

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
10th NOVEMBER 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, P Grant and A Kiddie

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor J Clowes and J. Hammond
1 Local Resident

70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

71. CASUAL VACANCY-BASFORD WARD

Further to the resignation of former Councillor E Dickenson the Clerk reported that this vacancy had been duly advertised and no request for an election had been received. The Parish Council was therefore able to fill the vacancy by co-option.

RESOLVED: That Anneline Kiddie be co-opted to serve as Councillor for the Basford Ward of the Parish Council.

At this point Councillor Kiddie made her declaration of acceptance of office before the Clerk to the Council and took her seat.

72. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13TH OCTOBER 2016

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

73. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Electricity Works Main Road Weston.

It was reported that this work had recently begun but would be phased so as not to interfere with the Christmas Lights display.

(b) Basford Bridge Closure

This bridge was now closed until 9th December 2016.

74. POLICE MATTERS

No report had been received and Members expressed concern that there had been no Officer present at meetings or reports given. Representations would be made appropriate. A van had been reported stolen from Mere Road and there had been damage to a wall.

75. HS2 PROGRESS REPORT

The Chairman expressed thanks to Councillors J Chamberlain and P Grant for their work in preparing and submitting comments in response to the consultations. A meeting between HS2 representatives and local land-owners had been held to ensure that those who had been approached regarding acquisition of their property by HS2 were fully aware of the proposals.

Discussions had also been held to consider the effect of sonic boom resulting from trains entering and leaving tunnels and the possibility of this being minimised by construction modifications.

76 . PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(a) The Minutes of Planning Committee held 8th September 2016 were submitted for information.

(b) The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on:-

(i) - Local Plan Examination in Public

The Council's Planning Consultant, Andrew Thomson had been instructed on behalf of ChALC to write to the Inspector expressing concern that in the submission of further information, Cheshire East had failed to reflect the current situation relative to the South Cheshire Green Gap boundaries along with the views expressed and agreed on behalf of ChALC at the recent Examination in Public

(ii) Neighbourhood Plan

Thanks were expressed to the members of the Steering Group for their efforts in dealing with the considerable volume of work involved in preparing the Plan. There was now a real urgency to progress the Plan to the point where it would carry some weight at the forthcoming Haddon Inquiry at the end of January

The Housing Needs Survey material was currently being printed and would be distributed shortly. It was hoped that the majority of residents would respond on line as this would assist the analysis process being carried out by Cheshire Community Action.

The draft policies document would be available on the Parish Council website and hard copies would be available from the Clerk on request.

Stakeholders would be consulted on the draft policies in mid-December.

The Planning Inspectorate dealing with the Haddon Appeal would be notified of the current position in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan once the Regulation 14 submission had been made.

(iii) Haddon Appeal

The inquiry was scheduled for 31st January 2017 and would be held jointly with the S106 appeal inquiry.

An urgent meeting with Cheshire East officers had been requested to ensure that the Parish Council and Cheshire East were working together seamlessly in preparing the appeal strategy.

Councillor J Clowes reported that Cheshire East Council would be briefing a QC to act on its behalf.

Councillor J Hammond reported that the Inspector's report on the Local Plan was expected by late December and would be considered by the Strategic Planning Board and Council. A six week consultation period on modifications arising from the hearings would then follow.

Regulations provided that communities that draw up a Neighbourhood Plan and secure the consent of local people in a referendum, will benefit from 25 per cent of the Community Infrastructure Levy revenues arising from the development that takes place in their area.

77. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT- TECHNICAL CONSULTATION

Representation had been submitted objecting to this proposed legislation which would, if implemented, limit the percentage increase by which a Parish Council could increase its precept without holding a referendum.

78. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Hammond reported on the on-going situation of the Mere Road tipping which was the subject of Court action.

The Town and Parish Council Conference was to be held on 28th November 2016 at Macclesfield Town Hall.

The necessary work had been carried out at 11 Cemetery Road.

The Environment Agency was to hold a drop-in session at Crewe Arms Hotel on 23rd November to report on fracking proposals.

A revised system of Participatory Budgeting had been introduced. £3000 would be allocated in the Haslington Ward.

75 red telephone kiosks throughout Cheshire East were to be decommissioned by BT. Each of these kiosks had had a consultation notice placed inside and the consultation was due to close on 21st December 2016.

Councillor J Clowes reported that the Southern Planning Committee would consider Basford Old Creamery at its meeting on 21st December 2016.

A meeting to discuss enforcement matters had held on 7th November and the Chairman undertook to circulate copies of Cheshire East Council's enforcement policies. Pre-budget consultations were currently being held.

79. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor J Chamberlain reported on flooding in Snape Lane due to heavy rain and water running off the adjacent fields.

Members reported on the Christmas light displayed planned at Carters Green Farm, Jack Lane and Wychwood Village.

Councillor J Chambers urged members to test the on-line version of the Housing Needs Survey and to report any problems prior to it going live.

Councillor T Eatough reported on Police activity in the Parish.

The Chairman reported that the next Community Film Show would be held on 8th December in the Church Hall. A service of remembrance would take place at 6pm on Sunday 13th November. A quiz was to be held on 17th November and teams were required.

80. 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

It was suggested that the flooding in Snape Lane was due to the absence of highway drains. Under normal circumstances rain water would soak away naturally.

81 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

Mr D G Owen Salary October 2016 Including office expenses, telephone, internet and Stationery	776.45
Mr D Williamson – Lengthsman	157.50
Thomson Planning Partnership Contribution to costs of Planning Consultant incurred by ChALC	76.60
HMRC-Tax collected	582.03

(b) Income

The Clerk reported that a VAT refund of £615.76 had been received.

82. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 8th DECEMBER 2016

CHAIRMAN