

**Annual Parish Meeting**

Wednesday 31 May 2017 in Chorlton WI Hall. 7.00pm

**Minutes**

**PRESENT**

Cllr Steve Chewins - Chairman

Cllr Carol Bennion. Cllr Helen Grove. Cllr Stephen Ford. Cllr Miles Lewis. Cllr Brian Holmes.

**Public**

Alan Bourne Paul Philpotts Sue Pickering David Brierley William Hall

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Betty Young CWC Cllr Chris Whitehurst

**CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The meeting accepted the Chairman's Report Appendix A

**REPORTS**

Home Watch Cllr Holmes reported that over the last year there had been a couple of break-ins, stressing we should be vigilant and report any strange actions or vehicles. The roll out of Operation Shield over the coming months should act as a deterrent.

Community Group Sue Pickering updated the meeting on the Group's activities, a hog roast was planned as this year's event, to be held in early July.

The Fun Fashion Show held earlier in May had been a great success raising £865 part of this would be donated to St Johns Church.

The Shoot held recently raised £760 towards painting the gates at St Johns Church.

History Group David Paton who was unable to attend the meeting wrote a report which was circulated. Appendix B

Garden Trail Cllr Bennion reported that last year's Garden Trail had been wet but enjoyable, had raised £2200 which was shared between Hope Hospice, Hospice of the Good Shepherd and Threapwood Community Group. This year's event is on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June.

**OPEN FORUM**

The following points were raised

Village Finger Posts – *Require refurbishing*

Monument Railings – *Require painting*

Precept - *Increased*

Sewage – *polluting land*

Threapwood Times – *publication frequency*

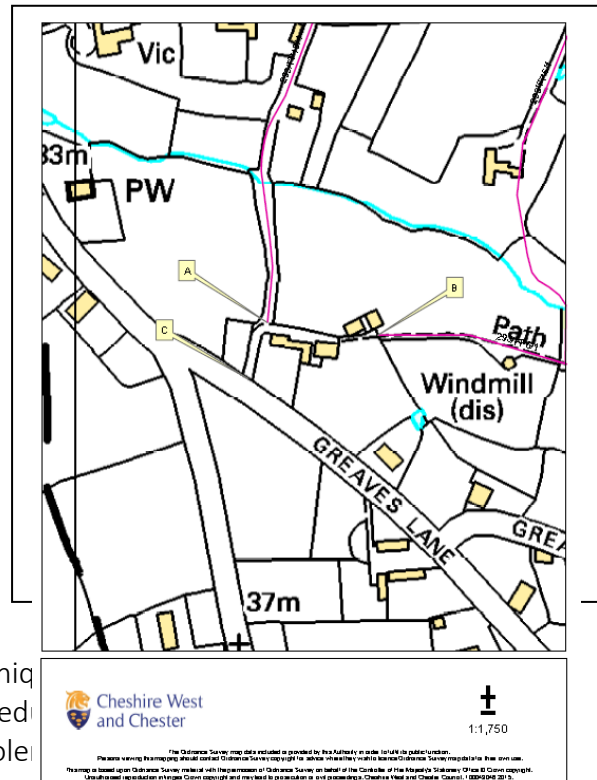
In each case the clerk to follow up and report back at the July meeting of the Parish Council

Signed ..... Dated .....

**Appendix A**

**THREAPWOOD PARISH COUNCIL  
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 2017**

During 2016 -2017 the Parish Council (PC) has continued its business, making decisions on behalf of the community and listening to concerns and ideas. By and large the year has seen another settled and quiet period, building upon past initiatives, such as monitoring the effectiveness of the Speed Limit and trying to reinforce pedestrian links within Threapwood such as between Paths A&B on the attached sketch . Nevertheless, there has been some change.



- **Operation Shield** is Cheshire Constabulary's unique initiative to protect homes and businesses in Cheshire by reducing the number of repeat offenders, and identifying and recovering stolen vehicles. This initiative has been jointly funded by the Parish Council and Cheshire Constabulary with a grant from the Home Office. We are expecting the marker packs to be distributed by the Police this summer.

