

# TWEMLOW PARISH COUNCIL

## QUALITY STATUS ACHIEVED

You are invited to the 'Annual Parish Meeting' to be held at Terra Nova School on 6th May at 7.00 pm.



### SPEED REDUCTION IN TWEMLOW

As everyone will now be aware the new speed limit throughout the A535 and 30mph @ Twemlow Green is now in force. I am sure residents whose properties align the A535 and Twemlow Lane will have noticed a reduction in noise accompanied with drivers taking care to abide by the new limit.

Inspector York has deployed unmarked cars over the past weekends, several vehicles have been stopped on the A535 both at Terra Nova and Twemlow.

There are still a few issues to be tweaked with the Highways department regarding signage and road markings. These are now in hand and are to be implemented over the next few weeks.

However, in general I would say 80% of drivers are adhering to the new changes in the limit. There will always be the odd few who think they are above the Law! This usually occurs at rush hour, both early morning and tea time when everyone seems to be in a great hurry!

Interactive signs have been discussed as a possibility of making drivers more aware. This has been a great achievement in Twemlow We should acknowledge the assistance of Fiona Bruce MP and Councillor David Topping from Cheshire East for their support. Not forgetting Councillor. Michael Jones (leader of the Council) and Mr Pryce Evans and his Team at Cheshire East Highways who listened to our Plight and acted upon our suggestions.

Mrs G Hulley

### Agenda for the evening.

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2013.
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Financial Report
6. Presentation from North West Ambulance Service— Mr M Moore
7. Questions from residents

## PLANNING APPLICATION 12/0705W

CRES planning application for a proposed ANAEROBIC DIGESTION AND COMBINED HEAT AND POWER PLANT on the disused Ministry of Defence site, Twemlow Lane

In April 2013 the Secretary of State for Communities

and Local Government instructed Cheshire East Council that this proposal needed an Environment Impact Assessment (EIA). Part of the EIA is an Odour Management plan [OMP] which CRES have submitted to the Environment Agency [EA]. As of 23rd April 2014 the

EA have made no official decision. For more information on this planning application see: [http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/view\\_a\\_planning\\_application.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/view_a_planning_application.aspx) and search for applications: 12/0705W and 13/2329S

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## **ACCOUNTS from March 2013/2014**

<b>Balance at 31.3.13</b>	<b>2098.00</b>
<u>Receipts</u>	
Precept	2750.00
Non Specific Grant	23.00
Interest	5.00
VAT	23.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,801.00</b>
 <u>Payments</u>	
CPRE	29.00
Poppy Wreath	15.00
Clerks salary	2093.00
Expenses	165.00
Training	70.00
Publications/Community resilience	18.00
Councillor Expenses	283.00
CHALC	62.00
Internal Auditor	25.00
Room hire	Nil
Insurance	276.00
Tea and Coffee	25.00
Village Green	88.00
Website	149.00
TCS	66.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3364.00</b>
<b>Balance at March 2014</b>	<b>1535.00</b>

## Highways - COUNCILLOR D Topping

### Highways Update

The past year has been eventful for Cheshire East Highways. A record year in many ways.

The Council was able to invest £23m into an investment programme which would take place over a 2-year period. In addition, a £400m grant announcement by the Government gave us an allocated sum of £2.2m to invest in pothole repair. This grand sum of £25.2m gave the Council the funding to start an ambitious programme to repair roads which were in a very poor state after 15 years of under investment and 2 very cold winters.

In 2013, Highways repaired over 57,000 potholes using the highly successful "Tell

Dave" campaign and resurfaced over 100km of roads. In addition, a record number of speed restrictions was achieved, directed by the request of residents. Gullies, too, were cleaned and repaired with over 65% of the total number of 85,000 given due attention. This helped enormously in dealing with the heavy rainfall experience of late.

