**THREAPWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the **Parish** Meeting held Wednesday 25th. May 2016.

Held at Chorlton & Cuddington WI Hall

**PRESENT**

Cllr Steve Chewins - Chairman

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| Cllr Carol Bennion | Cllr Betty Young | Cllr Helen Groves | Cllr Stephen Ford |

Cheshire West & Chester Cllr Chris Whitehurst

Mr Richard Salmon – Clerk

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| Public – | Alan Bourne  | David Brierley  | William Hall  | Paul Philpotts  |
|  | Keith Porter | Dudley Realff | Ian Williams  |  |

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr Miles Lewis. Cllr Brian Holmes.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held 20th. May 2015 where accepted and signed by the Chairman.

**ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

Mr Keith Porter accompanied by Ian Williams, both members of the Chester Branch of CAMRA made an interesting and informative presentation on Assets of Community Value, which was of great interest to everyone and was followed by a broad discussion on the topic.

Details of this presentation can be found on the website <http://mycommunity.org.uk/programme/community-asset-ownership/>

The Chairman thanked them for their presentation.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 2016**

During 2015 -2016 the Parish Council (PC) has continued its business, making decisions on behalf of the community and listening to concerns and ideas. Bye and large the year has seen a settled and quiet period, building upon past initiatives, such as monitoring the effectiveness of the Speed Limit and reinforcing pedestrian links between Upper and Lower Threapwood. Nevertheless, there has been some change.

* Our temporary Parish Clerk (Richard Salmon) has decided to join us on a permanent basis.
* One new Parish Councillors has been co-opted onto the PC, Helen Groves.
* The PC Website has been re-established and a new Facebook Site introduced
* The PC agreed to start a process to achieve Quality Status.

In 2015 -16, Cheshire West and Chester have continued to take into account the Parish Council's comments and responses on behalf of their parishioners. These include:-

* **Planning Matters** We have received the following application in Threapwood in the past 12 months:

**The Hollies Back Lane(Loop Road) Threapwood Malpas Cheshire SY14 7AT**

Single storey extension, garage, front and rear dormer windows and internal alterations. The Hollies, off Back Lane - single storey extension. This was approved in March 2016 for garage single storey extension bay windows and alteration to interior. This is the only planning application which was received in the parish in the currency of the past 12 months.

**Decisions:**

In addition to the approved decision of the application above, there was an additional application carrying over from the previous year and this was approved in November 2015 as follows:

**The Hollies Back Lane (loop Road) Threapwood Malpas Cheshire SY14 7AT**

This decision relates to the same property address as the above application, but was for a separate matter. The application read:

“Conversion of Agricultural Building with link to Former Cottage to Create a Single Dwelling, Erection of a Two Bay Open Fronted Garage and Conversion of Milking Parlour to Create an Annex”

This essentially was to bring a former cottage back into residential use together with the extension into a former agricultural building by a link to create satisfactory modern day size of accommodation.

This was approved on Monday 23rd November 2015

* **Speed Limits Review**. Following complaints by residents about speeding traffic, the Parish Council has requested the Police visit Threapwood with their speed monitoring equipment.  They have attended on several occasions and have checked the speed of traffic in different locations within Threapwood
* **Threapwood Parish Council Website**. The Parish Councils website at <http://www.threapwoodparishcouncil.gov.uk/> is where you can find details of the councils Accounts, Minutes, Planning Register and other information.

**On the councils Facebook page** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Threapwood-Parish-Council/521759271296988> you have an opportunity to interrelate with the council and others.

* **The Audit,** Annually the parish council has to submit its accounts and other details for audit, the auditors must satisfy themselves that the accounts are prepared in accordance with statute and regulations and that proper accounting practice have been observed. All parish councils now have to publish their accounts and other information such as Agendas and Minutes, on a website in accordance with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.
* **The Precept.** The Precept is the Parish Councils share of the Council Tax. The Precept demand goes to Cheshire West Council who then collect the tax on our behalf. For the year 2015-6 the Parish Council held the precept at £2000, this equates to a band D charge of £13.89 in that year.
* **Quality.** At the January Parish Council meeting, Council resolved to seek Quality Award status which would demonstrate that the Parish Council meets a minimum requirement for operating lawfully and according to standard practice and demonstrates that the council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. It is expected that the process of qualifying will be complete before the yearend.

Steve Chewins

Chairman

**HISTORY GROUP REPORT**
Mr Dudley Realff reported the group had recently added Wells, Pumps and Watercourses to their website which he said was very informative and that there was a proposed walk at Grieves. He thanked the council for their offer to support the website for a year, Cllr Whitehurst also offered to publish it on his Malpas website. Details of the History Group can be found <http://www.threapwoodhistory.org/threapwoodpast.html>

The Chairman thanked Mr Realff for his presentation.

The meeting noted with concern that the invitation to Community Group had not been delivered.

**GARDEN TRAIL**

Cllr Carol Bennion reported that 13 gardens would be open on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June 12-5pm. Entrance to all gardens over both days is only £7.50 per adult and you get a free cup of tea or coffee! Children are free. All money goes to Hope House Hospice for Children, Hospice of the Good Shepherd and Threapwood Community Group. So please come along! Details [https://www.facebook.com/ThreapwoodGardenTrail/](https://www.facebook.com/ThreapwoodGardenTrail/photos/a.615331365271301.1073741827.615328108604960/664328173704953/?type=3&theater)

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The following points were raised:

* Road signs need attention, some are illegible.
* Fingerposts need painting.
* Speeding is an issue.
* The Planter on the Common needs replacing,
* Concern relating to diverted traffic through the Parish.
* The edges of the new surface on Old Castle Lane need attention.
* Markers placed to protect verges are dangerous if not of the approved type.
* The white lines on the road at the junction of Old Castle Ln. /Chapel Ln. and need attention.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed …………………………………………………………… Dated …………………………………………

Richard Salmon

26/05/2016