

**TWIGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF
EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL CALLED BY
THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL
HELD ON 26TH MAY 2026
AT 1PM
AT DOWN HATHERLEY VILLAGE HALL**

	<p>Following the election of Cllr Harris as Vice-Chairman in his absence, signing of acceptance of office papers took place prior to the meeting</p>
1.	<p>Attendance recorded as Parish Councillors George Sharpley, Rick Harris and John Redfern, and 2 members of the public,</p>
2.	<p>Apologies for absence received and recorded from Parish Councillor Cllr Bocking Cllr Davies did not attend Borough and County Councillors did not attend</p>
3.	<p>There were no Declaration of Interest for matters on the agenda</p>
4.	<p>Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 7th May 2026 were approved</p>
5.	<p>Public session took place where members of the public were invited to address the Council. The public session then closed and members of the public were invited to remain to observe the remainder of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed planning application on item 6 – namely flood zones and sewage handling • Attendance at stakeholder meeting item 6 • Item 7 –Twigworth Court planning application amendment to outline plan noted <p>Close of public session at 13.12</p>
6.	<p>Council agreed they will not formally attend the stakeholder preview by A&K Gateshead on 29th May 2026 between 2-3pm at DHVH. Any Councillors who attend the subsequent public session will do so as members of the public. Councillors would be keen to know what the existing flood risk is and what they are going to do about that risk. Developers will be invited to attend the PC meeting on 2nd July 2026 -7pm</p>
7.	<p>Council agreed there is no comment to be submitted re the amendment to planning application re Twigworth Court</p> <p>Council did not discuss 25/00199/CONDIS</p>

<p>8.</p>	<p>Council agreed they wish to submit comments to the Community Governance Review of Parish Arrangements</p> <p>PC would like to bring Phase 3 TG into TPC- all agreed Proposal to bring 160 Brook Lane development into TPC- Following detailed discussions the council took a vote and it was not carried by 1 for, 1 against and 1 abstention</p> <p>Council agreed to request an increase in councillors – All agreed</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Council agreed to move to closed confidential session to discuss legal and code of conduct matters relating to a complaint</p> <p>Report shared and following discussions the Council accepted the report and approved the Clerk’s recommendation</p> <p>Confidential session closed 13.54 and meeting re-opened</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 2nd July 2026 at 7pm, at Down Hatherley Village Hall</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Close of meeting 13.55</p>