

TWEMLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Twemlow Parish Council

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

All meetings start at 7pm
unless otherwise stated.

Monday 18th May
(Annual Parish Meeting
Followed by Annual Parish
Council Meeting)

Monday 22nd June

Monday 3rd August
(Venue to be announced)

Monday 21st September

Monday 9th November

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT- CLLR. H. THOMAS

In the report below, Cllr Huw Thomas reflects on his year as Chairman of Twemlow Parish Council as he hands over to his successor. As in previous years, this is the personal view of the outgoing Chairman on how they viewed their year in office.

The past twelve months have seen significant developments for the Parish. The network of speed limits has been enhanced by further signage, road markings and data collection together with a specific enforcement exercise by Constabulary traffic officers on the A535. Problems with bad driving and inappropriate speed persist especially in relation to the "B roads" and there will be no let-up in our efforts to address these.

Similarly, the Council has maintained contact with Cheshire East Highways with regard to the state of repair/dis-repair of both road and pavement surfaces. Our particular appreciation of Councillor Price's work in renovating the bus-stop on Goostrey Lane and in gritting the pavement on Twemlow Lane last winter also deserves to be put on record. Councillor Torney produced a thorough and extensive Community Resilience Plan for the parish.

The Parish Council has completed adoption of the classic 'Giles Gilbert Scott' red telephone box on the Green and will explore possibilities for use and role so that it remains a community asset. The bench opposite the Yellow Broom restaurant has also been replaced together with the refuse bin on the Green - not only is the latter much more 'fit-for-purpose', it has made the place look better too.

In his Chairman's Report last year, Councillor Brandreth drew attention to the controversy relating to the planning application for an Anaerobic Digester plant on the ex-MoD site. As he pointed out, the status quo was not an option and the object should be to secure the best outcome for the Parish. The level to which the 'debate' descended at times however and the personal hostility evinced really has no place in a community such as ours. We should all proceed on the basis that opinions (for and against) are held in good faith and that people do wish to act in the best interests of Twemlow. Further planning applications are either lodged or likely. These too might well have a profound effect on the Parish and quality of life here. Debate on such issues is inevitable but it should be informed and conducted in an objective and reasoned manner. Those who espouse "issues" as a "cover" or means to pursue petty vendettas, retaliation for slights (real or perceived) or to vent personal resentments do nothing but corrode the atmosphere now and for the future.

On a more positive note, we received two significant Police visits (Inspector Sue Mills of Congleton Neighbourhood Policing Unit and Chief Inspector Paul Carroll of the Eastern Area Command Team) - both presentations were informative and subsequent discussions valuable.

I would like to express my great appreciation to Vice-Chairman, Councillor John Basford, for his unstinting and generous support during the year and to fellow-councillors. It is a matter of great regret that both Councillor Sydney Pierpoint and Councillor Graham Holborow decided not to stand for re-election. They have worked as parish council members assiduously over many years and have made a real contribution to the community. I would like to record our gratitude to them and hope we will have an opportunity to recognise their many years of valuable service in due course.

Last but by no means least of course, thanks are due to our Clerk, Julie Mason. Julie's support, advice, expertise and assistance has been invaluable. She invariably "goes the extra mile" to ensure delivery follows decision and has developed an excellent local government network through which the voice of Twemlow is heard. Julie's work is key to our 'Quality Status' as a Parish Council and we will build on that for the next stage in the development of this accreditation process.

In conclusion, I am pleased to say that my successor as Chairman inherits a parish council in good hands, in good health and with my best wishes for his/her term of office.

Cllr. Huw Thomas, Chairman May 2014-May 2015

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ACCOUNTS 2014-2015

<u>Receipts</u>	
Precept	2,750
VAT Claim	23
Council support	20
Total	2,793
<u>Outgoings</u>	
Clerks Salary	2,169
CPRE	36
Training	50
CHALC	51
Publication Costs	62
Annual Meeting	25
Internal Auditor	25
Expenses	200
TCS Management	70
Litter Bin	189
Insurance Zurich	303
Bench	206
Website	139
Leaving gift	30
Notice Board Maintenance and installation costs	382
Royal British Legion	15
FOI	40
Goostrey Methodist Chapel	25
Total	4017
Opening Balance	1584
Plus Receipts	2793
Minus Payments	4017
Total	£360.00