This programme has continued into 2014 with new priorities identified for potholes and road surfacing. Local members and Parish Councils have played an important role in directing attention to areas for attention. Locally, you will have seen the results on Holmes Chapel Road.

The high winds in February caused a lot of problems. In addition to property damage, there were over 350 trees blown down in one night across the borough. You will have seen the size of the problem just in Sandy Lane. Despite the closure of the M6 and subsequent blocked roads, Highways and Streetscape did a brilliant job well into the night to clear the main roads for the next morning. There should be no shortage of logs for some time!

Of course, Highways could not achieve everything in one year. In fact, we really need another £100m to do a complete job which would take a number of years. Clearly, some areas have yet to be done and we ask you to be patient. We will continue to respond to calls for repair over and above the planned programme.

We aim to continue to give a "Residents First" service.

The Parish Council wish a warm welcome to the new residents at Twemlow Manor Fields

## EMERGENCY PLAN

### Twemlow Emergency Community Plan -

update from Councillor B. Torney

I would like to thank the 29 residents who returned their

questionnaires to me and it was good to see that those on the outskirts of the Parish were willing to communicate with their neighbours. Unfortunately out of the 80 that were hand delivered to all

Twemlow residents only 2 other people are willing to sit down and look at a plan. I am unsure how to move forward with this but maybe the 3 of us may look at an emergency plan for those residents who

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## CHAIRMANS REPORT

My year as Chairman has coincided with some of the biggest changes Twemlow is ever likely to see. The first of these was the building last summer of the "Twemlow Manor Fields" affordable housing development. Although this was initially a contentious application, the one thing that we can all agree on is the pleasing and sympathetic way the development has been blended into the surroundings. We, of course, extend the hand of friendship and give a warm welcome to all the new residents and hope that they will be happy in their new homes and hopefully seek to play an active part within the community. One small success was the naming of the development. "Twemlow Manor Fields" was a suggestion made by the Parish Council and thankfully adopted following dissatisfaction over the original name chosen by the developers.

Another change, and a most welcome and long overdue one, is the implementation of a 30mph speed limit on Twemlow Lane, Goostrey Lane and parts of the A535 going through the parish. This is a result of a long campaign and many years of work to reduce the speed limit on the roads throughout the parish. We owe a debt of gratitude and thanks to all the residents who have worked tirelessly and have campaigned and lobbied various organisations in order to improve safety on our roads. We also must thank the Police, and in particular Inspector York for their support.

One change that is still to be resolved is the future of the former MOD site. The one thing that we all have to accept is that the site was disused and put up for sale by the MOD. A change of use is inevitable and maintaining the status quo is not an option. What has to be weighed up is the best use for the site that is for the long-term benefit of both Twemlow and its residents. As we all know, the current proposal is for the site to be converted into an Anaerobic Digester. Naturally, as with any such proposal, feelings can run high and it has been sad to see the community divided in such a way. My hope is that whatever decision is made regarding the future of the site, it is accepted by all and we find a way to move on and re-forging links within the community.

I would like to thank all my fellow councillors for their support and hard work over the past 12 months. Being a parish councillor is more than just turning up to meetings and a lot of work goes on "behind the scenes" in between meetings. I am sure though that my fellow councillors share in my frustrations that sometimes the wheels of officialdom do not turn as quickly as we would like, nor in the direction we would choose.

I would also like to thank my Vice-Chairman, Cllr Huw Thomas for his support and for bringing a sense of calm and eloquence to proceedings when required. I wish him well in his chairmanship for the coming year.

Finally, my thanks go to our clerk, Julie Mason, for her support and assistance to me over the past year. We are extremely fortunate in Twemlow that we have such a hard working, dedicated and knowledgeable clerk working on our behalf. We are all extremely proud of the fact that we are one of the smallest Parish Councils in the country to gain "Quality Parish Council" status, and its thanks to people like Julie that we are able to maintain this status.

**COUNCILLOR CRAIG BRANDRETH**