

TWEMLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 13th May 2025

Present: C Brandreth (Chair), M Bayley, W Laverick & Mrs. V Marchant (clerk) Cllr A Kolker (CE) & Cllr R Chadwick (CE)

22/25 Election of Office – Chair

Cllr M Bayley nominated Cllr Craig Brandreth for the office of chair and this was seconded by Cllr W Laverick.

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved unanimously to appoint Cllr Craig Brandreth to the role of Chair.

23/25 Acceptance of offer – Chair

Cllr Brandreth signed the declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the clerk who in turn witnessed their signed forms.

24/25 Election of Office – Vice Chair

The Chair proposed Cllr M Bayley for the role of Vice Chair, and this was seconded by Cllr Laverick.

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved unanimously to appoint Cllr M Bayley into the role of Vice Chair.

25/25 Acceptance of office – Vice Chair

Cllr Bayley signed the declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the clerk who in turn witnessed their signed forms

Declarations of Interest: None

Apologies: D Johnson, S Holborrow & L Anderson

Public forum: Two members of the public attended

The owners of Bowshot House in Twemlow attended to discuss their ongoing planning application. The Parish council is in support of the development. **Action** – VM will write to CE planning department to confirm its support.

26/25 Approve Minutes

Resolved: The Parish Council has resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting of the 4th March as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.

27/25 Matters from minutes

Sign for the green – The new sign has now been erected to replace the one previously removed. The council would like to express their warmest thanks to Nigel Bayley for erecting the sign.

Twemlow Manor Fields – Further attention is needed to clear the paths. **Action** – CB to check whether further clearing of the paths has taken place.

Blocked Grid outside Blackden House – The drain is blocked and continues to flood. **Action** – CE have confirmed work to clear the drain has been added to the list and will be carried out in due course. Action VM to email details to Cllr Chadwick.

Phone box/defibrillator replacement – The replacement phone box is ready for delivery. **Action** – VM will liaise with Ray Brown & the supplier to arrange delivery. VM has made an application for funding assistance to The Manchester Airport community fund for help with the costs of a defibrillator.

28/25 Cheshire East Council report

Both Cllr Kolker & Chadwick were in attendance and jointly reported as follows;

The Boundary commission report has been published. There is no change to Twemlow however Holmes Chapel has been redrawn to include the new Bloor estates previously in Brereton.

An election is coming up for a new Mayor.

CE council has received a Best Value notice from the government to show ongoing improvements.

A new reduced bus fare has been introduced for 16–19-year-olds at £1. There is an ongoing discussion regarding OAP bus passes.

An additional 7.5 million has been given to the Highways department to deal with gully clearing & damaged bridges.

Devolution is underway to join Warrington, Cheshire East & Cheshire West councils together. The mayoralty elections will take place on the 26th May.

29/25 Accounts

Balance of account **£9151.14 (phone box cheques awaiting clearance)**

Payments to authorize

£214 Zurich Insurance annual policy
£67.08 CHALC annual subscription
£862.39 Clerks salary & expenses April to June
£52 CHALC (for July agenda)
£30 G Robers – audit (for July agenda)
£741.33 X2 Connect phone box VAT (for July agenda)
£51.47 N Bayley signpost materials (for July agenda)

Receipts

£2337.50 1st precept payment
£178.10 VAT refund

Resolved – to approve the above payments above

30/25 Highways

Twemlow Green Corner – Action VM will chase CE for road & sign improvements recommended for the corner again.

Speedwatch – The PCSO has replied with a proposed training date – unfortunately the volunteers were unable to attend and have requested an evening or weekend day/time.

Action – VM to contact PCSO to rearrange training session

RTA's

No new RTA's reported

31/25 Planning applications

NONE

32/25 Notice of Public Rights

Resolved - The public inspection period (Notice of Public Rights) will be from the from Tuesday 3rd June 2024 to Monday 14th July 2025 inclusive. All information will be posted on the parish Council website and notice board.

33/25 Internal Audit

The Internal auditor's report for 2024/2025 was received and noted.

Following the review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control, to approve the Clerk to complete Section 1 –Annual Governance Statement 2023 - 2024 of the AGAR.

Resolved - The Chairman and the Clerk to sign to confirm compliance.

Internal Audit – section 2

To consider Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2024-2025 of the AGAR, approve the Accounting

34/25 Clerks report

VM reported regarding the neighbourhood planning meeting attended at HC Leisure centre. A discussion followed regarding neighbourhood plans and their pros & cons. This needs to be considered again at an annual review which will be on the next agenda.

35/25 Chairman and members report

The bridge at Twemlow Viaduct will be closed for 3 days from the 16th June for repair.

21/25 The next meeting will be held on the 9th September 2025 at 7pm at the Yellow Broom restaurant. The meeting was closed at 8.35pm