

TWIGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 May 2018 7pm at Orchard Park site office.

1. Present

Helen Ford, Mike Davies, Janet Hill, Ken Watson

2. Apologies

Joyce Hird

3. Announcements by the Chairman.

None.

4. Members of the public

None.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes

Dog waste collections were under review but additional collections had been arranged for the existing dog waste bin.

Discussion around obtaining a camera for enforcement of dog fouling in the area. **ACTION:** Clerk to purchase a suitable camera for this purpose. **ACTION:** Clerk to establish rules around recording on private land, especially with the new GDPR regulations which are coming into force later in the month. **ACTION:** Ken to ask Nature in Art if they would also like to purchase a camera for use on their own land.

8. County Councillor's report

No County Councillor present.

9. Borough Councillor's report

The Borough Councillor contributed to discussions throughout the agenda rather than presenting his own report.

10. Roads, Pavements and Footpaths

ACTION: Mark to call Julian Smith to see if he has taken delivery of the gate.

Recent issue on the turning into Sandhurst Lane from the A38. Farm vehicles were struggling to turn into the Lane as vehicles are regularly parked in the lay-by making the road much narrower. This results in the turning vehicles being prevented from pulling into the Lane and overhanging the A38 causing an obstruction. Could the lay-by be resurfaced to make it a proper part of the highway, and infill the pot holes. **ACTION:** Clerk to request this with Highways.

Footpath along the front of Orchard Park and onwards is very narrow. When Highways come to visit to see the corner of Sandhurst Lane we could also discuss the footpath issue.

11. Planning

No update had been received on the Court Farm enforcement. This was being dealt with by the Enforcement Team at Tewkesbury Borough Council.

Discussion around planning enforcement and the recent changes at Tewkesbury Borough Council.

No recent developments had been heard regarding any of the recent large planning applications in Twigworth.

No further update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Clerk had raised issue with Motorhome storage at Twigworth Court. This will be picked up by Tewkesbury Borough Council's Planning Enforcement Team.

12. Finance

Cheques signed since the last meeting:

- 540 – Clerk's wages, April 2018
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The annual insurance for the parish was due. There had been an increase of 3% taking the annual cost to £180.32. This premium also covered the bust stop. **ACTION:** Clerk to make payment.

13. Clerk's report

The street lights in Twigworth would be upgraded to LED lights between 2 and 31 July 2018.

Sarah Yates who administers the Twigworth Parish Council website has stated that she is happy to upload correspondence, news articles, or other items which would be of wider interest.

14. Any Other Business

Concern was raised about the forthcoming works in Twigworth. Gas pipes would be paid and the broadband (Gigaclear) works. It was unlikely that these would be conducted together. Resident's were concerned that areas that would be disturbed for the works would not be returned to their original condition. Advice was to take photographs before work was conducted in order to provide a record should there be cause of dispute.

The traffic chaos along the A38, in both directions, had featured each morning on Heart FM recently. This had been made worse due to the temporary traffic lights, but it was also an issue of volume of traffic.

Helen was compiling the complaint to Tewkesbury Borough Council, Laurence Robertson MP and Secretary of State regarding the handling of the JCS. Helen asked for volunteers to collect signatures to accompany the complaint. This would be completed by Janet, Mike and Ken in their respective areas.

Ken had received a reply from Laurence Robertson MP regarding the JCS. Laurence doubted it will be reconsidered, he had objected in parliament but did not believe there was anything further which could be done.

Discussion around when the Church would be closed. No date had been set for this yet.

Helen announced that the current Clerk had resigned due to personal circumstances. A replacement would be sought and the current Clerk would remain in post if needed over the next few months to assist with the handover period.

15. Parishioners' Questions

Footpath across the Hitchens land had remained clear.

The A-board when turning right out of the Orchard Park site was blocking the view of the road.

ACTION: Helen would look at this and see what could be done.

Meeting closed at 2000.