

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
11th FEBRUARY 2016

PRESENT	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillor J Cornell (Vice-Chairman)
	Councillors, J Chambers, E Dickenson, T. Eatough, S Edgar and J Edwards
APOLOGIES	Councillors J Chamberlain L. Gill, T Gill and P Grant
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillor J. Hammond PC N Moore 3 Local Residents

105. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

106. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14TH JANUARY 2016

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

107. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Weston Cemetery Expansion/Extension

The hedge in the existing Cemetery had now been removed to facilitate the provision of additional plots.

Arrangements for the proposed Cemetery Extension were continuing.

(b) Englesea Brook – Potential Flooding

Cheshire East Officers had inspected this area and concluded that additional grids were required. They would now arrange for this work to be carried out.

108. HS2 PROPERTY CONSULTATION

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

A letter had been sent to HS2 requesting that a Liaison Group be established to ensure that the Parish Council is kept fully informed of all proposals and timetables for work. The Parish Council had also requested that the proposed compensation zones should be extended to include Larch Avenue and Casey Lane Basford.

109. POLICE MATTERS

PC N Moore reported on matters affecting the Parish.

There had been 1 incident of crime in the Parish in January and 3 reports of antisocial behaviour.

Consideration was now required to establish the most appropriate parking restriction once the roads at Wychwood Village had been adopted. There would be an opportunity for Members to meet with Highways Officers on site to consider proposals.

110. PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that application 15/5242N for hardstanding at the rear of 12 Cemetery Road had been refused.

Application 14/5671N (Haddon Properties) was not on the Agenda for the Strategic Planning Board meeting on 18th February 2016.

The Local Plan would be discussed at the Strategic Planning Board meeting on 18th February 2016. Mr A Thomson would be speaking at the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council and on Green Gap issues on behalf of ChALC.

A 6 week consultation period would then begin on 4th March.

A provisional date of 12th September had been announced for the resumption of the Examination in Public.

A meeting with Edward Timpson MP had been held to highlight local problems associated with the developer led planning system which was being encouraged by Central Government and implications associated with the Housing and Planning Bill.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had met and considered the Local Housing Needs report prepared by Cheshire East Officers. A briefing for members would be arranged.

Dr. Rachel Giles of Cheshire Wildlife Trust was to be invited to meet with the Steering Group to discuss a Landscape Assessment Appraisal.

The preparation of her appraisal would take 6 – 8 weeks and would provide evidence based material to support the requirement for Green Gaps.

The Group had also discussed a Neighbourhood Plan public engagement exercise to be held after Easter and had reviewed its financial position.

111. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR

Apologies had been received from Councillor J Clowes.

Councillor J Hammond reported that the Strategic Planning Board would consider amendments to the Local Plan proposals on 18th February. Copies of the report were available to purchase. Public speaking would be allowed at the meeting.

A survey had found that Cheshire East was the 'Happiest place in England'

There was to be a 3.75% increase in Council Tax in 2016/2017.

Cheshire East Council had launched its 'Clean for the Queen' scheme to encourage an improvement in the area as part of the celebrations of Her Majesty's 90th birthday.

There continued to be parking and speeding issues around Poppy Close. The area had received Police attention and the Head teacher had written to seek the co-operation of parents in alleviating the problems.

There was to be a meeting with HS2 representatives at Hough Village Hall on 15th February 2016 to which Members were invited.

112. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor J Edwards reported that work at Hillside Close was now completed. The car park was inaccessible in bad weather.

Councillor T Eatough asked if there had been any further information on the Gladman application for development at East Avenue. No date had yet been set for the public Inquiry.

Councillor J Cornell reported on the over-hanging hedge at Snape Lane which was presenting a danger to vehicles.

Councillor J Chambers reported on the tipping problems at Mere Road. Whilst there did not appear to have been further tipping the Cheshire East Officers had been waiting for colder weather it enable them to resolve the issue. Councillor J Hammond undertook to raise the matter with the Officers.

Councillor P Grant had been trained in the updating of the website and a request had been received from a commercial organisation wishing to advertise on the website.

RESOLVED: That no commercial advertising of any type be permitted on the Parish Council website.

Members again expressed concern at the depression in the carriageway at Spinney Drive and this was to be raised again with Cheshire East Council.

Appreciation was expressed to ANSA for the clearing of rubbish from Snape Lane.

Sweeping had taken place to clear mud from the carriageway on Main Road adjacent to the Cricket Club. Problems had arisen due to silt entering the lake at Weston Hall.

113. 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.

Harvesting on land in the ownership of the Co-Operative Estates had resulted in footpaths becoming impassable along with deep mud along the road between the Cricket Club and Weston Hall.

Poppy Close and East Avenue had potholes in need of attention.

114. FINANCIAL MATTERS- Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen January Salary/Expenses	732.57
D Williamson December Invoice	166.50
John Harding & Son – hedge cutting	72.00
Weston and Basford Neighbourhood Plan (transfer of grant monies)	4014.00

115. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –10th MARCH 2016

CHAIRMAN