

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
8th SEPTEMBER 2016

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

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

APOLOGIES Councillor E Dickenson

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J. Hammond
3 Local Residents

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

42. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 21ST JULY 2016

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

43. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Spinney Drive Carriageway.

Cheshire East Council would be undertaking work as necessary and this was to be programmed for completion within 2 months.

(b) Tipping at Mere Road.

This matter had been referred to the Borough Council's Legal staff for necessary action and would be heard in the Magistrate's Court in November.

44. POLICE MATTERS

No Police report had been received and the Clerk was asked to raise the matter as appropriate.

45. HS2 PROGRESS REPORT

Leaflets regarding compensation claims had been distributed in the area and the progress on the proposals continued to be monitored.

46. PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported as follows:-

(a) – Gladman- East Avenue Weston

This appeal had been allowed and the lack of a 5 year supply of housing land and the absence of a Local Plan were cited as factors in the decision.

The Chairman thanked Councillor J Hammond and Andrew Thomson for their work on the appeal and congratulated those residents who had attended and contributed to the case for refusal.

(b) - Haddon

It was anticipated that this inquiry would be held in January 2017.

(c) - Local Plan Examination in Public

This was scheduled to resume on 13th September. ChALC would be making representations on Green Gap issues and the Chairman and Andrew Thompson would be speaking on the South Cheshire Growth Village.

The Examination would not be considering omission sites

A meeting had been held with the Duchy of Lancaster regarding the South Cheshire Growth Village.

(d) - Neighbourhood Plan

The second questionnaire was to be distributed in October and would seek views on draft policies and types of housing required.

A meeting of the Steering Group had been arranged for 4th October.

There would be a display on Neighbourhood Plan at the Weston Meets event.

(e) Basford Old Creamery

This application had not yet been considered by the Southern Area Planning Committee

47. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR

Councillor J Hammond reported that quotations for renovation works to 11 Cemetery Road were awaited.

Tenders had been invited for specialist consultancy services required for the extension of Weston Cemetery.

The 85 bus service which normally serves the Village had been temporarily suspended due to road works and residents were advised to use the Flexirider Service.

The Local Plan Examination was about to resume and a timetable of the next stages had been published.

Volunteers from Weston had been invited to take tea with the Mayor in recognition of their contribution to the community.

On 19th September there would be sessions at Crewe Library to offer support for beginners using IT.

The local highways meeting was to be held on 14th September.

There had been a meeting regarding funding for health and wellbeing projects and it was anticipated that an application would be submitted by the Parish Council.

The Tour of Britain had passed through the Borough and generated much interest including a display of decorated cycles along the route

48. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The Chairman thanked all those involved the their recent work on the various planning issues affecting the Parish

The Cheshire East Officers were still dealing with the maintenance of the Country Park and the grass had been cut

The bollards on the roundabout adjacent to Wychwood Park/Village had been knocked over

Councillor J Chambers reported that the Annual Charity report on Wychwood Village Hall had been completed and that the Hall Committee was to be asked to appoint Councillor J Edwards to replace him on the list of Trustees

The weeds on the kerbs had been sprayed by Cheshire East staff

It was reported that a bus had been travelling along Cemetery Road at a high speed and the Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of the Operator

There was to be a 6 week closure of Basford Bridge in October to allow work to be carried out. The diversion route had not yet been announced.

The Chairman was to attend the Minor Highways meeting on 14th September.

Priority would be sought for pedestrian crossings at Wychwood Park, the 7.5 tonne weight limit and the preparation of a scheme for the realignment of Cemetery Road /Main Road adjacent to the White Lion. The budget to be allocated was £18,000

Members again considered the traffic management required at Whites Lane/Weston Lane/Piggins Bank.

A community film show had been held in the Church Hall and another was planned for 13th October.

49. 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.

Photographs had been taken showing the tipping at Mere Road which was to be the subject of prosecution in November.

50. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

Mr D G Owen Salary July 2016 Including office expenses, telephone, internet and Stationery	739.80*
BDO LLP Audit Fee	276.00*

*NOTE – These payments were made during the recess

Mr D G Owen Salary August 2016
Including office expenses, telephone, internet and
Stationery

Mr D Williamson Lengthsman (July 2016)	144.00
Neighbourhood Plan A/c Refund from Locality	142.40
All Saints Church-copying	25.00
Thomson Planning Partnership	195.84

(b) Audit Report

The Clerk reported that the final Audit of the 2015/2016 Accounts had been completed and that no matters of concern had been raised.

(c) Neighbourhood Plan

RESOLVED: - That the sum of £1000 be made available to assist with the preparation of the Plan and transferred at a time to be agreed by the Chairman and Vice –Chairman in consultation with the Clerk.

51. 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 items 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.

52. WYCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman reported on the need to carry out work to the fire alarm and emergency lighting.

RESOLVED: That the work now detailed be carried out and the cost be met by the Parish Council as owners of the building.

53. ACCOUNTS*

The Clerk reported on accounts recently received which related to earlier in the year but had not been invoiced.

RESOLVED: That settlement of the accounts in the sum of £4000 be authorised.

*NOTE –Councillor S Edgar declared an interest in this item and left the room taking no part in the discussion nor voting thereon.

54. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –13TH OCTOBER 2016

CHAIRMAN