

TWIGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6 July 2018 7pm at Orchard Park site office.

1. Present

Helen Ford, Phil Awford, Joyce Hird, Mike Davies, Mark Williams, Janet Hill, and two members of the public.

2. Apologies

Ken Watson.

3. Announcements by the Chairman.

A further planning meeting for Yew Tree Farm application was due to be held. Everyone was encouraged to submit objections to the Democratic Services Team at Tewkesbury Borough Council, even if you had previously submitted an objection.

4. Members of the public

The Twigworth notice board needed to be updated. **ACTION:** Clerk to update.

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

A sign was required for the rubbish bin sign in the bus stop to state that it should be used solely for refuse and not dog waste. There were bins elsewhere in the village specifically for dog waste, additional collections for these bins had been arranged which should ease the issue of them overflowing.

A discussion was held about whether the parish should still purchase a wildlife camera in order to discourage dog fouling. It had been previously agreed that this would be purchased, but Sandhurst Parish Council had recently had two cameras stolen. It was agreed that Twigworth should still purchase the camera. **ACTION:** Clerk to purchase.

8. County Councillor's report

There had been a meeting the previous week at Gloucestershire County Council to discuss Highways verge cutting. All parishes would be contacted so they could input their views into a working group. It was felt that cutting less of verge is better for wildlife.

Tewkesbury Borough Council Planning Committee had recently discussed the Yew Tree Farm (17/00852/OUT) planning application on Tuesday. Helen represented the parish and did an excellent job. It had been deferred until next meeting, although Phil had requested a refusal. Flood, access, education issues – all needed consideration and would be reported back at the next meeting. Also the link road remained unfunded. Phil reiterated that it was worth submitting new objections, even if objections had been submitted previously.

On 26 July a working group was due to look at green belt at local plan level (not strategic level).

Phil had raised the kerb height with Chris Riley at Highways. The kerbs were too low which was causing flooding issues.

Helen had attended the flood information evening at Churchdown recently and asked the council team to set up a similar session for Twigworth. Phil would chase this up via his contacts to ensure it happened. If the various proposed building developments went ahead then the flooding risk for Twigworth, which was already considerable, would be higher.

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

Mark has spoken to Julian Smith regarding the stile. Julian still has the stile so it could be installed when needed.

The hedge had been cut out the front of Orchard Park. The grass verges and other hedges in the village were overgrown, some of these were the responsibility of Highways others were responsibility of the landowners.

A Manhole cover was loose on the A38, needed to check whose responsibility it was so it could be reported correctly.

11. Planning

The application for planning at Buttermilk Cottage (17/00965/OUT) had been resubmitted with a change from 4 dwellings, to 3 dwellings. **ACTION:** Clerk to submit comment on behalf of the parish council.

The Clerk provided an update on the enforcement action at Court Farm and Twigworth Court which had been received from the Enforcement Team. Personnel in the team at Tewkesbury Borough Council had changed, but the new staff member would be continuing with the process.

The storage of vehicles at the Longleat property had been picked up by the Enforcement Team. The land at the property was agricultural and therefore vehicle storage was not permitted.

12. Finance

Cheques signed since the last meeting:

544 – John Hird bus shelter cleaning Apr-Jun

545 – PATA (UK) payroll fee Apr-Jun

546 – Clerk's wages July

547 – HMRC PAYE for Clerk's wages July

13. Clerk's report

The GAPTC AGM would be held on 21 July.

14. Any Other Business

Helen had received a response to her compliant letter regarding including Twigworth in the JCS, and would reply again within next 30 days. The response received had put the blame on the inspector for the JCS.

There had been a further issue with a car transporter turning round on the Orchard Park site entrance. Helen reported to his manager and explained the situation that the land at Orchard Park was private property.

Twigworth Church was earmarked for closure in the future. However if both the Hitchins and Yew Tree Farm developments went ahead the Parish Council would request for a £1 million contribution into church restoration fund and the upkeep to allow the church to remain open. Flood defences for existing properties would also be sought.

15. Parishioners' Questions

None raised.

Meeting closed at 2000.