

# THREAPWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

## Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 30 May 2018 at 7pm. In Chorlton WI Hall.

### Minutes

#### PRESENT

Cllr. M Lewis –Chairman. Cllr C Bennion. Cllr H Groves. (arriving a little late) Cllr B Holmes.  
Canon I Davenport. CWaCC Whitehurst. Sue Pickering - Threapwood Community Group

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Young – Illness. Cllr Chewins – Business Commitment. Cllr Ford – Away

#### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held 31st. May 2017 were duly accepted and signed by the Chairman.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The meeting accepted the Chairman's Report for circulation. Appendix A

#### REPORTS

**Community Group** Sue Pickering updated the meeting on the Group's activities, The village Day would be held on Saturday 30 June 2018 at 5 pm with the carving starting at 6 pm. visitors would only have to pay for their drinks and a limited edition Gents Sports Watch was also up for auction.

Arrangements to Commemorate the Armistice were in hand with an afternoon tea on Saturday 10 November at around 3.30pm in Chorlton WI Hall along with a WW1 singalong and pictures of the sponsored charity cycle ride visit to war cemeteries in France, then on the Sunday 11 November there would be a service at the War Memorial at 3:00 pm.

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

**Garden Trail** Cllr Bennion reported that the Garden Trail was held every five years as it involved a lot of work and was expensive to organise, the next one is due in 2021.

#### **Armistice Commemorations**

This item would on-going at future PC meetings having been covered above.

#### **Malpas Community Land Trust**

Cllr Whitehurst gave a brief overview of the Malpas Community Land Trust (MCLT) set up four or five years ago, presently the Trust was looking at a new approach to providing housing that local people could afford as currently the affordable housing supply can't be filled by local people due to lack of demand or affordability.

Cllr Whitehurst went on to say that Caste Hill Motte, Malpas had been given to MCLT to hold in perpetuity, it was hoped that it could become an attraction in the village.

#### **Police Report**

The clerk reported that he had received the following report from PCSO Jon Hurst.

**Speeding.** The Trucam speed gun and a SID will be deployed over the coming weeks, concentrating on the Old Wrexham Road between Malpas and Threapwood.

#### **Operation Shield**

As the delivery of a number of Selecta DNA kits was still outstanding it was proposed to hold an

issuing day by the village shop, this would give residents an opportunity collect a kit, it was agreed that the best day would be on a Sunday morning at 8:30 am but not on the same Sunday as the church services were held.

**OPEN FORUM**

The following points were raised

Dog fouling. *The clerk to provide a temporary marking eco-friendly chalk spray to highlight the problem.*

Large vehicles using Chapel Lane. *The clerk to contact Cheshire West Highways with a view to them making an assessment on the feasibility of making Chapel Lane one way.*

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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

Richard Salmon  
01/06/2018

## Appendix A

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Here follows the report of my first year in office as Chairman of Threapwood Parish Council....

I must report that it has been an eventful 12 months and your Councillors and I have continued to represent the interests of the Parish and our Parishioners by making representations to Cheshire West and Chester Council over a number of issues and wherever we feel it to be relevant and/or of concern or interest. My first thanks must be for our Clerk Richard Salmon who works tirelessly on behalf of the council whenever asked or required and it is without doubt that the seamless functioning of the Council and its administration could not have been achieved without the efforts of Richard as our Clerk.

In a formal context, the following issues are worthy of note:

#### FORMAL MATTERS

##### 1) Planning:

In the main it has been a quiet year in terms of planning activity. There were only 4 planning applications submitted during the past 12 months. The two main applications were as follows:

- a) The resubmission for a new house on land adjacent to Springfield House Back Lane which was refused. The original application was refused at appeal but the applicants argued that a case in Braintree set a precedent for development in open countryside. However CWaC did not accept the argument. This emphasises that land between properties is protected from development based on the designation of open countryside. In planning terms Threapwood is not recognised as a sustainable settlement.
- b) The second is an application which is actually outside the Parish and over the border into Wales, but as a neighbouring borough it merits inclusion. The application for a proposed chicken rearing unit was due to be listed for hearing on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June, but has not been included on the Wrexham Council Planning Agenda, so once again will be delayed. An open meeting was held for Parishioners on October 18<sup>th</sup> at Shocklach Oviatt School to listen to planning opinion and to express views, and an appropriate representation was made to Wrexham Council. Our objection focussed on this being an inappropriate location for a development of this nature and scale.

