

THREAPWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Parish Council
7.30 pm Wednesday 27th November 2019 in Chorlton WI Hall.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Cllr. Miles Lewis – Chairman
Cllr. Betty Young, Cllr. Brian Holmes, Cllr. Steve Chewins, Cllr. Helen Groves, Cllr. Chris Whitehurst
(Acting Clerk)

APOLOGIES:

Cheshire west and Chester (CWaC) Ward Cllr. Rachel Williams, Cllr. Louise Rees, PCSO Jonathan Hurst.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None recorded.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

POLICE REPORT

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Jonathan Hurst. His feedback indicated that he had been on speed watch duties on the B5069 road and observed 9 cars exceeding the speed limit.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

24. **Resolved** that the amended minutes from 31st July 2019 and the minutes of the 25th September 2019 be accepted and signed as a true record.

PLANNING

The council discussed the planning application for the White Cottage. No observations were recorded.

ACCOUNTS

25. **Resolved** to accept the Cash Book as circulated.
26. **Resolved** to approve the following external payments.

Cheque No.	Payee/item	Statutory Power	Amount
028	Chris Whitehurst – SLCC Conference Fee	LGA 1972 s 111	£40.00
029	Cheshire West and Chester Council – Election Expenses	RPA 1983 s 36A	£181.00
030	Richard Salmon – Reimbursement for Web Site Hosting	LGA 1972 s 142	£76.64

HIGHWAYS

Councillor Whitehurst reported that the depression in Sarn Road near St John’s Church had been repaired.

Following a meeting with the Cheshire West Highways engineer, Councillor Whitehurst, presented a report on the proposed village gateway feature.

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The council discussed in detail, the proposal to install “gateway” features at a cost of £4,213 each at the village entrances on the B5069 Malpas to Bangor-on-Dee Road at the points where the 40-mph speed restriction zone started.

It was noted that the eastern location was not actually on the boundary between the Threapwood and Cuddington Parishes, and any planned works would need the support and approval by Cuddington parish residents. Similarly support from the Wrexham Borough Council would be required on the Western approach.

The council also raised concern that the Gateway Features may not achieve the desired reduction in vehicle speed, and a better option was to try to expend the Community Speed watch initiative.

27. **Resolved** Not to proceed with the Gateway feature due to costs when weighed against undefined benefits.

PRIORITIES.

The council reviewed its achievements over the last 4-year term of office. It concluded that many of the priorities previously identified had already been delivered.

It was proposed that rather than conducting an expensive survey, the council produce a log of issues raised by the residents. This could be reviewed in 12 months’ time to establish if there were common themes evident that could inform futures priorities.

28. **Resolved** To establish an issues log.

WAR MEMORIAL.

A valuation for the cost of re-building the war memorial had now been obtained from Graham Holland associates. However, this did not take account of the surrounding railings.

29. **Resolved.** To discuss the matter with the Parish Council’s Insurance Company.

SLCC CONFERENCE FEEDBACK

Councillor Whitehurst provided some feedback from the Society of Local Council Clerks conference he had attended on 9th October. Items of relevant to Threapwood Parish included briefings on Climate Change, new laws covering local governance web sites and the retention of |historic tracks and footpaths

30. **Resolved.** To consider a presentation on these items along for the annual parish meeting in May 2020.
31. **Resolved** To invite Jack Helsby, Cheshire Wildlife Living Landscape Officer to give a presentation on Invasive plant species in brooks and rivers to the annual parish meeting.

PROPER OFFICER

Councillor Whitehurst gave an update on the Clerk’s current situation, and the work hours required to undertake the current workload. He stated that he was aware of a lady interested in becoming a Parish Clerk, and proposed that the individual should shadow Threapwood’s existing Clerk for a period to be determined.

32. **Resolved.** To invite the lady to share the clerk’s workload

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm.

Date of the next meeting 29th January 2020.

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