

TWIGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Twigworth Parish Council Meeting conducted at Orchard Park Community Hub on Thursday 9th January 2020 at 7pm.

1. Present

Helen Ford, Pauline Harris, Janet Hill, Gerry Ridler, Mike Davies, Councillor Bocking, Councillor Awford, Councillor Ockleton
Lucie Brailsford – Seaxburh & 10 members of the public.

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Lucie Brailsford update 19/00935/APP allow for Q&A

The application has been approved. An archaeological survey is starting on the 20th January 2020. The badger sett is still live this means that nothing can be done until July 2020 due to breeding season. The newt netting is still in place and will remain until at least March as no trapping can be carried out until then.

The next phase (nothing happening as yet) will be circa 160 units.

Drainage was corrected due to puncturing holes through the clay surface to alleviate flooding. This comment was disputed by Members of the public who had witnessed the water being pumped into the sewers.

Lucie stated that she would find out a contact for the Parish Council with Robert Hitchins as she works with Bovis not Hitchins.

Bovis are working on the Playing Pitches and Changing Rooms there will also be a four room Clubhouse that will be available for use by the Community.

Bovis will not be providing funding for Twigworth Church. S106 money has already been legally allocated for the Playing Pitches and Changing Rooms.

The Retail Units are on the Robert Hitchins site and are nothing to do with Bovis.

4. Announcements by the Chairman.

Nil

5. Planning Applications

19/01027/FUL Stonehaven Twigworth Fields

No objections raised to this application.

19/00996/APP Land North of Innsworth Lane

Ongoing application

6. Members of the public.

For up to 10 minutes only- To receive brief comments & questions from members of the public present which may be answered now or during the meeting or at a subsequent meeting.

6.1 George Sharpley informed the Meeting that St Matthews Church is in the process of being closed. The building is in a poor state of repair the control of the church has been passed to the Diocese. Mr Sharpley has raised a petition to Preserve the Church and has been liaising with Adrian Goode at Tewkesbury Borough Council.

6.2 The Footpath through Twigworth from Yew Tree Farm to St Matthews Church is dangerous there is vegetation (Hedgerow and Grass) encroaching onto the footpath. Also, the Bus Stop outside the Premier Inn is surrounded by vegetation causing a hazard to the schoolchildren particularly in the wet weather. Councillor Awford asked to be copied into the email that Clerk will send to Highways.

7. Declarations of Interest – members are invited to declare any interests they may have in tonight’s agenda to which the approved Code of Conduct applies.

Nil

8. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed and signed by Chairman.

9. Matters arising from the Minutes

9.1 Court Farm Planning breached. Twigworth Parish Council have been notified that the Enforcement Officer for this site is William Cole. Ongoing.

10. County Councillor’s report

Phil Awford announced that he has had a change of role and is now on Environmental Scrutiny.

The Budget Consultation is out for consideration until February 2020.

Phil Awford will liaise with Craig Freeman regarding Highways Issues in relation to the grass verges and hedgerows on the A38 Tewkesbury Road as aforementioned.

11. Borough Councillor’s report

Some local councillors have been made Aldermen, most notably Phil Awford and Longford’s ex-borough councillor Dave Waters

An update on our five-year land supply position, what has happened and next steps

Five Year Supply Calculation 2019/20 to 2023/24:

Requirement = 1,442 Deliverable Supply = 1,248
Five Year Supply = 4.33 years 194 dwelling shortfall

What's happened?

- Strong housing delivery record in recent years - gave us a 5YS for past two years
- BUT – new sources of supply haven't come forward for future years
- JCS didn't allocate any housing sites for Tewkesbury as the urban extensions count towards Gloucester and Cheltenham's numbers
- Site at Mitton (in Wychavon) hasn't come forward as expected
- Slowdown in major planning applications = less new permissions

5 Year Supply – Next Steps

- Consideration of planning applications that can contribute to our housing supply – where sustainable!
- Progress Borough Plan to adoption in 2020 – 1,000+ homes in supply in shorter term
- JCS Review - ensuring enough housing supply in the longer term to 2031 and beyond

West Cheltenham Cyber Central delivery working in partnership with CBC generating master plans and supplementary planning document (SPD) initiating Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) to support the overall site delivery. Council report scheduled for January 2020
Holding seminar on CPO process: Tuesday 7 January 6:00pm

Building control shared service

It has been agreed that the shared service between Cheltenham Borough Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council be maintained for a ten-year period from the expiry of the current agreement.

I have been involved in raising issues to do with LEMP compliance on the Twigworth site especially concerning badger traps.

The Extra 97/98 buses we negotiated to improve the service are now running making the service every 20 minutes for long periods instead of half hourly, currently the extras are all 98's so I am still pushing for more 97's as these pass Churchdown doctors surgery which is used by some locals

12. Roads, Pavements and Footpaths

Longford Roundabout condition 16

An email has been sent to Highways as yet no reply has been received. Ongoing. Phil Awford requests that the email sent is forwarded onto him. Clerk to complete.

Temporary Footpath Closure outside Orchard Park

Footpath closure from 17th February 2020 – 30th June 2020 due to Construction work on 19/00935/APP

A member of the public reports that the road before the new roundabout is a muddy mess due to Severn Trent works. Clerk to email Severn Trent.

The Rubbish bin that was situated in the Layby by the new roundabout was taken away is it going to be replaced. Clerk to email TBC.

13. Finance

Cheques signed since last Parish Meeting

604 – S Seccombe Twigworth PC Website

605 - J HIRD Bus Shelter Cleaning Oct- Dec 2019

606 - Clerks wages December 2019

607 - HMRC PAYE Clerks wages December 2019

608 - Clerks wages January 2020

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Budget and Precept for 2020-2021 discussed. Clerk to submit request to TBC for Precept by end of January 2020.

14. Clerk's report

Lisa Chapman has emailed following a number of complaints received about residents of Twigworth having to attend Longford Village Hall to vote. Clerk to email and put forward Norton Village Hall as an alternative choice.

15. Any Other Business

16. Parishioners' Questions – Those present are invited to comment on the evening's deliberations and to place any further questions before the council. Some questions may more appropriately be answered at the next meeting.

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