



Twemlow Parish Council **Newsletter Winter 2011/12**

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CHANGE OF TIMING

I know the newsletter is usually delivered before Christmas but this year there has been a change of thought. Rather than receive it when you are all very busy with Christmas preparations I thought it might be better received after the New Year when you perhaps have time to sit and read it along with a well earned cup of coffee and another piece of Christmas cake! Let us know which time you prefer.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

During the seasonal period the Parish Council was informed that the planning application for 13 affordable houses on Twemlow Lane (application No 10/2647C) was to be reviewed by the Strategic Planning Board on 18th January 2012 even though permission had been formally granted on 6th October 2011 (after being passed at the February Southern Planning meeting). Comments were to be made by 4th January and so a meeting was called on 29th December at the old MOD site. Six members of the public attended and the Parish Council was informed that 'due to a lack of response by Cheshire East Council to a formal (pre- action) request to reconsider the grounds on which the decision was granted last February, Judicial Review proceedings were issued by a resident which the Council did not contest and the decision was subsequently quashed – (this quashing order became official from 9th January 2012) As the Parish Council had not officially been informed of this and cannot act on 'hearsay' it re-submitted its original comments and has requested that the Cheshire East planning department issue it with a formal statement of the current situation before the next meeting.

After all that, the application does not now appear on the SPB agenda for the 18th January.

RESULT!

I was going to say 'At last the overflowing manhole on the A535 opposite Saltersford Farm has finally been mended and we no longer have a risk of a frozen slick of water across the road which could have caused havoc should we have had or get any very cold weather. This has taken a lot of doing and we must thank Julie Mason, our very tenacious clerk for persevering on this until the job was done.' But I have since learned that all that has been done is to divert the water into Mr Lunt's garden! At least we haven't got the ice slick but its back to the drawing board for Julie!

HOMEWATCH

At the Parish Council on 21st November Inspector Mark Gammage once again came to our meeting and gave us a short update on Local Policing. It is very good of him to afford us his time and beneficial for us to have a first class relationship with the police. He advised us of the new 'non emergency' number '101' which had then just been rolled out and is now fully operational. Ring this number if you see anything suspicious, the police always want to know if you do, you never know what you might prevent. We are fortunate to have a relatively low crime rate in this area, and most burglaries are usually by people in either hire cars or with stolen registration plates from Merseyside or Manchester, using the M6, with knowledge that Cheshire is quite an affluent area. These offenders are very difficult to catch. In the event of them being caught and goods found the next problem is re-uniting goods to their rightful owner. With this in mind it was suggested that people make a note of any serial numbers on items like lawnmowers, TVs, IT equipment etc. to make this task much easier.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Does anyone have any ideas about if and how we should celebrate the forthcoming Queen's Diamond Jubilee? Should all the children have a commemorative mug? Nationally there is to be a 'Big Lunch' on the Sunday. Is this something we could do? 'Bring your own Gazebo and picnic' would be a cost effective way to get everyone together. The next question would be 'where'. Offers of a suitable site would be welcome. Health and Safety would have to be considered of course, which is always a challenge. Any legal brains out there who could come up with a water tight disclaimer?

If you have any ideas or contributions please contact any PC member. If anyone or group would like to arrange something instead please feel free, perhaps if this is the case you could let us know and then we could help support it.

Food for thought.

HAVE YOUR SAY

In order that we know that someone actually reads the newsletter it would be good to have some feedback. So if there is anything in particular happening that makes you either happy or sad let us know and we can perhaps mention it here. For example you think the fairy lights at the Green look really pretty, as I do, we can thank the people responsible for taking their time putting them up. Or on the other hand you might find it annoying when something like motorists or horse riders don't acknowledge your actions when you have given way. You never know what might turn up.

WEBSITE

Along with the Newsletter there is also an exciting information sheet regarding the ways we can keep you informed via the Website, we do hope you will find it useful and it will be good to have as many people as possible on board.

Wishing you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year from all the Parish Council.



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