

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

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors J Clowes and J. Hammond
PC N Moore
6 Local Residents

128. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

129. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10th MARCH 2016

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

130. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Country Park Maintenance

Councillor J Clowes reported that a meeting had been held regarding the maintenance of the Country Park and a memo of understanding was being sought which would set out the expectations of the level and frequency of future work. Some mowing had been carried out.

(b) Spinney Drive Carriageway.

It was reported that camera investigations had been carried out to ascertain the reason for the depression in the road surface. A broken sewer pipe had been suggested which may have also resulted in vermin being seen in the area. No further information had been received.

(c) Finger Posts and Milestones.

The Chairman reported that painting had been carried out by Morgan Sindall staff who had also painted the Church railings.

A letter of appreciation had been sent to the Company.

131. POLICE MATTERS

PC N Moore reported on matters affecting the Parish.

There had been 2 incidents of crime in the Parish in March and 2 reports of antisocial behaviour.

Members asked about the continuing efforts of PCSO S Watson in various matters and PC Moore explained that his duties were divided to cover a wide area and transport difficulties were exacerbating the situation.

It was suggested that PCSO Watson might attend the Friendship Lunch in an effort to increase his visibility in the Parish.

As a result of the on-going restructuring PC Moore was no longer responsible for Wychwood Village and PC S Marsden would now deal with this area.

PC Moore reported that he would be leaving the Constabulary at the end of July following 30 years' service and would attend his last Parish Council Meeting in June.

132. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported on the on-going consultations on the Local Plan and proposed changes to the Local Plan Strategy.

Cheshire East Council was to undertake a legal challenge in the High Court against a planning decision which would allow development in the Green Gap.

Councillor J Hammond reported on funds available to assist communities to hold events to mark the 90th birthday of HM the Queen.

A statement regarding the tipping at Mere Road would be prepared to enable legal proceedings to be taken.

The Highways Investment Programme had been approved and included provision for work at Weston Road.

Capital funding for the proposed Cemetery extension would be available and a business plan was currently being drawn up for consideration with the Parish Council.

David Whitby Way was to be closed on 22nd and 23rd April for re-surfacing work.

133. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Mr. Wayne Ashdown, Network Manager, Cheshire East Highways attended the meeting to answer Members' questions regarding road congestion following the opening of Crewe Green Link Road and other related matters.

Members expressed concerns at the lane markings at the roundabout adjacent to the Honda Garage and the need for road widening.

The closure of Manchester Bridge in Crewe had prevented accurate traffic flow surveys.

Revised signing was required at J16 of the M6.

Whites Lane and Weston Lane were being used as 'rat runs' by drivers seeking to avoid congestion on main routes. Protection of the local road system was required.

An update of the traffic counts taken in Main Road was requested.

HGVs were using routes which were subject to weight limits, in particular Main Road and Englesea Brook.

There would be road closures during the summer from Jack Lane along Main Road to Weston road (B5077).

Speeding at Cemetery Road /Whites lane and Piggins Bank continued to present a danger as did the design of the junction and limited visibility of drivers emerging from Cemetery Road. On occasions the bus had been forced to reverse at Piggins Bank and HGVs were also using this area.

The carriageway at Spinney Drive was continuing to sink and was subject to investigation.

Flooding had been experienced in Mere Road and Orchard Avenue.

The Crewe Green Link Road junction was to be rebuilt in the summer to deal with flooding problems on the roundabout.

Members requested that residents be kept fully informed of all road works in the area including works to convert the M6 to a smart motorway. This could be done both by e-mails and notices in the Parish.

Problems had occurred at the Weston Hall roundabout following the carrot harvest with gullies being blocked causing flooding and water draining into a private lake.

The junction of Main Road and Cemetery Road needed to be remodelled having regard to the need to accommodate large vehicles making deliveries.

Mr Ashdown undertook to bring all of the matters raised to the attention of the appropriate Officers and was thanked by the Chairman for his attendance.

134. PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on the formal consultation on the Local Plan.

Comments, together with those of ChALC (Crewe and Nantwich Area Meeting) relating to the South Cheshire Growth Village and Green Gap had been submitted.

Arrangements were being made for the public exhibitions and consultations on the Neighbourhood Plan to be held at:-

Englesea Brook Chapel	16 th May 4pm-7pm
Church Hall Weston	18 th /19 th May 4pm-7pm
Wychwood Village Hall	28 th May 2pm-7pm

These dates would be notified to all residents.

The Haddon planning application was awaiting determination and the Parish Council's comments on the appeal against refusal of permission on land at the rear of 13 Cemetery Road had been submitted.

135. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor j Cornell expressed his appreciation of Andrea Bickerton's assistance in dealing with the flooding problems in Englesea Brook.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported on trees in Snape Lane overhanging the carriageway and causing damage to vehicles. Problems were also arising with large farm vehicles using the Lane.

A consultation had been launched on the Environmental Impact Assessments Scope and Methodology Report. Comments were required by 13th May and Councillor Chamberlain undertook to prepare draft comments for submission. Councillor J Clowes was to arrange a meeting with HS2 representatives and Cheshire East Officers to discuss the report and formulate a response.

Councillor P Grant expressed concern at the on-going problems with the sinking carriageway in Spinney Drive.

Councillor S Edgar reported that he would no longer be involved with activities regarding the Gladman planning application at East Avenue.

Councillor L Gill reported that signs relating to property sales at Wychwood Village were still in place.

Councillor T Gill reported that the work to provide the bus turning circle remained on the Minor Highways Scheme list. The provision of a pedestrian crossing would not be funded as Minor Highways work.

Councillor T Eatough reported that the mobile library visited Mere Road every third Wednesday for 25 minutes. A link from the Parish Council website to the Cheshire East website would be provided to facilitate easy access to the details of the visits. This information would also be displayed on Notice Boards.

The Chairman reported on events to be held on Sunday 12th June to commemorate the 90th birthday of HM the Queen. Application had been made for financial support from Cheshire East Council. Should the grant application prove unsuccessful the Parish Council would be asked to assist with the financing of this community event.

Cheshire Community Action had offered to provide assistance in producing a Community Newsletter which would contain details of services available to residents from organisations in the area. The first edition would be funded and delivered by Cheshire Community Action. This would be published after 9th May and an Editor was being sought for future editions. Members indicated that, if necessary, they would consider making a financial contribution to ensure the success of the Newsletter.

Councillor J Chambers reported on the Parish on Line mapping resource and Members felt that this would be an appropriate service to subscribe to.

Enquiries had been made regarding the establishment of a community cinema. The service would be free to residents with the licence fee being met by Cheshire East Council.

136. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen March Salary/Expenses	792.69
D Williamson March Invoice	195.50
Cheshire Community Action 2016/17 Subs.	50.00
CVS Cheshire East Subs	45.00
ChALC Subs 2016/2017	569.45
HMRC-Tax collected	554.51

(b) 2015/2016 Audit of Accounts

The Clerk reported that the Annual Return was to be submitted to the external auditor by 6th June 2016.

Arrangements would now be made for the internal audit of accounts.

(c) 2016/2017 Precept

The Clerk reported that the first half of the precept, £10,150.00 and the Council Tax Support Grant of £149.00 had been received from Cheshire East Council.

137. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Annual Parish Meeting-Tuesday 3RD May 2016 7.30pm (In the White Lion Conference Room)

Annual meeting of the Parish Council–Thursday 12th May 2016 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN