

## TWEMLOW PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Terra Nova School on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.30pm**

### **Declarations of Interest**

None

**Present:** Cllrs Brandreth (Chairman), Price, Bayley, Laverick, Bowers, R Burns, N Burns, Gilbert (Cheshire East) and Mrs. V Marchant (clerk). NB Cllr Gilbert left at 8.05pm.

### **35/17 Resignation of Councillor Andrew Davies**

It was with regret that the resignation of Cllr Davies was announced. The Chairman wished to pass on his sincere thanks to Mr. Davies for his involvement and enthusiasm within the council.

### **36/17 Co-option of new councillors**

CB proposed Mrs. M Bayley, Mrs. W Laverick, Mr. S Bowers, Mr. R Burns and Mrs. N Burns as councillors, TP seconded.

Vote for – CB, TP. Against - Nil

**Resolved** – Mrs. M Bayley, Mrs. W Laverick, Mr. S Bowers, Mr. R Burns and Mrs. N Burns co-opted as new Parish Councillors for Twemlow.

Cllr. M Bayley, Cllr. W Laverick, Cllr. S Bowers, Cllr. R Burns and Cllr. N Burns signed the acceptance of office of councillor in the presence of the clerk. The clerk issued register of interest forms to be completed within 4 weeks and the statutory documents would be issued by the clerk.

### **37/17 Election of Chairman 2017/2018**

Craig Brandreth was proposed by TP, seconded by RB.

Vote for TP, RB, NB, MB, WL, SB. Against – Nil

**Resolved** – Craig Brandreth was voted as Chairman for 2017/2018

Cllr Brandreth signed the acceptance of the office of chairman in the presence of the clerk.

### **Apologies**

No apologies

### **Public forum**

1 member of the public was welcomed

### **38/17 Election of Vice-Chairman**

**Resolved** – to hold back the election for the vice chairman to the next meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

### **39/17 Minutes**

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 as a true record of the meeting and these were duly signed by the Chairman.

### **40/17 Cheshire East matters**

Councillor Gilbert reported on the following;

- The Chief Executive of Cheshire East council has been suspended in view of irregularities with senior staff leaving the employ of the council. An investigation and disciplinary committee is being set up to conduct an independent inquiry.
- A public consultation will soon be held to review the bus services across Cheshire East in anticipation of council funding cuts.
- Changes in the way food waste is collected are being considered. The matter is due to go for consultation shortly.

### **41/17 Matters arising from the minutes**

Saltersford Bridge – Nothing to report as yet

**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.

### **42/17 Defibrillator**

VM reported on the successful training session at Goostrey village hall with Rob Sharples of the NWAS. An email from the council has been sent thanking him. The Chairman thanked the clerk for all her help in successfully finding funding for a defibrillator. Further action to be taken as follows in progressing with the installation of the defibrillator;

**Action -**

- VM to chase electrician to connect wiring to the defibrillator
- VM to chase NWAS to see when the unit will be delivered
- RB & NB to enquire with a handyman to paint, clean and replace glass in the phone box
- VM to arrange further defibrillator training session with Sally Ball later in the year when the box has been fitted.

### **43/17 Speed watch**

Former Councillor and speed watch coordinator, Andrew Davies, reported by email that a speed watch session took place on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017. TP reported that 12 excessive readings were recorded and he is advised by the PCSO that two of these drivers have had fines.

**Action** – TP is to arrange another speed watch session on the 24<sup>th</sup> May. He will also look into the possibility of training more users.

#### **44/17 Planning Applications**

No planning applications have been received however a discussion took place with the new councilors as to how the planning system takes place.

#### **45/17 Highways**

Road Traffic Accidents – An accident occurred mid-April at the junction of 40 Acres Lane and the A535. It involved two vehicles. One elderly lady was taken to hospital.

#### **AOB**

- Overflowing grid on the A535 opposite Thornfields/40 Acre Lane
- Rotted and damaged sharp bend chevron on Twemlow Green

**Action** – VM to chase highways department again to have these issues dealt with

#### **46/17 Community Governance review**

In view of the newly co-opted councilors there is no need for a governance review to reduce the number of seats.

**Action** – VM to contact the council and withdraw the request for review

#### **47/17 Complaints Policy and Standing Orders**

The updated copies are now on the website

#### **48/17 Risk assessment and fixed asset register**

The updated copies are now on the website

#### **49/17 Chairman's fund**

**Resolved** – To set up a fund in the new financial year 2017/2018 of £100

#### **50/17 Accounts**

To note the balance of account = £3758.24

**To authorise the following payments –**

- £6.72 stamps
- £59.15CHALC annual membership fee
- **Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to approve all the payments on the payments schedule.

#### **Receipts**

£2000 – 1<sup>st</sup> installment of the precept for 17/18

£128.69 – Vat reclaim for 16/17

Nat West bank account signatories – **Action** – VM to liaise with bank re removal of Andrew Davies and the addition of Maureen Bayley.

### **51/17 Chairman's and Members Report**

The annual newsletter was prepared and delivered along with a flyer to recruit new councilors.

CB is preparing a contract of employment for the clerk.

### **52/17 Clerk's report**

The register of electors for 2017/2018 is has now been collected from Macclesfield Town Hall and is available with the clerk.

Internal Audit – Margaret Pennington is no longer available for audits. The clerk has contacted Gary Roberts, Odd Rode Parish Clerk who is happy to carry out our internal audit.

**Resolved** – Instruct Gary Roberts to conduct internal audit

### **53/17 AOB**

RB & NB kindly offered to host the next meeting at their restaurant, The Yellow Broom.

**54/17 It was to be noted the next meeting was to be held at the Yellow Broom Restaurant on 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.30 pm. The meeting closed at 9.00pm.**