

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
21st JULY 2016

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

Councillors, J Chamberlain J Chambers,
E Dickenson, T. Eatough, J Edwards and P Grant

APOLOGIES Councillors S Edgar, L. Gill and T Gill

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors J. Hammond and D Marren
7 Local Residents

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

31. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9TH JUNE 2016

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

(a) the amendment of Minute Number 23 to read:-

'23. WYBUNBURY UNITED CHARITIES TRUST

RESOLVED (a) That Councillors E Dickenson and J Densem be appointed as cheque signatories

(b) That the Yorkshire Bank be authorised to carry out electronic identity checks and such other enquiries as necessary.'

(b) the amendment of Minute Number 20 to refer to Councillor J Hammond.

32. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Spinney Drive Carriageway.

Cheshire East Council had successfully carried out the trial holes in Spinney Drive and found nothing of concern.

The digging was very soft and the hard-core sparse but no pocket of running sand had been detected.

The footway kerb and carriageway would be reinstated and monitored for movement. Members were concerned that the problem may extend into Millbeck Drive.

(b) Tipping at Mere Road.

This matter had been referred to the Borough Council's Legal staff for necessary action.

33. POLICE MATTERS

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

34. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Hammond reported that on the recent death of Mr P Grocott of Cheshire East Council who had, on many occasions, been most helpful to the Parish Council in dealing with various highway matters.

A meeting of the Crewe Highways Group was to be held on 14th September 2016 at 6.30pm at Jubilee House, Crewe.

A 'Scams Awareness' month was to be promoted to alert residents to the dangers posed by criminal action using various methods to extort money and goods.

A consultation exercise was underway to seek residents' views on options being considered to improve the Crewe Green Roundabout. Details would be circulated.

Cheshire East Council was to lodge an appeal in the High Court following a ruling on appeal relating to outline permission for the development of land to the north of Moorfields Willaston. The decision related to Green Gap policy and the 5 year supply of housing land.

A meeting was to be held on 4th August to consider funding for Health Outcomes.

Plans had been prepared to facilitate a feasibility study into Weston Cemetery Extension.

Improvement works to the exterior of 11 Cemetery Road would be carried out during August.

The Examination in Public of the Local Plan was to resume in September and it was anticipated that the plan would be ready for adoption in the spring of 2017.

Queens Park Crewe had been awarded a Green Flag following an extensive programme of improvement.

35. PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(a) Gladman Appeal-East Avenue Weston,

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on the inquiry into the appeal by Gladman Developments and expressed thanks to Councillor J Hammond for his support and to the local residents who had attended and spoken.

(b) Haddon Appeal- Former Golf Club

This appeal was to be the subject of a local inquiry and a statement was being prepared in consultation with the Parish Council's Planning Consultant for submission by 15th August 2016.

The Chairman emphasised the need for the Borough and Parish Councils to work seamlessly together on this appeal and reported on discussions which had taken place at the recent Town and Parish Council Conference.

(c) Neighbourhood Plan

Progress was being made with the Neighbourhood Plan and it was anticipated that the second questionnaire would be distributed in October with a referendum being held in January or February 2017.

(d) Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Neighbourhood Plan

Members considered the application of Betley Parish Council to designate the entire Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area and felt that it would be helpful to meet with the Clerk to the Council.

(e) 16/1987N Basford Old Creamery

This application was scheduled to be considered by the Southern Planning Committee on 3rd August 2016. Peter Grant would address the Committee on behalf of the Parish Council.

(f) Local Plan: the Examination in Public was programmed to commence on 13th September and a procedural Meeting was to be held in Macclesfield on 23rd August. This will be attended by the Planning Chairman and the Council's Planning Consultant.

36. REV. S HATCHER BEM

It was reported that Rev. Stephen Hatcher had been awarded a British Empire Medal in recognition of his services to the Community and to Englesea Brook Museum and Chapel.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council's congratulations be conveyed to Rev. Hatcher.

37. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The Chairman thanked Councillors J Edwards and P Grant for their assistance with transport to the recent Planning Seminars.

Councillor J Edwards reported on the traffic management plan for Wychwood Village and on the timescale for its implementation.

An update on the situation regarding the maintenance of the Country Park was requested.

Bookings at the Wychwood Village Hall were encouraging with 2 new events and a wedding planned.

Councillor E Dickenson reported on the very poor condition of the grit bin at Basford Bridge.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported that the weight limit signs had been attended to and requested an item on future Agenda to report on HS2 progress.

Councillor P Grant reported that work had begun on the development plot at Spinney Drive. The carriageway sinking on Spinney Drive also extended into Millbeck Close. This would be raised with Cheshire East Council.

The traffic situation at Piggins Bank would be raised with Cheshire East Officers.

Temporary traffic lights to facilitate road works were being set to change too quickly and were not allowing sufficient time for cyclists to pass the works.

The Chairman reported that Cheshire East Council had agreed to finance the next edition of the Community Newsletter which would be published in September.

Members were requested to assist with a community event on 10th September 'Weston Meets'. This event would be an opportunity for information on local services and events to be given and was intended to bring residents together.

A number of blocked drains had been reported to the Highways Officers.

38. 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.

There were reports of overgrown hedges at a number of locations and these would be brought to the attention of owners as necessary.

A waste bin was required at Weston Lane Bridge.

Fly tipping at Casey Lane had been promptly dealt with by Cheshire East staff.

39. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

Mr D G Owen Salary June 2016 Including office expenses, telephone, internet and Stationery	816.24
Mr D Williamson Lengthsman	175.50
Thomson Planning Partnerships-Invoice	2520.06 (paid 4/7/16)
P Grant – travelling –training course	22.54
ChALC-Planning Training course	180.00
HMRC-Tax collected	582.03

40. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 8TH SEPTEMBER 2016

CHAIRMAN