24,000 will be raised via the precept.

Reserves

The council's 'general reserve' is used to cover usual monthly expenditure as well as acting as a contingency for any unexpected inflation, events or unusual circumstances.

Other funds are reserved for dedicated community projects such as the new community centre for which separate expenditure records are maintained.

APPENDIX 1: ACTION PLAN 2025-27

This action plan has been drawn up in response to some of the suggestions made during recent public consultation and other topical issues. It shows the council's priorities over the next 2 years which will add to the work it already carries out. The plan will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

No.	Priority Area	Lead/Partner/ Committee	Activity	Timescale	Funding Required?	Outputs & Outcomes (tbc)
1.	Community & Leisure	New working party (DB, SG, TO, AV, MS, TL)	a) Install outdoor exercise equipment on the Sexton Street site b) Create a multi-use games area (MUGA) on the Sexton Street site c) Explore funding for summer holiday activities and organise	Spring 2027 Spring 2027 Summer 2026	Grant-funding, fund-raising required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor exercise area created New MUGA in place Number of activities delivered and attended
2.		Chair of Council, Clerk & RFO	Identify grant-funding opportunities to enable the building of the new Community Centre	March 2026	Grant-funding, fund-raising required	Funding streams identified and bids approved
3.	Management of Allotments	Allotment Working Party	Work with allotment holders to raise standards through robust policies, procedures and the inspection regime.	Annual reports in September	Allotment budget of £1500 allocated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved overall standard of allotments. Number of cases where robust enforcement action has been taken.
4.	Tackling Climate Change & Biodiversity	Council Chair, Climate Change Campaign Coordinator, Holybank Quarry Warden	See Appendix A: Climate Change and Nature Recovery Plan	Spring 2027	Climate Change Action budget of £100 allocated, grant-funding	See Climate Change and Nature Recovery plan for details
5.	Partnerships	MS, TO, TL	a) Strengthen links with Derbyshire County Council, the Environment Agency, United Utilities &	Immediate review	Nil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of joint progress on improvements to drainage

			Moorlands for the Future to tackle drainage issues across Tintwistle & Woodhead b) Identify the role of the Parish Council in Emergency Planning events	Spring 2026		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency response plans for the Parish agreed with Derbyshire County Council
6.		TL, MS	Sign off and implement the Licence Agreement with Tintwistle Bowling Club	Summer 2025	Nil	Agreed licence in place
7.		TL, MS, MB Friends of the Memorial Garden Group (volunteers)	Develop a new Memorial Garden for the parish on the Sexton Street site	December 2025	Funds already reserved from DWT grant and local fund-raising	New Memorial Garden in line with agreed project outcomes
8.		AV, MS, DB	Maintain links with Tintwistle CofE Primary and Glossopdale Schools to meet the needs of local children & young people	Ongoing	Nil	Evidenced engagement activity with the schools and pupils
9.	Communications & Engagement	TL, ES	Increase the use of the council's website and Facebook pages to promote positive news.	Review annually Spring	Nil	Number of social media posts
10.	Finances	Clerk & RFO	Continue to provide publicly available financial information through detailed minutes and reports, improving transparency and public confidence in the council's financial management.	Annual review Spring	Nil	Number of reports provided online and expansion of financial information on the council website
11.	Governance & transparency	Clerk & RFO	Provide agendas and minutes of meetings, supported by public reports where more detail is required, including on Facebook	Annual Review Spring	Nil	Monthly Facebook posts
12.		Clerk & RFO	a) Develop induction processes for new Councillors, assigning mentors b) Provide access to relevant training for all Councillors and Clerk/RFO	Annual Review Spring	Recruitment & Training budget of £850 allocated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Training & Development policy Improved councillor retention rates Courses attended

13.	Administration	Clerk & RFO	Identify and address any remaining gaps where new council policies are needed	December 2025	Nil	Increased number of policies. Internal/external audit findings
14.		Clerk & RFO	Migrate the council's website and emails to a Gov.uk domain platform	March 2026	Small additional budget may be required. Existing IT budget is £500.	New website and email addresses in place