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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - HELP NEEDED!

At our forthcoming meeting on Monday 9th November, we will be joined by Lucy Hughes from Cheshire Community Action who consult parish councils on neighbourhood plans. We will also be joined by members of Cranage Parish Council. Preparing a plan can help us play a greater role in shaping the future of our area by setting our own local planning priorities and aspirations within the broader planning system. Once complete, our plan will sit alongside the Councils local plan (which has not yet been approved) and can be used to make decisions on new development proposals. This is of great importance as we strive to safeguard the interests of the parish. We would like to begin the journey of forming a plan but we need your help. Please come to the meeting to see if you can help or assist in any way.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH TEAM

At our meeting on Monday 3rd August, the Parish Council voted to purchase a speed gun for use within the parish. Following the arrival of the gun, training has been provided by our local PCSO to members of the Parish Council and residents. Any residents interested in joining the community speedwatch team should contact the clerk, who can arrange further training on how to use the Parish Council's speed monitoring device. From this month, the 30mph speed limit will be enforced by the speedwatch team. It should be noted that during the first training session, 12 motorists were recorded as speeding and will be sent formal warning letters.

A.D. PLANT APPLICATION REFUSED

The long running planning application (12/0705W) for a possible Anaerobic Digester waste and power plant at the abandoned MoD site in Twemlow was settled on 26 August, when the Strategic Planning Board of Cheshire East Council refused it planning permission, by a vote of 10 against with 2 abstentions. This followed the decision by the Environment Agency in July 2014 to refuse an environmental permit to operate such a plant in this location in close proximity to housing. Three years ago, Twemlow Parish Council stated that it had no objections to the original proposals, but set a number of conditions. The Parish Council pressed, in particular, for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to be conducted in view of the likely increase in traffic, smells and noise. In the light of the Environment Agency's refusal of a permit, Twemlow Parish Council resolved not to support this application "until it gets support from the Environment Agency." The Environment Agency stated: "the odour management plan and subsequent versions have not satisfied the agency that this facility will be able to control odour emissions," and the applicant "would not be able to comply with the conditions on odour which any EA permit would stipulate." The Health Protection Agency had expressed concerns for public health and, in its report to Councillors, Cheshire East's Environmental Protection team recommended refusal of planning permission, stating: "the Department can no longer be satisfied that public health will not be adversely impacted by this proposal". The Strategic Planning Board refused this application on numerous specific planning grounds.

NEW BUSINESS PLAN FOR TWEMLOW

The Parish Council approved a new business plan in September, which is now available to view on our website.

Our vision is : To maintain Twemlow as a desirable and attractive rural parish in which to live, offering a good quality of life for all residents and businesses. Any future changes or developments shall be determined for the long term benefit of the whole community.

The objectives of the business plan are : To safeguard the interests of all parishioners - To prevent uncontrolled speculative development in Twemlow - To act as a precursor to a Neighbourhood Plan or Parish Plan - to maintain Quality Status for Twemlow Parish Council.

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Meetings for 2015/2016

All meetings take place in
The Jodrell Room,
Terra Nova School
unless otherwise stated.

All meetings start at 7:30pm
unless otherwise stated.

Any changes to the venue or
starting time will be advertised
on the noticeboard and the
Parish Council website.

2015

Monday 9th November

7pm Start

**Speaker will be a representative
from Cheshire Community Action**

2016

(Provisional Dates)

Monday 11th January

Monday 14th March

Monday 9th May

Monday 11th July
(Venue to be confirmed)

Monday 12th September

Monday 14th November

FAREWELL TO COUNCILLORS....

Prior to the local elections on Thursday 7th May, three of our councillors decided not to stand for re-election.

Syd Pierpoint had served on the Parish Council for over 35 years. His contribution to Twemlow and the time he has given to both the Parish and the Council cannot be measured.

Graham Holborrow had served on the Parish Council for over 15 years and made many valued contributions during his time including making repairs to items such as benches and the boundary signs. He also had the honour of representing the Council at a Buckingham Palace garden party.

Barbara Torney had been a Councillor for three years and got involved in many Parish Council initiatives including supporting residents on the speed reduction campaign. She also undertook a large piece of work in setting up the Twemlow Emergency Plan, which took a large amount of her time to put together.

The input of all three will be missed by the Parish Council, and we wish them all well for the future.

....AND WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILLORS

The elections on Thursday 7th May saw seven members of the public returned to serve on Twemlow Parish Council for the next four years. As only seven people stood for the seven seats available, all candidates were elected un-opposed. The new council consists of four previous councillors, John Basford, Craig Brandreth, Terance Price and Huw Thomas. They have been joined by three new members, Andrew Ashmore, Marianne Tomkinson and Sandra Warkentin. Andrew has assumed responsibility for updating the Emergency Plan, while both Sandra and Marianne have worked on creating the first business plan for the Parish Council.

At the first meeting of the new Parish Council on Mon 18th May, Craig Brandreth was elected to serve as Chairman until May 2016, with Huw Thomas to serve as Vice-Chairman

TERRA NOVA HEAD ADDRESSES COUNCIL

At our meeting on Mon 21st September, the headmaster of Terra Nova, Mr Mark Mitchell gave an enlightening talk to the Parish Council about the changes that have taken place at the school and how he is keen to forge links with the community. The school holds a number of events and makes facilities available at the school for the wider community. We will expand on this in a future newsletter but information is available on the school website www.tnschool.co.uk

CONTACT DETAILS FOR CLERK

Our clerk, Julie Mason, has recently changed both her email address and phone number. Her new details can be found on the front of this newsletter. Members of the public are reminded that the first point of contact for any parish issues should be the clerk.

1ST GOOSTREY SCOUTS FUNDRAISING

1st Goostrey Scouts are currently fundraising to build a new scout hut and youth centre in Goostrey on the site of the old village hall, opposite the Crown Inn car park. The cost of this is expected to be £200,000. For many years, the scout group was based in Twemlow, within the office building at the ex-MoD until the MoD gave notice before eventually selling the site. For the young people of Twemlow wishing to be involved in scouting, 1st Goostrey scouts would be the natural choice in terms of a group to join. Some fundraising events taking place soon include Fireworks and Bonfire opposite the Crown Inn on Nov 5th, Quiz night in the Village Hall on Nov 22nd, Christmas lights switch on and carols on The Bogbean on Nov 29th and throughout December, the scout group will be operating their Christmas Post service. Your help in this fundraising would be greatly appreciated. Donations can also be made directly at <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/1stgoostreyscoutgroup>