

TWEMLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 8th July 2025

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

Declarations of Interest: None

Apologies: L Anderson

Absent: S Holborrow

Public forum: Two members of the public attended

Andrew Ashmore attended to discuss funding available from the Tree Council for the planting of new trees.

37/25 Approve Minutes

Resolved: The Parish Council has resolved to accept the amended minutes of the meeting of the 13th May as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.

38/25 Matters from minutes

Twemlow Manor Fields – CB inspected the paths, and the clearing work has not been carried out by Dane Housing. **Action** – VM to chase Dane Housing to clear the paths.

Blocked Grid outside Blackden House – CE advised work to clear the blocked drain has been carried out. Apparently, this is not the case, and the drain is still flooding. **Action** – VM to chase CE council yet again.

Phone box/defibrillator replacement – The replacement phone box was delivered to Bidlea dairy without prior agreement of a delivery date. VM has taken this up with X2 Connect. Ray Brown has kindly confirmed he can store the phone box until we are ready to install it on the Green.

39/25 Cheshire East Council report

Cllrs Chadwick & Kolker reported as follows;

- There is an active Travel Consultation open to shape transport & travel in the area
- The proposed Middlewich Bypass has been approved. Costs are being reassessed
- A boxing ring in Crewe is proposed with funding subsidies from the police & CE
- CE have refreshed their economic policy & strategy on how best to work with Partners
- CE are reviewing how they manage council land as a corporate landlord
- Tatton Park (CE subsidized) is undergoing a transformation programme looking at increasing revenue
- CE registrars won the best quality award for the 8th year running
- CE is undergoing a review of peer operations & senior management roles

- Cllr Chris Hillyard has very sadly passed away.
- CE overspend is reducing annually
- CE are introducing an AI assistant on website/phone system
- A new Mayor, David Edwards, is now in place

40/25 Accounts

Balance of account **£3523.28**

Payments to authorize

£52 ICO (paid)

£67.08 CHALC Membership (paid)

£6.96 Stamps

£40.50 PATA Payroll Jan to June

£30 G Robers – audit (paid)

£741.33 X2 Connect VAT (paid)

£51.47 N Bayley signpost materials (paid)

Receipts - NIL

Resolved – to approve the above payments above

41/25 Planning Applications

NONE

42/25 Highways

Twemlow Green Corner – Action VM will circulate a copy of the response from the CE Highways team regarding the complaint submitted.

Speed watch – The speed watch training session is now scheduled for Saturday 19th July at 7pm on the Yellow Broom Terrace followed by in situ training. **Action** – VM to circulate details to all volunteers

RTA's

Overnight on the 5th/6th June a vehicle collided with the new Twemlow Village sign on Twemlow Green Corner and the sign was tangled up in the chassis of the car which stopped just short of The Smithy Cottage. VM has made a formal complaint to CE Highways department regarding the frequency of serious RTAs on this bend of the A535 and has highlighted the fact that there is a real danger to life for the occupants of the cottage, pedestrians, and drivers should another RTA occur at this location. **Action** – DJ to inspect the damaged sign and make enquiries with the blacksmith to see if the sign can be repaired.

43/25 Tree planting grant

Andrew Ashmore highlighted an open grant for tree planting. Several locations were identified where tree planting would be welcome. Andrew is going to gather more information and liaise with VM.

Resolved – to apply for tree planting funding in Twemlow

44/25 Christmas Social

The success of last years event was discussed and the possible venues for holding another event this year. **Action** – CB to make enquiries with Bidela re venue. MB to establish contact details for Goostrey choir.

Resolved – To host a Christmas social on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 venue TBC

45/25 Clerks report

Nothing to report

46/25 Chairman and members report

MB advised that the Yellow Broom is now closed as Russell & Natalie begin their retirement. The Parish Council would like to extend their heartfelt thanks & gratitude to Russel & Natalie for the use of the restaurant for parish council meetings & Christmas Social events and wish them well in their retirement.

Alternative locations for holding PC meetings were discussed. **Action** – CB to speak to Ray Brown regarding the possibility of holding meetings at Bidelea dairy.

There is a tree belonging to Twemlow Hall that needs cutting back. **Action** – DJ to liaise with the owners and request that it is cut back

With the precept due for discussion as the next meeting CB has asked VM to contact the SID company who visited recently for up-to-date costings for a SID device.

DJ advised the CE planning website has been down and access to planning applications restricted.

47/25 The next meeting will be held on the 9th of September 2025 at 7pm. The meeting was closed at 8.25pm