The remaining two applications were relatively minor and approved; a side extension to Woodeaves, Sarn Road, and a replacement Garden Room at Rose Bank, Greaves Lane.

##### 2) Risk Assessment

In accordance with requirements, the Parish Council undertook its annual Risk Assessment in May 2017 for the 12 month period. This was presented in the minutes and posted on the Threapwood Parish Council website.

##### 3) Audit

In November the Parish Council noted a clean External Audit for the year ended March 2017.

##### 4) Precept

In January the Parish Council approved a revised precept for the year of £3100. This is an increase on last year but reflects increasing costs in the past 12 months. The full details were outlined in the minutes and are available on the Threapwood Parish Council website.

## **ONGOING PROJECTS**

The Parish Council have been involved in the following projects (some carrying on from previous years) and I report on progress as follows:

1) Operation Shield

In the 2017 Parish meeting it was announced that the Parish Council had approved funding in conjunction with the Ward Council for the implementation of Operation Shield in Threapwood Parish. The Cheshire Constabulary have dispatched a number of the Shield Packs, but regrettably they have been delivered in daytime when many people are not available. The Parish Clerk has written to the Police to express our dissatisfaction of the lack of signage and for a refund of money for those kits which have not been supplied. We will be continuing with this issue in to the coming year.

2) Defibrillator

We are pleased to confirm that the Defibrillator announced in the 2017 Parish meeting has now been successfully installed at the Village Post Office. A demonstration was held in February and a further one is planned in the near future. All details will be posted on the website and notice boards.

3) Speed Limit Review.

The Parish Council continue to monitor the issue of speeding traffic through the Village, and a number of Speed reduction options are under discussion with Cheshire Highways, and Parishioners may have noticed the portable speed monitoring devices which have been in operation over the past week.

4) Quality Status

Following the announcement in the 2017 Parish Meeting, Threapwood Parish Council has achieved Quality Status and the Award was presented to Cllr Betty Young as longest serving member of TPC in the December meeting of the main board of CWaC. I must say at this point that Betty has not been in good health of late and we send our best wishes while she convalesces at her daughter's home.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

1) Threapwood Fun Day

The Threapwood Fun Day was hosted by Rob and Sue Pickering and took place last June and I know a full report of the event will follow under Sue's Community Report but may I place on record our thanks to Sue and Rob for their efforts and time which is required to deliver such an event. This was no doubt a well-attended occasion enjoyed by all. The same is planned for this year and I look forward to hearing full details from Sue Pickering in her report.

2) Armistice Celebrations

The one hundredth anniversary of Armistice day occurs on 11<sup>th</sup> November, and there are a number of events planned which will be highlighted in other reports, notably by Sue Pickering and the Threapwood Community Group, but the Parish Council are keen to support and help coordinate this important historical landmark occasion wherever required or necessary.

## **GENERAL ONGOING MATTERS**

There are a number of ongoing matters under consideration and discussion and these will be posted as and when they occur via the notice board and Threapwood Parish Council website. These include Finger posts, Monument Railings and Notice Board, all of which have been repainted this year.

Drainage issues, Best kept village, Defibrillator and Speed Control are all under regular review by your Parish Council, and we continue to liaise and encourage the Highways department to attend to our roads. This year we had substantial repairs to the B5069 on the Malpas side boundary and will continue to make representations about the sunken road at the bridge on Sarn Road.

We continue to support and update the Parish Council website and social media especially via Facebook. An open forum was held in January where Parishioners were invited to attend and raise any issues of concern about matters in or relating to the Parish and a similar interaction will be planned in the coming year ahead.

Miles Lewis  
May 2018

## **Appendix B**

### **Threapwood History Group 2018 report.**

Little has happened during the last 12 months so there is nothing extra to report other than we continue to have enquiries to help people who are following up family tree issues. Often David and another member, Dorothy, have the pleasure of welcoming the family members involved in their lineage research to our village and taking them to their particular points of interest and other parts of the village that they have seen on our website - it is very rewarding!!

David, Paul and Dorothy are currently helping Horseman's Green set up their own History Group based on how we have developed our research and recording the facts over the last 10 years.

David Paton  
23/05/18