

TWEMLOW PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Terra Nova School on Monday 11th January 2016 at 7.00 pm

Declaration of Interest

Nothing to declare

Chief Inspector Gareth Lee – Crewe Local Policing Unit

The Inspector heads the Crewe Local Policing Unit which encompasses the towns and villages of Crewe, Nantwich, Middlewich, Alsager, Sandbach and the surrounding areas of South East Cheshire. He has fourteen years' police service, most recently as Detective Inspector in the northern part of the county and prior to that the Neighbourhood Inspector in Runcorn. The policing area is very diverse, with miles of countryside coupled with the demands of busy industrial towns, and the area is home to a diverse range of communities and citizens from different ethnic backgrounds. The Policing teams are, Crewe Centre, Crewe East, Crewe South, Nantwich and Sandbach. The Sandbach team are responsible for the areas of Odd Rode, Brereton, Dane Valley and Holmes Chapel as well as the busy towns of Middlewich and Sandbach. This also includes Twemlow. The Sergeant responsible for the area is Chris Watkins

There was a period of questions and answers.

Councillor H Thomas thanked Inspector G Lee for attending and giving this his time to the Parish Council. The Inspector left at 8.00pm

01/16 Public Forum

3 members of the public

The issue of parking on Twemlow Lane was raised.

02/16 Present

Councillor C Brandreth (Chairman), Councillor J Basford, Councillor T Price, Councillor M Tomkinson, Councillor S Warkentin, Councillor A Kolker (Cheshire East) and the Clerk

03/16 Apologies

None

04/16 Minutes Proposed JB Seconded SW

Resolved the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th November 2015 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

05/16 Matters arising from the minutes

- Hedge on Goostrey Lane – it was agreed this would be left at this time
- Network Rail- the Clerk had written a letter of complaint and the residents had all received a letter of explanation and notification of the rail closures.
- Twemlow Lane junction and footpath – the Clerk was advised to write to Councillor D Brown (highways portfolio holder) due to lack of action from Cheshire East Highways.

06/16 Councillor Vacancy

Councillor A Ashmore has resigned from the Council on 16.11.15. This had now led to a vacancy which had been advertised on the notice board and on the website. Electoral services had been informed. It would also go in the newsletter.

07/16 Highways

- Saltersford Bridge
The bridge had been adapted for safety reasons. It was a great improvement but they wish the indications when travelling from Holmes Chapel to be improved as the speed limit is 50 mph and you can be traveling at speed before you realize the narrow bridge.
Councillor T Price would resolve the hedge covering the sign as there had been no action after contacting HCPC.
- Salt bin has been filled and Councillor M Tomkinson was holding the key.
- RTA – none to report
- The manhole cover outside Bank Farm still had not been addressed. NB. UU responsible.
- The road was flooded outside Orchard Farm/Boundary Cottage due to a blocked drain. The Chairman wished it to be noted it was due to the farm vehicles not clearing the mud from the road.
- Speed Display Gun training – There had been some issues before Christmas with completing the training due to the PCSO being called to more urgent places on the date of the training. The Clerk was requested to re arrange.
Resolved Councillor T Price was to arrange two sessions, one in January and one in February.
The Clerk was requested to put the SDU on the Fixed Asset register.

08/16 Planning

There were no applications to report.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk had written a leaflet to encourage members of the parish to join the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group. Councillors would deliver this week. Holmes Chapel Parish Council had organized a further meeting on 20.01.16 to discuss the number of approved/built houses since 2010 in our Parish plus other neighbours and other related issues.

Resolved Councillor M Tomkinson and Councillor S Warkentin would attend the meeting.

09/16 British Heart Foundation

Due to some technical failings on the application from the BHF the application had not been submitted by Christmas due to an error. The funding had now expired until March 2016. TPC would then have to reapply.

10/16 Local Council Award Scheme

Risk Assessment

The document had been circulated. Members had read and wished to make some amendments.

Resolved On re circulation by the Clerk the Council would approve the document.

Complaints Procedure

Members requested some amendments

Resolved The document would be approved when amendments were included.

The Clerk was in the process of re launching the website with Mr. R Malvern from Acorn Technology. It would be completed before the next meeting. The Clerk was also visiting Jackie Weaver to have some guidance on the award. It was acknowledged the Council would be aiming for the gold award.

11/16 Accounts

To note the balance of account = £1,136.99

Payments

To authorise the following payments –

- £575.00 CHALC (*error on CHALC's behalf for a incorrect BACS transaction*)
- £592.31 Cranage Parish Council (Clerks salary Oct to Dec)
- £62.96 Clerks expenses (Oct to Dec)
- £15.00 NALC (Local Council Award)

Receipts

- £575.00 Transparency Code (NALC/ CHALC) *Error payment see above*
- £500.75 Transparency Code (CHALC/NALC)

Resolved the above payments would be approved and signed for by the Parish Council.

It was acknowledged there was thank you note from Goostrey Scouts after the donation.

Clerks Pension Scheme

Proposed JB Secoded MT VOTE – Unanimous

Resolved Cranage Parish Council would still act as the employers on behalf of Twemlow Parish Council. TPC also agreed to enter the Cheshire Pension Scheme for the pension regulations on behalf of their clerk from March 2016.

It was acknowledged that in the new financial year the Clerk would have to be offered a pension scheme. TPC agreed that they would join with Cranage Parish Council.

12/15 Cheshire East

The Holmes Chapel Community Centre was opened on 09.01.16. It had been rated as one of the best in Cheshire. It is an excellent facility and should be visited. The membership fees are slightly lower for Holmes Chapel residents as their precept had significantly been increased to retain the facility.

Phase 2 was due to commence soon and a skateboard park was going to be delivered. There had been conversations about a pool but it was obviously an expensive venture. AK went on to inform members Councillor M Jones had resigned over Christmas. The nominations for the new leader were Councillor D Brown, Councillor R Bailey and Councillor J Clowes. The vote was to be conducted on 14.01.16. It was noted there was no fracking in Twemlow.

13/15 Chairman and Members Report

The Clerk reported that the complaint to the Parish Council had not been resolved by Cheshire East. TPC thought there was no major issue to take forward.

The Chairman will produce a newsletter before the next meeting. Topics were discussed. It was noted that Councillor S Warkendin had moved house. The ROI would be updated and the regulations were still sustainable.

14/15 Clerks Report

The Annual Newsletter was discussed and the Chairman would organise the speaker.

15/16 It was to be noted the next meeting was to be held at Terra Nova School on 14th March 2016 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

