

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING  
12th MAY 2016**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillor J Cornell (Vice chairman)  Councillors, J Chamberlain, J Chambers, E Dickenson, T Gill and P Grant
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Councillors T. Eatough, S Edgar, J Edwards and L Gill
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Councillors J Clowes and J Hammond PC N Moore 5 Local Residents

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST\***

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

**2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN\***

**RESOLVED** That Councillor J Densem be appointed to the office of Chairman to serve until the next Annual Meeting.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN \***

**RESOLVED** That Councillor J Cornell be appointed to the office of Vice –Chairman to serve until the next Annual Meeting.

**NOTE** The Clerk to the Council assumed the Chair for these items\*

**4. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES.**

**RESOLVED** That members be appointed to serve in accordance with the appendix to these Minutes.

**5. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED** That Parish Council meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (except August) and that, subject to there being sufficient business, the Planning Committee meet immediately prior to the Parish Council meeting or as and when required.

**6. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14th APRIL 2016**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes of this meeting be approved subject to the amendment of Minute Number 131 to refer to PC S Marson and Minute Number 133 to refer to revised signing being required both at J16 of the M6 and the next roundabout down.

## **7. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Parish Council received, for information, the Minutes of the Planning Committee at its meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

## **8. MATTERS ARISING.**

(a) Country Park Maintenance.

Councillor J Clowes reported that a formal written schedule of works was still awaited.

Whilst some mowing had been carried out the grass was still long.

Councillor T Gill reported that the condition of the footpaths remained unchanged.

(b) Spinney Drive Carriageway.

Councillor J Hammond reported that following a camera investigation United Utilities had found no problems with the sewer. A further inspection was to be carried out.

(c) Tipping at Mere Road

Councillor J Hammond reported that he was continuing to press this issue with Cheshire East Officers.

## **9. POLICE MATTERS**

PC N Moore reported that there had been no incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour in the Parish in April.

He reported on the Cheshire Police Alert Scheme which was being publicised with leaflets and on the Constabulary website inviting residents to sign up to receive notification of incidents or threatening situations.

## **10. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS**

Councillor J Hammond reported that Councillor Olivia Hunter had been elected Mayor for 2016/2017 with Councillor A Moran as Deputy.

Mr David Keane had been elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire.

Councillor J Clowes reported on a meeting with representatives of HS2 and Cheshire East to discuss the Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping consultations.

Councillor J Chamberlain undertook to prepare a draft response for the Parish Council.

Councillor J Cornell reported that arrangements had been made for the affected areas to be walked.

A meeting to consider proposed traffic and parking regulation for Wychwood Village had been arranged.

## **11. PLANNING MATTERS**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on the arrangements for public consultation sessions to be held on the Neighbourhood Plan.

## **12. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor T Gill reported that whilst the final house at Wychwood Village was now occupied sales signage was still in place. He was to speak to the Developers to seek its removal.

Councillor E Dickenson reported that both the Dog and Grit bins at Basford Bridge needed to be replaced.

Councillor P Grant that limited work at Whites Lane/Weston Lane/Piggins Bank was included in the Minor Highways schedule.

Councillor J Hammond advised that more substantial work to resolve issues in the area would probably need to be funded from S106 monies.

A detailed report on the Highways issues raised with Mr Wayne Ashdown at the previous meeting would be available for the June meeting.

PC Moore reported that PCSOs were authorised to use a new type of Speed detection device and that he would ask for the Camera Van to be utilised in the Parish.

The possibility of accessing data from the speed camera on Main Road would be pursued.

The Chairman reported on arrangements to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of HM the Queen. The new Community Newsletter had been printed and would be distributed shortly. Cheshire East Council had agreed to fund a further 2 issues.

### **13. 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.

Concern was expressed regarding broken fences around the Duchy of Lancaster property. There were plans to renew the fencing around Englesea House.

The former Conservation area, in Duchy ownership, was in need of tidying and needed to be kept under observation to prevent unauthorised or anti-social use.

There had been incidents of fly tipping at Old Park Road and action was required to deter further tipping. An item would be included in the next Newsletter regarding this problem.

The street light opposite Bridge House, Englesea Brook was permanently on and would be reported to Cheshire East Council.

Mr David Brickhill and Mr Christopher Thorley had been admitted to the Roll of Honorary Freemen of the Borough.

### **13. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**RESOLVED** That the following payments be authorised:-

Mr D G Owen Salary 1 <sup>st</sup> to 30 <sup>TH</sup> April Including office expenses, telephone, internet and Stationery	769.40
Mr D Williamson Lengthsman	126.00
Chairman's allowance	600.00

Vice Chairman's allowance	600.00
Thomson Planning Partnership	270.00 (cheque 1430)

#### **14. ACCOUNTS 2015/2016**

The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had examined the Accounts for 2015/2016 and that these were now ready to be submitted.

**RESOLVED:** That the accounts be approved and submitted for external audit.

#### **15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016**

#### **16. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED :** That, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that the business to be transacted is of a confidential nature and the public interest would not be served by the disclosure of the information to be presented.

#### **17. AUTHORISATION OF EXPENDITURE.**

The Chairman reported on an item of expenditure requiring special consideration by the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the expenditure now detailed be approved and the Clerk be authorised to make the necessary arrangements.

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**CHAIRMAN**