

TWEMLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Terra Nova School on Monday 23rd January 2017 at 7.30pm

Declaration of Interest

None

Present: Cllrs Brandreth (Chairman), Davies (Vice Chairman), Price and Kolker (Cheshire East) and Mrs V Marchant (clerk). Cllr Kolker left at 7.55pm.

Apologies

No apologies

Public forum

1 member of the public was welcomed

A discussion took place regarding the problem with speeding vehicles on the A535, particularly in the 50mph zone between Terra Nova School and The Yellow Broom Restaurant. **Action** – VM to contact the police and PCSO to make enquiries about the possibility of a mobile speed camera.

1/17 Minutes

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting of the 14th November as a true record of the meeting and these were duly signed by the Chairman.

2/17 Cheshire East matters

Councillor Kolker reported as follows;

Local Plan – This is progressing well and he hopes this will be ratified early this year.

Devolution – Discussions regarding the possibility of a combined local authority encompassing Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Warrington are ongoing. Any such Authority will have an elected mayor and will deal with major cross boundary projects.

Holmes Chapel Community Centre – The coffee shop is now open for lunches.

Arlid recycling centre – The centre had a reprieve from closing at the end of last year however talks are ongoing and it is likely to face closure soon.

LED Lighting – a project is currently underway to renew the street lighting

3/17 Matters arising from the minutes

Saltersford Bridge – **Action** – AK will send a chase up email regarding the possibility of additional signage and road markings from the Holmes Chapel side of the bridge.

Flooding – All gullies have now been cleared and flooding no longer appears to be an issue.

Defibrillator – The application to the BHF was unsuccessful. **Action** – VM to make enquiries regarding the possibility of a Lottery grant for the equipment.

4/17 Budget and Precept

The budget and likely future expenses to be incurred were discussed. CB proposed a precept at £4000. AD seconded.

Resolved – The council agreed the precept for 2017/2018 at £4000

5/17 Councillor Vacancies

Enquiries have been received from two local residents who are interested in joining the council. Should these two prospective councilors join the council this will still, at present, leave two seats to fill. **Action** – VM to liaise with the two proposed applicants and invite them to the next meeting for co-option to the council as councillors. CB is to draft a further newsletter for distribution in April along with a separate recruitment leaflet.

6/17 Speed watch

AD reported that due to the dark nights, dark mornings and Christmas holidays no further sessions had taken place. **Action** – AD is to email the volunteers to regroup and arrange further sessions.

7/17 Planning Applications

To note following applications which have been circulated to members before the meeting and any since the publication of the agenda –

16/5519C Agricultural determination for micro generation anaerobic digestion plant The Orchards Farm, Twemlow Lane, Twemlow Green, Crewe, CW4 8DS

Resolved – No objection subject to conditions

8/17 Highways

Road Traffic Accidents – On Friday the 20th January a vehicle collided with a newly erected bollard near the bridge and lost parts of his bumper and damaged the bollard.

Action – VM to update RTA log.

AOB – John Tickle of CEC has confirmed that the footpath along Twemlow Lane is to be re-surfaced & repaired during this financial year. **Action** – VM to chase John Tickle for confirmation as to when these works will be carried out.

9/17 Community Governance review

Cheshire East council will be conducting a review of the number of council seats we have to assess whether or not it would be beneficial to reduce those seats from 7 to 5.

10/17 Complaints Policy and Standing Orders

CB and AD reviewed the current complaints policy and standing orders. Several amendments are deemed necessary. **Action** – VM to contact CHALC re procedural issues and will amend and update the documents.

11/17 Risk assessment and fixed asset register

The figures within the fixed asset register were reviewed along with the replacement costs and dates of purchase and amendments were agreed. Copies of the risk assessment were circulated to councillors for consideration. **Action** – CB, AD & TP to review risk assessment before the next meeting.

Resolved – The updated fixed asset register was agreed.

12/17 Chairman's fund

Action – CB to speak to JM re the setting up of a fund

13/17 Neighbourhood Plan

There were no members present to give an update. Due to recent decisions locally it was discussed whether or not a neighbourhood plan was necessary at this time. It was decided to put the plan on hold for the indefinite future. The initial work carried out by members of the public and councillors is acknowledged and we would like to thank them for all of their hard work.

Resolved – To place the neighbourhood plan on indefinite hold

14/17 Accounts

To note the balance of account = £2252.06

To authorise the following payments –

- £551.64 Clerks wages (paid)
- £25.88 Clerks expenses
- Authority was also given to fund the purchase of the book 'Local Councils Explained' as recommended by the previous clerk, Julie Mason.

Receipts

NIL

Nat West bank account signatories – **Action** – VM to liaise with bank re removal of signatories who are no longer councilors. Julie Mason is to stay on record as a signatory for the short term future to assist the clerk.

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved to approve all the payments on the payments schedule.

15/17 Chairman's and Members Report

The Chairman would like to thank Huw Thomas for help with delivering the newsletter.

16/17 Clerk's report

The clerk requested a contract of employment. Action – CB to liaise with Julie Mason over this issue.

17/17 It was to be noted the next meeting was to be held at Terra Nova School on 20th March at 7.30 pm. The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.