

TWEMLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 7th March 2023

Present: M Bayley, N Burns, R Burns (Vice-Chair), A Davies, W Laverick, A Kolker & Mrs. V Marchant (clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs C Brandreth (Chair)

Absent: T Price

Declarations of Interest: None

Public forum: None

17/23 Minutes

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting of the 10th January as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Vice Chairman.

18/23 Zoo for U

Unfortunately, they did not attend or send apologies.

19/23 Matters from minutes

Christmas Lights – NB has made enquiries with a contact who has advised any lights could be powered by a small battery. Action - NB will make further enquiries regarding costs.

Sign for the green – The clerk had obtained samples from national companies however it may be that a local craftsman would be better placed to supply. Action - MB will make enquiries with a local blacksmith.

Planter for the Green – Again the national company brochure did not seem to have the right thing and a local supplier may be more suitable. Action – RB to make enquiries locally.

Power cuts – The clerk contacted SP power who confirmed some faults had been detected and were now rectified.

20/23 Cheshire East Council report

Cllr A Kolker reported that the proposed budget included many cuts and this could result in charging for brown bin collection, reduced library services, reduced cutting of hedges, greens, verges and playing fields.

The no. 319 bus was at risk and a consultation is due soon.

Car parking charges are proposed for x 2 Cheshire East car parks in Holmes Chapel.

21/23 Accounts

Balance of account – £3286.54

To authorise the following;

£734.84 - clerks wages & expenses Jan to March

£30.90 PATA Payroll (to include previous cheque not received)

Receipts

Nil

Resolved – to approve the above payments

22/23 Dane Valley Footpath

Cllr Clowes from Holmes Chapel Parish Council has spoken with the landowners of the proposed path routes and the footpath officer. A copy of his report was discussed. **Action** - Cllr Clowes is going to make further enquiries with regards to costs & viability

The ongoing issue with Harry Styles fans walking along the main road was discussed again. NB suggested that any stile installed within a new footpath should have a plaque calling it Harrys Stile. It was suggested that Harry Styles may well like to contribute to the new footpath. **Action** – VM to liaise with HC Parish Clerk

23/23 Speed watch

No speed watch sessions have taken place. A new speed gun is needed to conduct any further sessions. Holmes Chapel Parish Council speed watch team have kindly offered to loan a speed gun to us. **Action** – CB to collect speed gun from Holmes Chapel.

24/23 Highways

An unknown vehicle collided with a raised kerbstone on Twemlow Lane leaving dangerous damage and debris. VM contacted Cheshire East who repaired the damage within one week.

25/23 Damaged phone box/post box/defibrillator

Delivery of the phone box was attempted, however the delivery company refused to offload without the road being closed due to the size and nature of the delivery vehicle and the fact that the road would be blocked whilst offloading. Alternative provisions were discussed. **Action** – RB to contact Ray Brown for assistance with storage and installation.

The levelling of the concrete on the phone box site was also discussed. **Action** - NB & RB to make enquiries regarding levelling the ground.

26/23 Planning Applications

None

27/23 Noticeboard

The noticeboard was defaced when a notice was glued to the glass of the noticeboard with an industrial glue causing damage. RB cleaned the glue off with a chemical solution. The crack in the glass of the noticeboard was further damaged in the process. Given that the noticeboard was donated to the Parish by the current chairman, in memory of his deceased father – a long serving chairman of the Parish, the criminal damage was particularly upsetting and offensive.

Action - VM is to report the matter to the PCSO.

28/23 Appointment of Auditor

Resolved – to appoint Gary Roberts

29/23 Elections

The clerk distributed application forms for the May elections. The Notice of Election will be displayed in the noticeboard in due course.

30/23 Kings Coronation

The choice of a keepsake for the residents of the Parish was discussed and in keeping with the Kings love of nature the planting of seeds or flowers was favoured. Rather than a packet of seeds distributed to individual households', flowers will be planted.

Resolved – Flowers to be planted once the planters have been purchased.

31/23 Blue Dot Festival

The resident liaison officer has been in touch requesting feedback from last year. It was noted that road closure signs need not be displayed as far out as Holmes Chapel. Additionally, rail users alighting at Goostrey station were unable to get to the festival site without walking along unsuitable roads with lots of bags/camping equipment and this should be addressed. **Action** – VM to report back accordingly.

32/23 Clerks report

Nothing additional to report

33/23 Chairman and members report

AD will be attending the Brereton Police meeting and will report back at the next meeting

34/23 The next meeting will be held on the 9th May 2023 at 7pm at the Yellow Broom restaurant. The meeting was closed at 8.25pm