

**TWIGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Draft minutes of**  
**MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**  
**IN THE DOWN HATHERLEY VILLAGE HALL**

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1	Welcome and introductions
2	Attendance recorded as Parish Councillors, Elaine Watson, John Redfern, Rick Harris, Mike Davies & Graham Bocking, & 3 Members of the public Borough Councillor Hands
3	Apologies received recorded and accepted from County Councillor Paul McLain Borough Councillor Ockelton did not attend
4	Declaration of Interest for matters on the agenda were invited - none
5	<p>Members of the Public were invited to speak to the Council &amp; then members of the public were invited to observe the remainder of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• resident explained history of their property from 2002- previous resident reported flooding in 1947 and then current resident explained more serious flooding occurred in 2007. More flooding in 2012 and then in the 2012-2024 has flooded 7 times. Accepted grant in 2014 for flood defences eg a wall of 3 ft and have built flood prevention doors. Flooded again in 2014. 2020 flooding during Covid and is reported as the worse since 2007. 2021 flooding occurred and the resident had installed pumps and managed to keep the water level to a few inches 2024 flooding described as the worse flood of all the above incidences and this time the water did not recede. Now more development has been approved in the near flood plains. The residents are asking for compensation from the Government as they cannot sell the house, this is causing health issues linked to the severe stress. The residents asked for the backing of the Parish Council. The County Council have some grants available which the residents have applied for but may not be eligible, the residents have received a small grant from the Borough Council. The PC will discuss formal resolution later on the agenda.</li> <li>• Discussed meeting with MP and local media</li> <li>• Councillor Hands shared that the EA may have funding for preventative works for “pods of property” and these residents have been put forward</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> resident has submitted grant application for preventative work</li> <li>• EA flood forecasts to 2125 are significantly higher</li> <li>• Public consultation on solar farm attended by resident. Planning applications for other solar farm decision date has been postponed</li> </ul> <p>Public session closed at 19.30</p>

6	<p>Verbal Report from Borough Councillor Hands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SLP consultation dates noted</li> <li>• Sought information on any other residents with flooding issue</li> <li>• Environmental Health involved with removed culvert in Brook Lane</li> <li>• Drainage issues in the vicinity</li> <li>• Dog bins update- TBC are not emptying bins until the roads are adopted. The Developers are responsible for emptying.</li> <li>• The Borough would like dual bins to be used in future.</li> <li>• The Borough needs to approve location of bins in the future</li> <li>• Cllr Harris informed BC Hands that STWA have identified Twigworth as “at risk” for flooding and sewage</li> <li>• Developers have undertaken surveys to prove that the issues are not caused by Taylor Wimpey/Hitchens</li> <li>• Walking route between Twigworth and Whittle Gardens is not open to the public as there is a suspension on the PROW</li> <li>• SFRA terms of reference discussed</li> <li>• VAS/S106 issues raised with other agencies</li> </ul> <p>Report from Borough Councillor Ockleton not available</p>
7	Report from County Councillor McLain distributed via email
8	Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meetings held on 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2024 approved
9	Payment list approved
10	Financial reports approved
11	<p>Council considered Council assets updates (Cllr Harris/Cllr Redfern)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noticeboards- ongoing following discussions with retail units- resident can apply for a grant – email from Co-operative noted (Cllr Harris)</li> <li>• Defibrillator- £2500 grant from GCC “Build-back better” due to be received - retail unit permissions in process – Specifically Zoll AED Plus Fully Automatic £1821 with locked external cabinet from British Heart Foundation (Cllr Redfern)</li> <li>• Bus Shelter – update sought from CC McLain and s106 legal team looking into it. (Cllr Harris)</li> <li>• Bus Stops by the Church should have been allocated Bus Shelters within the s106 monies (Cllr Harris)</li> </ul>
12	<p>Council considered update on working towards Local Council Award Scheme (Cllr Redfern) -standard agenda item until project completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy review/adoption on going</li> </ul>
13	<p>Council considered updates on the 4-year plan (Cllr Redfern)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation document has been distributed to Councillors and was approved by Council and will be launched in an electronic version</li> </ul>
14	<p>Council considered update on Flooding matters (whole Council)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Flood History record update noted (Cllr Redfern)</li> <li>• update from flood representation of parish (GS) and parish council (Cllr Harris) update noted</li> <li>• Discussions/actions on Flood events January and February 2024- sand bags are available ( no sand) – Sand can be delivered by Borough within a couple of hours.</li> <li>• Flood survey has been launched and the public are encouraged to complete the survey on the website</li> <li>• Council considered information shared in the public session and agreed to support compulsory purchase with a letter to the MP, CEO of Borough, CEO of County (Cllr Watson)</li> </ul>

15	Council noted update on community emergency plan (Cllr Redfern)
16	<p>Council considered updates on Highway matters (Cllrs Harris and Cllr Davies)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VAS sign at roundabout- Cllr Harris has contacted GCC Managers and CC McLain</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> VAS not working due to electrical wiring not working – Cllr Harris has contacted GCC Managers and CC McLain</li> <li>• TRO project led by Down Hatherley Parish Council- Feasibility Study has been completed and has been sent to TRO team</li> <li>• Highway signs cleaning has been requested</li> <li>• Drop kerbs being pursued</li> <li>• Other Highway matters</li> </ul> <p>Chestnut Farm Development planning condition includes a lighted pedestrian crossing (Cllr Harris)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed restrictions may impact planning applications</li> </ul>
17	<p>Council considered update on Planning Matters (whole council)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on enforcement matters noted</li> <li>• Planning application decisions noted</li> <li>• Council agreed its response to Borough Councils' strategic review -Councillor Harris</li> <li>• Council agreed its response to outstanding planning applications</li> <li>• S106 updates noted – to be updated on Councillors Action List</li> <li>• Developers on Brook Lane have been asked to maintain ditches and plough the adjacent fields to aid drainage</li> </ul>
18	<p>Council considered update on Community engagement matters update (Cllr Redfern).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twigworth Newsletter noted</li> <li>• Website update noted</li> </ul>
19	<p>Council agreed working party on draft policies and financial regulations (Cllr Watson to host on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council agreed to adopt the draft standing order discussed at the working party</li> </ul>
20	<p>Council considered update on infrastructure matters (Cllr Redfern)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional or repositioned Post box for Twigworth Local Centre noted</li> <li>• Dog Bins on Fallow Fields discussed</li> <li>• Dog bins- see Borough Councillor Hands report</li> <li>• Co-op will have a post drop off point and a pick up/drop off parcel point</li> </ul>
21	Council considered update on Action Tracking programme (Cllr Redfern)
22	<p>Council noted update on Environmental matters (whole Council)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Climate Change grant application -unsuccessful</li> </ul>
23	Date of next meeting confirmed as meetings commence at 7pm 9 <sup>th</sup> May (AGM 7pm /Parish assembly 8pm)-
24	Close of meeting 20.42