

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
12th JANUARY 2017**

PRESENT Councillor J Densem (Chairman)

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

APOLOGIES Councillors J Cornell, T Eatough and T Gill

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

96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

97. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8TH DECEMBER 2016

RESOLVED That the Minutes of this meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the amendment of Minutes Numbers 89 and 90 to refer to Household Waste sites.

98. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Basford Bridge Closure

Work had been carried out on this bridge which had now reopened. The grit bin was missing and needed to be replaced.

(b) Participatory Budgeting.

This scheme had attracted insufficient applications to exhaust its budget.

(c) Wychwood Village Hall

The burst pipe in the hall had been repaired.

99. POLICE MATTERS

It was reported that there had been 1 incident of crime in the Parish in November and 1 of antisocial behaviour. 2 crimes had been committed in December.

An Officer was to attend the Village shop each month to speak to residents and this would begin on 27th January from 3pm to 5pm. Posters would be displayed to inform residents of the dates and times of the visits.

100. HS2 PROGRESS REPORT

Councillor P Grant reported on his attendance at a consultation meeting where the main emphasis had been on Phase 2b. Suggested changes to Phase 2a of the scheme were yet to be verified.

101. PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman of the Planning Committee had submitted his apologies to the meeting and had circulated a report to update Members on current planning issues.

102. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported that the Southern Planning Committee had approved the Basford Creamery application subject to conditions. Cheshire East Officers were investigating issues regarding asbestos. Parking would need to be the subject of a further application and restrictions on hours of operation and noise would be kept under review.

Councillor J Hammond reported on the letter received from the Inspector conducting the Examination in Public of the Local Plan.

A Ministerial statement had indicated that where a Neighbourhood Plan was in place a 3 year supply of housing land is required, reduced from 5 years.

Surveys were being carried out in readiness for a feasibility study of the proposed cemetery extension.

The Mere Road tipping case had now been brought before the Court and fines and compensation had been imposed.

A highways satisfaction survey was being carried out and details had been circulated by the Clerk.

A survey of bus passengers was to be carried out from 14th January 2017.

103. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor D Edgar reported that sewage was sweeping through the carriageway at Mere Road.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported that work was being undertaken on the bridge in Englesea Brook.

Councillor P Grant reported on flooding at Piggins Bank. The drain at the bottom of the bank was clear but others needed to be cleared.

Councillor J Chambers reported that there had been 2000 page viewings on the website in December with a substantial proportion of these being visits to the Neighbourhood Plan pages.

Councillor J Edwards reported on lights out at the Wychwood Park/Village roundabout.

Lights were also out on Main Road and the Crewe Hall roundabout. The bollards and lighting adjacent to the White Lion and the Church also needed attention.

Members remarked on the excellent display of Christmas lights organised by Graham Witter. This event had raised over £22,000 for the Donna Louise Trust and the Clerk was asked to convey the congratulations of the Parish Council to Mr Witter on this splendid community event.

104. 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 several comments regarding the Christmas light displays and in particular the display at the entrance to Wychwood Village which had contributed to the festive atmosphere.

105. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

Mr D G Owen Salary December 2016 Including office expenses, telephone, internet and Stationery	807.55
Mr D Williamson – Lengthsman	228.00
North West Fire Extinguishers-work to alarm system-Wychwood Village Hall	630.00
Norris and Fisher – Insurance Wychwood Village Hall	837.92

(b) Neighbourhood Plan

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.

(c) Standing Orders

Further to the discussions at the Finance Committee (1st December 2016) Members considered adopting alternative Standing Orders.

RESOLVED: That the Standing Orders as now submitted and appended to these Minutes be adopted.

106. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –9th FEBRUARY 2017