

## **TWEMLOW PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Present:** C Brandreth (Chair), M Bayley, S Holborrow, L Anderson, D Johnson & Mrs. V Marchant (clerk)

**Declarations of Interest:** MB – Acres Croft planning permission (neighbour)

**Apologies:** W Laverick, R Chadwick, A Davies

Andy Davies has resigned from the Parish Council due to personal circumstances. CB extended his heartfelt thanks on behalf of the council for Andy's help and support as a councillor.

**Public forum:** 2 members of public in attendance

The recent accident and destruction of the phone box was discussed.

The speed of traffic generally in Twemlow and the speed of vehicles entering The Old Fuel Depot offices was raised again as an ongoing issue.

**Action** – VM to contact David Giles at The Old Fuel Depot re concerns.

The blocked grid on the A535 and the resulting flooding was raised. VM has requested photographs of the grid whilst overflowing/flooding so a further report can be lodged with Cheshire East.

**Action** – Councillors to send a photograph of flooding to the clerk who will report the matter.

### **81/24 Approve Minutes**

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> September as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.

### **82/24 Matters from minutes**

Sign for the green – VM discussed several replies from neighbouring councils re the erection of signs. DJ advised a sign was previously in situ on Twemlow Green and provided a photograph showing the sign. It is not known what happened to the sign. It may have been damaged in a previous accident and removed. As such no application to site a sign is necessary. The sign can be replaced in the exact spot.

**Action** – VM to contact CE council and advise.

Planter for the Green – Two large barrel planters to be installed. The barrels are ready for installation at the same time as the sign.

Twemlow Manor Fields – The cutting back of overgrowth has been actioned by Plus Dane. They sprayed the moss, but it needs further attention. VM had requested further spraying, but this has not been carried out.

**Action** – VM to chase Plus Dane again for further treatment to the path.

### **83/24 Cheshire East Council report**

Cllr Chadwick & Kolker not in attendance – carry forward to next meeting.

### **84/24 Accounts**

Balance of account £2960.99

Payments to authorise

£16.85 PATA

£41.95 Printer ink (paid)

£325 Goostrey men in sheds – noticeboard repair (paid)

£500 Dane Valley Way footpath

£4.99 noticeboard padlock

NB Cllr Craig Brandreth has confirmed his family would like to contribute 50% of the cost of repairs to the noticeboard. They previously donated the noticeboard to TPC.

Receipts

£1875 – 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of precept

**Resolved** – to approve the above payments above

### **85/24 Dane Valley Footpath**

Holmes Chapel Parish Council advised the footpath is now complete and requested a cheque in respect of TPC contribution of £500. CB wanted to thank HCPC for taking the lead in this exercise.

**Action** – VM to send cheque and letter of thanks.

### **86/24 Phone box/defibrillator update**

VM is putting together details of the claim which is to be submitted to the third-party insurers who will be dealing with the costs of replacement.

### **87/24 Highways**

DJ met with Aki Tsakonas, Road Safety Team Leader at Cheshire East Highways onsite to discuss the issues with speeding & accidents at the Twemlow Green bend. Several recommendations were made.

**Action** – VM & DJ to chase up CE council regarding improvements.

PCSO Graham has confirmed she is happy to carry out speed watch training and has recommended a Bushnell speed gun.

**Action** – VM to purchase a speed gun and arrange training with PCSO. The clerk will also research the costs of a SID and will arrange for a display & talk about how these will work.

### **88/24 Planning Applications**

24/1685C

Acres Croft, FORTY ACRE LANE, TWEMLOW GREEN, CW4 8DU

Retrospective permission for 4nr garages (substantially completed)

The Parish Council has no objection to the application.

### **89/24 Holmes Chapel Zoo**

Although the planning application was granted a review is now underway.

**Action** – VM to send a further letter of support.

### **90/24 New email addresses**

The clerk's husband attended the meeting to install new email addresses on Councillor devices.

**Resolved** - The new email addresses will be used from now.

### **91/24 Proposed Budget 2025-2026**

The clerk presented the proposed budget for 2025-2026

**Resolved** – to agree the budget as proposed.

### **92/24 Set 2025-2026 Precept**

The precept was discussed along with the fact that no increase was made last year. Considering cost increases in all services & expenses it was decided to increase the precept to £4675.

**Resolved** – to agree the precept for 2025-2026 at £4675

### **93/24 Councillor Photographs**

Headshots for SH, LA & WL are needed for the website

**Action** – SH, LA & WA to forward headshot photographs to the clerk.

### **94/24 Christmas Social**

A representative from the choir Chordiality visited to assess the performing area. All councillors will promote the evening with friends & neighbours.

**Action** - VM to repost poster on Facebook page and send further copy poster to all councillors.  
DJ to put a copy poster on notice board

**95/24 Clerks report**

Nothing to report

**96/24 Chairman and members report**

DJ advised that a petition regarding the replacement of the post box may be effective and add support to the campaign.

DJ advised he had discussed light pollution with a resident in view of strong LED lighting.

There is a grid flipping open on Twemlow Lane that is causing a hazard.

**Action** – Councillors to send photograph of grid & location to clerk who will report the matter.

**Action** – DJ to draft a post box petition for signature. This will be available at the Christmas social.

**97/24 Part II**

The clerk's salary was discussed and increased in line with the Local Government Service Pay Agreement 2024/25, raised to SCP 17 and will be backdated to April 2024.

**99/24** The next meeting will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7pm at the Yellow Broom restaurant. The meeting was closed at 8.52pm