

TWIGWORTH NEWS

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Councillors Community Walkabout

Borough Councillors Hands and Ockelton with Parish Councillors Harris and Redfern, met with local residents at Twigworth Green for a “community walkabout” to look at some of the issues residents had been expressing their concerns about.



Street Signs - All missing signs are now on site and being installed; any broken or incorrect signs are in the process of being replaced. Those that haven't yet been installed or are in the wrong place are awaiting GCC Highways to visit site and sign off the placement.

Lighting - All existing street lights should now be working bar those on or near the roundabout in front of the sales office - these are awaiting the contractor to connect them up.

Children's Play Area

Good news everybody, especially for the children, Twigworth is about to get its first ever Children's Play Area.

The Twigworth Green developers have stated that the installation of the new Children's Play Area will be started in the next few months.

The Play Area will be located between the Bloor and Linden homes, on the open area of land at the end of Porthill Close.



Flooding Footpaths - Drainage is going to be dug out along the fence and then diverted to the swale. This should help in the interim. When the site office has gone everything can be levelled out properly.



In the photo L-R Borough Cllr Sarah Hands, Borough Cllr Paul Ockelton and Parish Council Chairman, Rick Harris.

Bus Stop - The Parish Council approved designs for this including a bin quite a while ago. We need to contact GCC Highways and stagecoach to arrange a site visit as there seems to be some differences in opinion on whether it is a bus route. Obviously it is as the bus comes round regularly!

School - Sadly, we don't have any promising information on this currently. This is something that was stipulated when the planning went to appeal, the Boro' Cllrs are quite prepared to fight for it! It is their priority to get all of the background on this from the LEA and GCC. As soon as we have any information on a way forward we will update.



In the photo L-R Borough Cllr Paul Ockelton, Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Rick Harris and Parish Council Vice Chair, Cllr John Redfern

Community Living - Car Parking

When parking your car, please park responsibly, use the car spaces that are allocated to you, do not park on pavements, roundabouts or the bus lay-by and create hazards for other road users.

Consider your neighbours, pedestrians, including children when parking... it is not acceptable to park on pavements and block the path of parents with pushchairs, disabled people and dog walkers etc

Do not block entrances, driveways or use other peoples car spaces - PLEASE park responsibly

Community Living - Noise

Everyone wants to relax when they arrive home from work or school and music is a great way to unwind, whether its playing your favourite artist track or having friends around for a BBQ or Party

Think of your neighbours though when turning up the volume, especially in the summer months when windows and doors open... please be considerate.

A38 Road Safety Issues

Following the "community walkabout" A38 issues were discussed, including: Traffic Speed, Safe Crossings, Signage (dirty or not visible and missing roundabout signs), VAR speed signs

The next step is to arrange a site visit with GC Highways, Parish and county councillors.

Any issues to do with highways and significant changes such as speed limits are not quick to resolve but hopefully we can all positively work together to get things kick started.

Community Living - When you have a problem

Nobody wants to live next to neighbours who are noisy or who stops you from feeling comfortable, try to discuss it with them if you can.

If that doesn't work there are other ways you can ask them to stop, for example by reporting them to the council.

Tewkesbury Borough Council "Do it Online"

If your neighbour has broken the law

Contact the police if you think your neighbour has broken the law - for example, they've been violent or threatening.

Call 999 if the crime is still happening or 101 to report a crime later.

Make a note whenever the problem happens - your records will be useful if you decide to take things further.

Write as much detail as possible. Include what happened, the length of time and how it affected you. For example, '22 June - dogs barking from 10:15am to 12:35pm. Loud enough to hear in living room - had to turn up my radio'.

Keep any messages your neighbour sends you and collect evidence if you feel safe to. For example, take a photo of rubbish that's been dumped in your garden.

Only talk to your neighbour if you feel safe and comfortable.

It's quicker to talk face to face - but you can write, text or call if that's easier. You can take someone with you for support.

Tell your neighbour how their behaviour is affecting you and what would help.

Listen to your neighbour and see if you can reach an agreement.

Cox's Brook Solar Farm

Planning Application Ref: 23/00441/FUL

Land To The West Of Twigworth Court Farm Tewkesbury Road

Installation of ground mounted solar to export up to 16 MW (AC) electricity, comprising photovoltaic panels and associated infrastructure and works

Twigworth Parish Council **OBJECTED** to the above Planning Application

Full details of our Objection can be found on our Facebook Page or Website

Old School House

Planning Application Ref: 23/00453/FUL

School House Tewkesbury Road

Proposed change of use from old school hall to residential in connection with the existing dwelling known as School House, single storey extension and erection of detached garage

Royal Mail Post Box

An application has been made to the Royal Mail by Cllr Redfern for a Red Post Box to be sited at the Twigworth Local Centre.

The application has been received positively by the Royal Mail and they are currently in the process of investigating to see if it meets with their regulatory requirements.

They are required to liaise with the Highway Authority to obtain clearance for the proposed site, as well as contacting the utility companies to ensure that the proposed site doesn't interfere with existing pipes or cables, etc. This process can take up to twelve weeks should the request be approved.

Currently, the nearest Post Boxes are located at the Orchards Park Bus Stop and Orchard Park

Twigworth Local Centre

We asked the residents of Twigworth what they would like to see in the way of shops or services at our Local Centre?



Webcasting of Tewkesbury Borough Council Meetings

Tewkesbury Borough Council is moving forward with plans to introduce webcasting for Council and Committee meetings, taking proactive steps to enhance the accessibility and transparency of its decision-making processes.

The decision to adopt the technology was approved at the full Council meeting on Tuesday, 20 June. This means in future the council can provide residents and interested parties with convenient online access to observe proceedings, enhancing community engagement and public awareness of the democratic process.

Webcasting will enable the council to livestream Council and Committee meetings over the internet, allowing a wider audience to conveniently participate from any location. The webcasting solution will provide viewers with an enriched experience, including subtitles, speaker identification and a live agenda display. Webcasted events will also be recorded and made available for public viewing at any time in the future, widening public engagement and further promoting transparency and accountability.

Tewkesbury Borough Council Leader, Councillor Richard Stanley, says: "I am very pleased that our new Council has agreed to embrace webcasting as a way to make it easier for the public to see our decision-making. This is an important step in making our Council more open, transparent and accessible.

"It is vital that residents, no matter where they are, can see that their council is working for them."

Support for Local Community

Local Developers proudly displaying their support for the Twigworth Community...



Twigworth Parish Councillors will be looking to hold Tewkesbury Borough Council to account for the investment of this funding within our community.



Have your say!

Are you a long time resident or new to the area; do you have any questions about living in Twigworth?

We would like to hear from you!

E-Mail: twigworthparishcouncil@gmail.com

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Twigworth Parish Council will take place on:

Thursday 6th July @ 19:00 - 21:00



This meeting is open to the public – please attend if you wish to hear what's going on or to raise any issues or ideas.