

TWEMLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council virtual meeting on Tuesday 9th March 2021

Present: Cllrs Brandreth, M Bayley, R Burns, N Burns, W Laverick, T Price & Mrs. V Marchant (clerk)

Apologies: None

Absent: Cllr A Kolker (Cheshire East)

Declarations of Interest: None

Public forum: Apologies were made for the late start of the meeting due to technical difficulties.

VM established that the meeting was being filmed. VM advised re the raising of hands to ask a question and requested all participants to remain on mute if not speaking to avoid background noises.

CB read out the protocols for public forums.

14 Members of the public were present and raised concerns with regards to the proposed neighbourhood plan which were noted for consideration.

16/21 Minutes

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meetings of the 12th January 2020 as a true record of the meeting. These will be duly signed by the Chairman.

17/21 Cheshire East Council report

As Cllr Kolker was not in attendance this was rolled over to the next meeting.

18/21 Matters arising from the minutes

- Damaged 30MPH sign on Twemlow Lane report no 3386968
- Missing Cattle crossing sign report no 3386969
- Overgrown path at railway bridge report no 3408464
- Damaged chevron sign Twemlow Lane report no 3419363

All of these issues have been reported to CEC Highways and VM will chase them up. VM advised there is a new Highways maintenance liaison officer who will be contacted regarding the outstanding issues. TP advised CEC highways had removed the damaged 30MPH sign.

CEC Highways advised they are not responsible for the damaged footpath sign on Twemlow Lane and have referred the matter to the appropriate department.

19/21 Speed watch

No speed watch sessions have taken place due to the lockdown.

Sale of old speed gun - **Action** CB to pass the gun to VM for advertising at the next meeting in person.

20/21 Speeding on Twemlow Lane

Speeding continues. PCSO Chadwick has visited twice with the mobile speed camera. CB would like a mobile speed camera outside Twemlow Manor Fields.

Action – VM to remind PSCO Chadwick re morning sessions now schools have returned.

21/21 Highways

RTA'S

TP advised of 3 RTAs since the last meeting, all as a result of a hard frost and all occurring on the A535. The first was at the bottom of the bank just past Bank Farm. The other 2 were opposite Saltesford Farm.

22/21 Planning Applications

None

23/21 Accounts

Balance of account £3532.31

To authorise the following;

£649.56 Clerks wages and expenses

£100 New Life Church (paid)

£20 Cheshire Community Action (paid)

£141 Crewe Colour Printers

Cheques not yet cashed;

£50 Goostrey Scouts - VM asked WL to pursue encashment of cheque prior to year end

Receipts;

Nil

24/21 Audit

The appointment of the internal auditor was discussed

Resolved - to instruct Gary Roberts to carry out the internal audit.

25/21 Local charitable donation

VM read out a thank you note received from the Chairman of Trustees at New Life Church in respect of the recent donation.

26/21 Website accessibility

VM updated the present position regarding the website updates which are ongoing and will hopefully be completed prior to the next meeting.

27/21 Annual review of Fixed Asset register & risk assessment

The council reviewed the fixed asset register & risk assessment and agreed that no amendments were necessary for the 21/22 financial year.

Resolved – To agree the Fixed asset register and risk assessment for 2021/2022

28/21 Chairman and members report

WL reported that she had attended the local Police cluster meeting. No issues reported for Twemlow.

RB advised that the pads on the defibrillator are out of date. The replacement cost is £44. VM to check with Northwest Ambulance to establish whether they will replace them.

29/21 Clerks report

VM advised the government has not updated the legislation regarding holding meetings virtually/physically. VM will advise further as soon as the guidance is clarified.

30/21 Neighbourhood Plan

Joining with Cranage to prepare a neighbourhood plan was approved in principle at the meeting on January 12th by a unanimous vote, however the matter was not resolved.

Concerns, opinions and questions regarding the preparation of a plan and joining with Cranage to do so, have now been raised as follows;

1. Is Cranage the right fit for Twemlow?
2. Do we need a neighbourhood plan given the protection we receive being within the Jodrell Bank two mile restriction zone?
3. Is it the right time to proceed with a plan?
4. A public open forum is needed before deciding whether to proceed with a plan.
5. Without a plan we are a sitting duck as Jodrell Bank science may become outdated.
6. A plan is necessary to have input in guiding any development that will inevitably come and avoid speculative and unwanted development in which Twemlow has no say in.

Given the above questions the council resolved unanimously not to proceed jointly with Cranage and their neighbourhood plan but to make further enquiries regarding alternative options available.

31/21 The next meeting will be held on the 4th May at 7pm. The clerk will clarify asap if this will be a physical meeting at the Yellow Broom or a virtual meeting. The meeting closed at 8.50pm.