

TWEMLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Yellow Broom restaurant on Wednesday 8th November 2017 at 7.30pm

Declarations of Interest

None

Apologies: None

Present: Cllrs Brandreth (Chairman), R Burns (Vice-Chairman) Price, Bayley, N Burns, W Laverick, Bowers and Kolker(Cheshire East) and Mrs. V Marchant (clerk)

Public forum

3 members of the public were welcomed

Questions were raised on the following points;

- United utilities visit to flood on Macclesfield Road
- Road closures on Twemlow Lane
- The hazardous conditions when walking from the train station to Twemlow Green particularly in the dark – A footpath is needed particularly in view of reduced bus services, charges on station car park and a safe walking route to school.

Action - AK will approach Cheshire East council with concerns regarding path from station

85/17 Minutes

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting of the 5th September 2017 as a true record of the meeting and these were duly signed by the Chairman.

86/17 Election of Vice-Chairman

TP proposed RB. Seconded by MB & WL.

Resolved – Councillor Russell Burns was duly elected as Vice Chairman of Twemlow Parish Council.

Councillor Burns signed the acceptance of office of Vice Chairman in the presence of the clerk

87/17 Cheshire East matters

Councilor Kolker reported as follows;

- The appeal regarding the building of 6 new houses in Goostrey was heard in Congleton over a two-day period – a decision has not yet been made
- Cranage Parish Council have begun work on their neighbourhood plan. **Action** – CB to liaise with chair of Cranage PC to discuss the possibility of joining together
- Traffic lights will be installed on Goostrey bridge in March/April 2018 as a joint enterprise between Cheshire East and Network Rail
- David Brown and George Hayes have both resigned from Cheshire East Council

- The future of the 319 bus service remains uncertain. As a final decision has not yet been made it is suggested that the Parish councils of Twemlow, Cranage, Goostrey and Holmes Chapel need to join forces to agree a consistent and unified case. **Action** – AK and TP to discuss in conjunction with the other councils.

88/17 Matters arising from the minutes

- Facebook – The progress of the Facebook page was reported and councillors were invited to 'like' the page and invite their friends and neighbours to do the same. The page will further be publicized in the new year newsletter
- Gully cleaning – The cleaning programme is now complete. A gully outside the new entrance to Hiverley Cottage on the A535 continues to block. **Action** – VM to report to the council
- Traffic calming measures – **Action** - AK will chase this up with Cheshire East Council
- Flooding on Macclesfield Road – United Utilities have been out and put up risk of ice signs however VM has established that this is the responsibility of BT and has reported the issue

89/17 Defibrillator

VM reported that the defibrillator had been presented to the Parish Council by the Northwest Ambulance Service (NWS). Several councillors and the press were in attendance and an article should appear in the Chronicle.

VM has sent a letter of thanks to the NWS

It was noted that the handyman had done a good job with the refurbishments of the phone box VM described the process of how the defibrillator works, the ownership, insurance, replacement parts and safety

Further action to be taken as follows;

Action -

- VM to source and purchase Defibrillator signs for around the top of the phone box
- NB and a member of the public to print and laminate defibrillator signs to be displayed in the windows of the phone box and the notice board.

Resolved – TPC will fund the cost of the defibrillator signs for the phone box at an approximate cost of £100

90/17 Speed watch

A speed watch session was undertaken in half term week in October and 14 drivers were caught speeding.

Additional volunteers are needed. A plea will go out in the new year newsletter. As and when new volunteers are recruited TP will arrange further training sessions with the PCSO

Action

- AK is to enquire about the possibility of a fixed yellow speed camera on Twemlow Lane (carried over from previous meeting)

91/17 Planning Applications

None

92/17 Highways

No accidents to report

CB stated the LED lights on the Holmes Chapel side of the bridge are very good

RB reported that the verge on the A535 just past the Yellow Broom Restaurant had been dug out by a utility company and has not been made good. **Action** – VM to report to Cheshire East Highways

CB reported that the grass verge and hedges on the grass beside the phone box have not been cut back properly **Action** – VM to report to Cheshire East Highways

93/17 Accounts

To note the balance of account = £3120.32

To authorise the following payments –

- £15 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
- £6.72 Stamps
- £500 Phone box refurbishment
- £250 Fitting defibrillator cabinet

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

Receipts

£2000 – 2nd installment of the precept

94/17 Complaints Policy & Standing Orders

Action - The Parish councillors will review the Complaints Policy & Standing Orders prior to the next meeting to agree any amendments and adopt for the following year

95/17 External Audit dates for inspection

Dates were discussed for the submission and inspection period of the annual return.

Resolved – The dates were selected for the inspection period for 2018 are the 25th June to the 3rd August. The return will be submitted by the 4th June 2018.

96/17 Budget

The budget for the past and following year was discussed along with future expected expenses for the balance of this financial year and the following year in order to consider the appropriate level for the precept 2018/2019.

97/17 Precept 2018/2019

CB proposed the precept was reduced to £3750 and after a vote this was unanimously agreed.

Resolved – The precept for 2018/2019 would be £3750

98/17 Chairman's and Members Report

The chairman will place a wreath at the War memorial on Remembrance Day.

99/17 Clerk's report

Nothing to report that hasn't already been discussed

100/17 It was to be noted the next meeting was to be held at the Yellow Broom Restaurant on 23rd January at 7.30 pm. The meeting closed at 9.00pm.