

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
14th JANUARY 2016

PRESENT Councillor J Densem (Chairman)
Councillor J Cornell (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors J Chamberlain, J Chambers, E Dickenson, S Edgar,
J Edwards, L. Gill, T Gill and P Grant

APOLOGIES Councillor T. Eatough

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors J Clowes and J. Hammond
PCSO. S Watson
7 Local Residents

92. JESSICA WITTER

The Chairman reported, with regret, the recent death of Jessica Witter and on the fund-raising efforts of her brother Graham who had organised the Christmas lights display raising £10,300 for the Donna Louis Trust in appreciation of the support which the family had received from that organisation. This had been a splendid effort by the whole community in supporting the charity.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to Graham Witter expressing the condolence of the Parish Council to the family and also congratulating him on the success of the appeal.

93. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare their interest in any item on the Agenda.
No declarations were made.

94. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8TH DECEMBER 2015

RESOLVED That the Minutes of this meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

95. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Countryside Park Maintenance
No further information had been received from Cheshire East Council.

(b) Weston Cemetery Expansion
The hedge in the existing Cemetery would be removed at the end of January or early in February to facilitate the provision of additional plots.
A meeting had been held with Mary Slinn (Orbitas) to discuss the proposed Cemetery Extension. A formal Statement of Need was now required.

(c) Flooding at Englesea Brook.

The problem of running water along Englesea Brook Lane had been raised with Cheshire East Council. Notices warning of ice on the carriageway had been erected. A permanent solution to the problem would now be sought

96. HS2 PROPERTY CONSULTATION

A Public Consultation on the latest HS2 proposals had been held at Hough Village Hall.

The period for public consultation would end on 25th February and HS2 representatives had been requested to attend a briefing meeting for Parish Councillors on Thursday 28th January 2016.

97. RESILIENCE PLAN

The updated plan had now been printed and would be distributed.

In the light of recent flooding in the north of England and Scotland Members felt that it may be appropriate to have an exercise to test the plan. Councillor J Chambers reported that it was intended to carry out an exercise and this would be arranged in consultation with Cheshire East Officers.

98. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO S Watson reported on matters affecting the Parish.

There had been 4 incidents of crime in the Parish in December and no reports of antisocial behaviour.

Attention had be paid to parking issues around the School and a number of fixed penalty tickets had been issued.

Councillor P Grant would attend the PCC Consultation meeting on 26th January 2016.

99. PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that the MUSE development application (15/1537N Basford East) had been granted and expressed his thanks to Councillor J Hammond for his assistance. The proposed Cemetery Extension was to be considered for a contribution from the S106 agreement funds along with the improvement of the pedestrian link from Weston Village to the site to enable local residents to access the facilities to be provided.

A meeting had been held with Cheshire East Officers regarding work which they were carrying out on behalf of the Parish Council in preparing information to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

A meeting of the Steering Group was to be arranged in the near future.

A request had been received from the CHALC Crewe & Nantwich Area Meeting for a financial contribution towards the costs of being represented at the forthcoming Local Plan Examination in Public on the issue of Green Gap. ..

RESOLVED: That the proposal be supported and that the appropriate contribution be made when the final costs are known.

A meeting had been held with Edward Timpson MP and Councillor C Todd (Deputy Chairman Willaston Parish Council) when Mr Timpson had agreed to raise with the Minister questions regarding the 5 year housing land supply, land banking and the influence of Neighbourhood Plans on Planning Appeals.

100. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported that comments on Planning Application 14/5671N had now been received and it was anticipated that it would be determined in March 2016.

Councillor J Hammond reported that the timetable for the Local Plan was being sent out. The Strategic Planning Board would meet on 18th February in Macclesfield, followed by Cabinet on 23rd February and full Council on 25th February. There would then be a 6 week consultation period with final hearings in September or October 2016.

101. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor S Edgar reported on the condition of the road outside the Cricket Club which was in need of sweeping and attention to surface water.

Councillor E Dickenson reported that the waste bin at Basford Bridge was missing.

Councillor P Grant reported on traffic monitoring in the area.

There had been reports of rats in the Spinney Drive area possibly due to unkempt land and a possible collapsed drain which had resulted in a depression in the carriageway. This had been raised with Cheshire East Council and would be subject to further investigation. The Clerk was asked to bring this matter to the attention of the developers of the land and to seek their assistance.

Councillor J Chambers reported on the website usage and had updated the site with further meeting dates. Members expressed their appreciation of the work on the website and felt that it would be advisable for another Member to be familiar with the operation of the site.

Councillor J Edwards enquired as to the timetable for the adoption of roads following completion of the development at Wychwood Village. Councillor J Clowes explained that at least 1 year was normally allowed before adoption to enable any additional work to be carried out. During this period proposals could be considered with regard to traffic and parking arrangements and any consultations could be held.

The Chairman reported that the hedge at Cemetery Road had been cut and the gate of the Wychwood Village Hall repaired.

David Whitby Way had been opened resulting in a decrease in traffic on Main Road, Basford Bridge and Whites Lane.

102. OPEN FORUM-QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

In accordance with the Standing Orders members of the public were invited to ask questions or address the Parish Council.

The street light in Smithy Lane was still out despite having been reported. This would again be raised with Cheshire East Council.

The footpath at Whites Lane was overgrown and Mr D Williamson was asked to deal with this.

103. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(b) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen December Salary/Expenses	689.25
HMRC-Tax collected	554.51
D Williamson December Invoice	102.00
Johnsons Printers-printing	233.00
Norris and Fisher Insurance Wychwood Village Hall	821.89
J Cornell-reimbursement of Planning Magazine Subscription	100.00

(b) Income

£1000 had been received from the Allotments Group for the rent.

£1821.89 had been received from the Village Hall Management Committee for the Hall Insurance (821.89) and the final repayment of the loan (1000.00).

104. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –11th FEBRUARY 2016

CHAIRMAN