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WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS

Over the past 12-18 months, there have been a number of new residents coming to the parish, either moving into the new houses on Twemlow Manor Fields or into existing properties within the parish. The Parish Council would like to welcome all new residents and hope that they will enjoy living in Twemlow for many years to come. All residents are, of course, welcome to join us at our Parish Council meetings for which the details can be found on the back of this newsletter.

A.D. PLANT UPDATE

The Environment Agency (EA) has refused Cres Biogas Ltd's application for a permit for an Anaerobic Digester waste plant on the former MoD site at Twemlow – as it recognises that the site is too close to homes. The EA stated "The odour management plan submitted with the application and subsequent versions have not satisfied the Agency that this facility will be able to control odour emissions." It explained that the facility would not be able to comply with the condition on odour which any EA permit would stipulate. The EA has also lodged an objection to the planning application with Cheshire East Council as "the environmental impact of the proposed development in this location cannot be satisfactorily mitigated in this location due to its impact on sensitive receptors." Twemlow Parish Council resolved at its meeting on 22 September to object to the application, stating "This Parish Council will not support this application until it gets support from the EA"

EMERGENCY PLAN

The Twemlow Emergency Plan is now up and running. The Village has been divided into 8 groups with a contact leader in each group. Each 'contact' volunteer has been given their individual groups details. The plan can be found on Twemlow Notice Board and the Parish Council's website which has a designated section in the left hand column where you will find:-

1. Our statement, outlining why we have a plan and an accompanying 'tree' of contact numbers, this also shows how the village is divided.
2. The Emergency Plan: this includes our risk assessment and how and when the plan may be put into action. This document also has many useful contact numbers should there be an emergency.
3. The original Questionnaire. This questionnaire was useful in identifying areas of risk - **if you haven't returned yours and you would like to be notified of emergency situations** then please print a paper copy and return to Cllr Barbara Torney at 7 Twemlow Lane with as much information as you wish to disclose. It must however have both landline and mobile numbers and an email address if you have them. This will then give your contact leader a variety of ways to get in touch with you. Thank you to all our volunteers for their help.

NEW 30MPH SPEED LIMIT

The 30mph Speed limit within Twemlow and on the A535 is approaching its One Year Anniversary. For those residing on the A535 within Twemlow Green this has dramatically improved their quality of life. Cheshire East Council, our Local Member of Parliament (Fiona Bruce) and Police Inspector supported the Campaign for a 30mph speed limit, following a comprehensive presentation and persistent lobbying. Residents of Twemlow may wish to note the journey time to transit the 30mph limit section of the A535 within Twemlow takes 60 seconds @ 30mph and 36 seconds @ 50mph. If it were possible to maintain a steady speed of 50mph; 24 seconds would be the maximum time saving. In reality the difference between the two speeds is likely to be less than **15 seconds**.

PHONE BOX ON TWEMLOW GREEN

The Parish Council recently adopted the traditional red phone box on the green for the sum of £1, as it was due for decommissioning and removal by BT. Although it cannot be maintained as a working phone box, the Parish Council decided to take on the ownership of the phone box to preserve this small piece of history. If anyone has any suggestions for its future use please pass your ideas on to any councilor or bring them along to a Parish Council meeting.

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Meetings for 2015

All meetings take place in
The Jodrell Room,
Terra Nova School
unless otherwise stated.

All meetings start at 7pm
unless otherwise stated.

Any changes to the venue or
starting time will be advertised
on the noticeboard and the
Parish Council website.

Monday 9th March

Monday 18th May
(Annual Meeting of
the Parish Council)

Monday 22nd June

Monday 3rd August
(Venue to be announced)

Monday 21st September

Monday 9th November

COMMUNITY SPEED MANAGEMENT

Community Speed Management is a Police led process to support communities in reducing the impact of excessive or inappropriate speed on their local roads. Following the revised speed limit to 30mph throughout the village of Twemlow it is obvious to residents, highways and the police that not all motorists are abiding by these new limits. Highways erected a sign on the A535 that flashes '30' to remind motorists of the speed limit as they enter the Village from its fastest stretch. The Police have used a mobile 'smiley' Speed Display Unit [SDU] and will continue to do so. They have also witnessed some of the high speeds motorists are travelling.

COMMUNITY HELP NEEDED.... We would like to gather a group of volunteers who can be trained by the Police to use a speed gun in the Village. Ideally we would need 3 Groups of 3 volunteers, 9 residents in total. Each group of 3 Volunteers would work together to record; Site, date, time, registration make and model, colour, speed and direction of travel. Please contact Cllr Barbara Torney or The Clerk, Julie Mason to volunteer by February 22nd 2015

ELECTIONS 2015

At the beginning of May 2015, our parish councillors finish their terms of office and all candidates will stand for election to begin working from May 2015 onwards. This is an opportunity for local residents to put their names forward with the intention of representing the views of the whole community. Councillors are expected to be impartial and have an open mind on issues, giving due consideration to the interests of all the community. Some find this difficult, but a council is not a pressure group for one section of the community. Meetings are formal and councillors are expected to adhere to the rules, regulations and procedures which are set down nationally. Training for the role is available and essential. [For many years, parish council elections have generated very few candidates, resulting in an election with only the required number of names coming forward. If, however, insufficient candidates come forward then there has to be a co-option. Again, if more than one person volunteers, then the council will consider the most suitable individual for the vacancy.] If anyone is interested and fulfils the criteria set out regarding eligibility, further information and the necessary application forms can be obtained from the monitoring officer of the local borough council. The necessary dates and deadlines will be advertised some weeks before the actual election dates.

PARKING ON PAVEMENTS

There have been a few incidents over the past few months of the pavement down Twemlow Lane being blocked by parked cars. Although it is not an offence to park on the pavement, it is an offence to park in such a way to not allow passage to pedestrians, including those with pushchairs and wheelchairs. A clear line of sight to those exiting their drives should also be provided.

This is also causing further damage to the pavement, which in places is already in poor repair. An advantage of parking with all four wheels on the road is that this will slow the traffic down and hopefully ensure more drivers stick to the 30mph speed limit.

FIX MY STREET.COM

Bumpy ride this morning? View blocked by dumped rubbish? Potholes and fly tipping are just two of the street faults that can be reported via the website www.FixMyStreet.com, along with many other common issues. While most of us know that the council are responsible for fixing these things, we may not know which department in the council. With FixMyStreet, all you have to do is locate the problem on a map, and select a category: the site then sends it off to the right place to get it fixed. All reports are published on the site, as well as being sent to the council. FixMyStreet comes from the UK not-for-profit organisation mySociety, and is one of its longest-running and most-used services. It is just one of several projects aimed at making it easier for citizens to get things changed in their own community. So, next time you see something that needs fixing, be it a broken paving slab or a flickering streetlight, all you need to remember is FixMyStreet.com.

NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is published 4 times a year by Twemlow Parish Council. We deliver 2 per year with the others posted on the website and the notice board. If any resident would like to receive their newsletter via email, please contact Cllr Craig Brandreth on craigbrandreth@yahoo.co.uk. Please note that in order to maintain Quality Status, we will still have to deliver the newsletter advertising the Annual Meeting to all households within the parish.