

TWEMLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Yellow Broom restaurant on Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7.30pm

Cllr Brandreth opened the meeting with the sad news of the passing of Cllr Price's wife, Stella. The Parish Council sends its most sincere condolences to Cllr Price and his Family.

Declarations of Interest

None

Apologies: Cllr Bayley, Cllr Price, Cllr N Burns

Present: Cllrs Brandreth (Chairman), R Burns (Vice-Chairman), Bowers, Laverick and Mrs. V Marchant (clerk)

Public forum

5 members of the public were welcomed

The following topics were raised and discussed;

- A request was made for a public speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting
- The hazardous parking of cars on Twemlow Lane
- Litter on Goostrey Lane and Twemlow Lane

Action – VM will write to the local PCSO with a request for a speaker at the Parish meeting. If unavailable VM will approach Jodrell Bank for a speaker. VM will also write to Cheshire East re the littering problems.

18/18 Minutes

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting of the 23rd January 2018 as a true record of the meeting and these were duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed by SB and seconded by RB.

19/18 Cheshire East matters

Councilor Kolker reported as follows;

Council Tax – a rise of 5.99% is scheduled for this year. This has been increased to recognize a shortfall in adult social care and 3% of the council tax has been ringfenced for this purpose. The additional 2% is in respect of everything else. 2% of the budget has also been allocated specifically for roads.

Council funding – At present the council is funded by council tax, fees and charges and a contribution from central government. By 2020 the contribution from central government will be axed.

Cranage Neighbourhood Plan – Work on this plan has now begun.

Connected Communities – Cllr Kolker described the work of the Connected Communities team and confirmed the next meeting was to be held in Holmes Chapel on the 15th March at 4.30pm.

Road Closure – Station Road at Goostrey will be closing on the 12th March for work to be undertaken by United Utilities which will last at least 8 days.

Planning Application – The application by Sibelco for the sand quarry at Cranage has been moved to another date.

Holmes Chapel Defibrillator – This was used just before the new year and saved the life of a man who was having a heart attack.

Roundabout – A new roundabout has been planned for the junction in Holmes Chapel near to the new Gladman Estate. This is being funded by the developer with section 106 money.

319 Bus Service – Following negotiation the bus service has been saved, albeit with a slightly reduced service. A further assessment will be made in October 2018.

20/18 Matters arising from the minutes

- Footpath from train station – Pressure needs to be maintained with Cheshire East Highways department to install a footpath. Cllr Laverick has canvassed locally and identified over 30 school children in the Parish. Currently all of these children are driven to school because of a lack of safe walking routes to school.

Cllr Laverick has also met with Mrs Atkins, Headmistress at Goostrey school. Mrs Atkins is keen to support the Parish Council with a plan under the safe routes to school programme.

Action – WL will draft a letter and plan on behalf of TPC.

- Station Bridge – The commencement of work to the bridge has been delayed due to a lack of engagement by Network Rail.
- Gully outside Hiverley Cottage – this has been reported to CE highways under incident number 3313358 but has not yet been cleared.

Action – VM will chase this up with Cheshire East Council

- Flooding on Macclesfield Road – BT appear to have dealt with this issue
- Defibrillator signs – These have now been ordered
- Pothole on 40 Acres Lane – this has now been repaired
- Hedge/tree maintenance on Macclesfield Road

Action – CB to check if this has been attended to

21/18 Speed watch

Four new volunteers have been recruited who now need to undergo appropriate training

Action – VM to contact the PCSO to request training for the new volunteers and co-ordinate

22/18 Planning Applications

None

23/18 Highways

Two separate accidents have been reported from the 15th and 28th of February. Both accidents involved vehicles pulling out of driveways along Twemlow Lane and collisions with passing speeding motorists.

24/18 Accounts

To note the balance of account = £1754.32

To authorise the following payments –

- £594.28 Clerks wages (Jan to March)

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

Receipts

Nil

It was noted a Vat refund has been applied for in the sum of £171.50

25/18 Data Protection

VM discussed the new regulation coming out in May particularly with regards to a data protection officer – further guidance and training is to be obtained from CHALC and the matter will be rolled over to the next meeting.

26/18 Staff Pension Enrollment

VM has completed a declaration of compliance with The Pensions Regulator under the Pensions Act 2008 and the date of declaration is 1/2/18

RESOLVED – Twemlow Parish Council declaration of compliance with The Pensions Regulator under the Pensions Act 2008 is dated 1/2/18

27/18 Chairman and members report

The Chairman has been asked to invite all councilors to the re-opening of the Crown pub in the Scout Hut for one night only on the 16th March. VM to advertise on Facebook page.

The Parish Council meeting will be held on the 15th May and the annual newsletter will be hand delivered to all residents prior to this meeting. Action – VM to forward full financial details to be included within the newsletter.

The parking issues at Twemlow Manor Fields continue. Action – VM to email Andrew Foulkes at Dane Housing re allocating parking spaces to individual houses. CB is to visit Twemlow Manor Fields and count houses and car parking spaces.

28/18 Clerks report

Noting to report that hasn't already been addressed within the meeting.

29/18 It was to be noted the next meeting was to be held at the Yellow Broom Restaurant on 15th May 2018 March at 7pm. The meeting closed at 8.55pm.