- **Planning Matters** In 2016 -17, Cheshire West and Chester have continued to take into account the Parish Council's comments and responses on behalf of their parishioners. We have received the following applications in Threapwood in the past 12 months: These include:-

Boundary House Farm / Animal Shelter	Approval
Boundary Cottage / Sunpipes	Approval
The Groves / Extensions	Approval
The Hollies / Condition Variations	Approval
Land, Back Lane / Dwelling	Refusal

- **Speed Limits Review.** Following complaints by residents about speeding traffic, the Parish Council has requested the Police visit Threapwood with their speed monitoring equipment.

Several Threapwood Councillors and members of the public have been trained in the use of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) and are now regularly monitoring the traffic speed on Wrexham Road and Sarn Road, evidence is needed to prove there is a speeding problem in the parish to warrant any future action. At the same time Threapwood PC has been Liaising with Malpas PC and Cuddington PM to address the speeding problem.

The Police 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 is where you can find details of the councils Accounts, Minutes, Planning Register and Governance details, to publish some of these details on a website is now a mandatory condition for every smaller Parish Council.
- **Threapwood Facebook** is an opportunity for the public to interrelate with the council and others, posts regularly reach over 500 views.
- **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 2016-7 the Parish Council set the precept at £3000, this equates to a band D charge of £1.16 a month.
- **Budget.** Before the January Meeting the Councillors held a public meeting with parishioners to discuss the budget for 2017/18, provision of a seat, bus shelter and sports facilities were discussed, the deliberations were in mind when council set the following budget

Receipts		Payments	
Precept	3000.00	Clerks Salary	1838.00
Grant	42.00	Office expenses	300.00
Balance b/f	6000.00	PAYE	452.00
		Administration	100.00
		Insurance	250.00
		T. Times printing	120.00
		Room hire	100.00
		Subscriptions	100.00
		Training	100.00
		Information Commissioner	35.00
		Elections	200.00
		Payroll	100.00
		Earmarked	0.00
		Operation Shield	800.00
		Street furniture	3000.00
		Infrastructure	1500.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£9042.00</b>		<b>£8995</b>

- **Quality.** In March this year Threapwood Parish Council was awarded Quality status, the only parish or town council in Cheshire West to achieve the award which demonstrates 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.
- **Defibrillator** Thanks to a generous grant from the Lottery Fund and assistance from the Community Heartbeat Trust, the parish council will be placing a defibrillator at the Post

Office in the next few months. Tattenhall First Responders in conjunction with North West Ambulance Service will be offering defibrillator training on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Steve Chewins (Chairman)

## Appendix B

### Threapwood History Group

Last October we held a HG walk at The Greaves by kind invitation of Bob and Shirley. The main features were the story of sink holes and the geology of the farm in relation to the area which Shirley presented and during the walk Dorothy Powell presented the story of The War Way then back at the Greaves Mike Boxall did a piece on the battle of Oldcastle in the Civil War, Brian talked about the springs and culverts at the end of the new drive and Paul Holland showed a selection of slides/photos/articles that have been added to the website during 20115/16. It was very enjoyable although we were disappointed with numbers on this occasion especially that there were only 2 members of the PCC who came along and they are both involved with our small committee anyway? Recently I have written an article based on an interview with Oriol Piggott on the Piggott's family farming history at Shocklach Hall which was one of the Broughton Hall estate farms and this has recently been added to the website. May I suggest again that the members of the PCC have a look at the website and see how much information that we have compiled on behalf of the village and is there any feedback? One of the successes of our website is that I often get contacted by people in the UK and/or abroad who are trying to fill a few gaps in their family tree or are just curious as to where some relatives used to live and work in the past and in fact next Wednesday 2 of us are welcoming a family from Colorado for a trip around the village pointing out places of interest to their family relative to relations living in the area before emigrating to the USA.

David Paton  
30/05/2017