

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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** Councillor J Clowes and J. Hammond  
12 Local Residents

**55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**56. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8TH SEPTEMBER 2016**

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

**57. SP ENERGY NETWORKS PROJECT WESTON TO RADWAY GREEN**

Mr W Ashdown of Cheshire East Council and a representative of SP Energy were in attendance and reported on proposals to improve the energy supply in the area.

The programme of works was discussed and the arrangements would require traffic management on Main Road at weekends. This would not affect the Christmas Lights display and there would be no interruption to the supply.

**58. CLOSURE OF BASFORD BRIDGE**

Work by Network Rail would require the closure of Basford Bridge from 24<sup>th</sup> October until 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**59. HS2 PROGRESS REPORT**

Councillor J Chamberlain reported on the consultations for HS2 which required a response by 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

An Information Event organised by HS2 would be held at Wychwood Hotel and a meeting of Parish Councils would take place on 26<sup>th</sup> October at Hough Village Hall.

## **60. PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported as follows:-

### **(a) - Local Plan Examination in Public**

The Examination had resumed and Andrew Thomson along with the Chairman of the Planning Committee had attended and spoken on behalf of ChALC and the Parish Council. Considerable emphasis had been given by the Inspector to housing provision - to numbers of dwellings and the timescale for the housing to be built.

Under cross examination Cheshire East stated that it would be the second quarter of 2018 before they would be able to define the detailed boundaries of the South Cheshire Green Gap, assuming the Inspector was happy with the principle. In the interim they suggested that the Green Gap boundaries as defined in the Crewe and Nantwich Local Plan could be used for policy decisions. It was noted that these boundaries were being disregarded in many appeal decisions. There was a strongly held view that Central Government urgently needed to get its act together and work seamlessly to uphold this policy to prevent our area being subsumed by development.

Haddon Properties had spoken at length against the development of the South Cheshire Growth Village. Under cross examination Adrian Fisher made it clear that if there was to be a safe route to school route across the top of area D1, then this would need to be accompanied by some housing. This was strongly disputed by the Parish Council. The jury was now out and the Inspector's views were awaited on the critical issues of Green Gap and the South Cheshire Village which affected the Parish.

### **(b) - Neighbourhood Plan**

The Neighbourhood Plan would be critical in the appeal by Haddon Properties which was due to be heard in January 2017.

The preparation of the Plan would be accelerated in accordance with Regulation 14 and the Local Housing Needs Questionnaire would be circulated as soon as possible.

## **61. COMMUNITY NEWS LETTER**

The Chairman reported that Cheshire East Council had funded the first three issues of the Community News Letter but that alternative funding was needed for the next two issues in the sum of £672. Investigations into possible areas of finance were being explored.

**RESOLVED:** That the November and February issues be funded by the Parish Council.

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

Councillor J Clowes reported on the HS2 meeting at Hough Village Hall and on a meeting at Westfields on 7<sup>th</sup> November to discuss enforcement matters. The Chairman along with Cllr T. Gill would attend this event

The Planning application for the former Basford Creamery had been deferred and legal action in relation to the enforcement action was pending.

Work was being carried out on the traffic management measures to be introduced following the roads adoption at Wychwood Village.

The S106 appeal in respect of Gorsty Hill would be dealt with jointly with the main appeal in January 2017.

Councillor J Hammond reported that the works on 11 Cemetery Road were nearing completion.

Consultants had been appointed to progress the extension to Weston Cemetery and a planning application would be submitted.

The tipping at Mere Road would be the subject of Court action in January 2017.

A Highways Engineering Event was to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

All necessary work at Spinney drive had been completed. Drainage work at Mere Close and Poppy Close had also been carried out.

An inspection had revealed that whilst Footpath 11 was not blocked by parked caravans clearing work was required.

### **63. COUNCILLOR E DICKENSON**

The Chairman reported the resignation of Councillor E Dickenson and members expressed their appreciation of the contribution which she had made both to the Parish Council and to the work of the Planning Committee.

The vacancy would be advertised in accordance with the statutory legislation and a report submitted in due course.

### **64. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

The Chairman thanked all those involved for their recent work on the various planning issues affecting the Parish and the extensive work involved with the HS2 consultation process.

Councillor S Edgar reported that operations at Basford Creamery now appeared to be restricted to permitted hours.

Councillor T Eatough reported on low-flying aircraft in the area which may have been carrying out survey work.

Councillor J Edwards reported that the traffic bollards at Wychwood Village had not been repaired. Complaints had been received regarding odours from drains and the Clerk undertook to speak to United Utilities.

Councillor L Gill suggested that it might be useful to have signs indicating that a Neighbourhood Plan was being prepared in the Parish.

Councillor T Gill reported on on-going parking problems at Wychwood Village.

## 65. OPEN FORUM-QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

In accordance with the Standing Orders members of the public are invited to ask questions or address the Parish Council

Concern was expressed that some local residents had been approached by HS2 representatives regarding land and property ownership but had not been given an explanation of the proposals and how they may be affected.

## 66. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

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

Mr D G Owen Salary September 2016 Including office expenses, telephone, internet and Stationery	763.40
Mr D Williamson – Lengthsman (August/September)	324.00
R J Shaw Electrical Work- Wychwood Village Hall	199.00
Thomson Planning Partnership – Local Plan (Paid 4/10/16)	593.52
All Saints Church Weston-copying	21.00

(b) Income

The second half of the precept, in the sum of £10,150 had been received from Cheshire East Council.

## 67. 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.

## 68. LAND OWNERSHIP

The Chairman reported on the proposed acquisition of an area of land and on legal advice received.

**RESOLVED:** That the matter be deferred pending a further report.

## 69. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

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CHAIRMAN