

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

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

Councillors, J Chamberlain J Chambers,
J Edwards, L Gill, T Gill, P Grant and A Kiddie

APOLOGIES Councillors T Eatough and S Edgar

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Clowes and J. Hammond
2 Local Residents

83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

84. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10th NOVEMBER 2016

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

85. MATTERS ARISING.

Basford Bridge Closure
Work had been carried out on this bridge which was now due to reopen.

86. POLICE MATTERS

No report had been received. Further to Minute Number 74 representations had to made to the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding concern that there had been no Officer present nor reports given to recent meetings.

It was intended that the level of representation at meetings would improve where possible. An officer was to attend the Village shop each month to speak to residents and an article from the Police would be included in the next Community Newsletter.

Cluster meetings were held on a regular basis and these would also provide an opportunity for an exchange of information.

87. HS2 PROGRESS REPORT

Further information had been received regarding the tunnel entrance into Crewe Station and the possible up-grading of the station which would mean that only some trains would stop at Crewe. The funding of phase 1 was under consideration and a proposed rolling stock depot and limited maintenance facility was planned for location at Wimboldsley.

88. PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on:-

(i) - Local Plan Examination in Public

A letter from the Inspector carrying out the examination was expected before Christmas.

(ii) Neighbourhood Plan

The Housing Needs Survey forms returned were currently being analysed by Cheshire Community Action. The survey was to close on 11th December and 325 forms had been received.

The Regulation 14 documents were nearing completion and consultation with 200 + interested parties would be carried out from 14th December and a 6 week period for comments would follow.

All documents were available on the website.

(iii) Haddon Appeal

The Public Inquiry was scheduled for 31st January 2017. The S106 appeal would be heard concurrently.

An urgent meeting with Cheshire East officers had been requested to bring all interested parties together including the Wychwood Community Group. This was to ensure the Inquiry protocols were fully understood and that a consistent and co-ordinated approach was achieved.

The Planning Inspectorate would be notified of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 submission as this progress should add weight to the Parish Council's representations.

89. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Hammond reported on the Participatory Budget system. £3000 would be allocated in the Haslington Ward. Drop – in sessions had been arranged for 13th and 21st December. The Cheshire East website had details of proposed changes to the household waste arrangements.

A nominated neighbour scheme was to be introduced to provide greater security for vulnerable residents who may be subject to unexpected callers at their homes.

Councillor Hammond had visited the Weston Lights at Jack lane and added his congratulations to those of Members regarding this excellent community initiative.

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

An item on the Nominated Neighbour scheme would be prepared for the Community Newsletter.

Wychwood Village had experienced a loss of water due to bursts and the quality of the water once restored had been poor. This had been raised with Public Health officers.

90. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor T Gill reported on the Christmas lights display at Wychwood Village.

Councillor J Edwards reported that work to the Fire Alarm system at Wychwood Village Hall was now complete.

Councillor J Chambers reported on the level of activity on the website and the Chairman expressed his appreciation to Councillor Chambers for his contribution to the Neighbourhood Plan preparation.

Councillor J Chamberlain expressed concern that the proposed revision of the Household waste arrangements could lead to increased fly tipping.

Councillor A Kiddie reported on the overgrown condition the footpath at Basford.
Mr D Williamson had been asked to clear this.

The Chairman reported that a Carol Service would be held at All Saints Church on 18th December at 6pm.

91. 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 at the suspension of the Best Kept Village competition organised by Cheshire Community Action.

92. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(i) Minutes of Finance Committee held 1st December 2016.

RESOLVED (a) That the Minutes of Finance Committee held 1st December 2016 be approved and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

(b) That the 2017/2018 precept be set at £30,000

(ii) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

Mr D G Owen Salary November 2016 Including office expenses, telephone, internet and Stationery	759.40
Mr D Williamson – Lengthsman	193.50
Thomson Planning Partnerships	207.00
Johnsons Printers-Community Newsletter	335.00

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

50.00*

*this payment was made prior to the meeting.

(iii) The transfer of £1000 to the Neighbourhood Plan account as authorised on 8th September 2016 (Minute Number 50(c) had now taken place.

(iv) Neighbourhood Plan.

It was reported that financial assistance was no longer available from Cheshire East Council and that application was to be made to Locality for a further £1500 which would need to be spent by 31st March 2017.

RESOLVED: That a further £1000 be made available for the Neighbourhood Plan should this be required and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in consultation with the Clerk be authorised to effect a transfer as necessary.

93. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –12TH JANUARY 2017

94. 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.

95. LAND OWNERSHIP

The Chairman reported on this proposed land acquisition and the anticipated legal costs.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman, in consultation with the Clerk, be authorised to proceed with this land acquisition and the necessary expenditure be approved.

CHAIRMAN