

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
16TH MARCH 2017

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

Councillors, J Chambers, S Edgar,
T Eatough, L Gill, T Gill and A Kiddie

APOLOGIES Councillors J Chamberlain, J Edwards and P Grant

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Clowes and J. Hammond

119. 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.

120. A500 DUALLING – between Junction 16 on M6 and Meremoor Moss roundabout

Mr Simon Skates of Cheshire East Council and Mr Dan Teasdale of Jacobs were in attendance to report on these proposals and answer Members' questions.
Proposals currently provided for the dualling to be achieved on either the north or south side of the existing carriageway (not both) and it was intended that the work be completed prior to work on HS2 beginning.

121. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare their interest in any item on the Agenda.
Councillors S Edgar and A Kiddie declared their interest in the item relating to the Weston Allotments.

123. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9TH FEBRUARY 2017

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held 9th February 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

124. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Provision of Defibrillator

The Chairman reported on a proposal to install a defibrillator in the School. At present this was intended to be located on an internal wall which would limit its availability to school hours. An approach had been made to the School with a view to it being located on an outside wall and being available to the public at all times. No response had been received at this stage and a further report would be made once the position is clarified.

(b) Mere Road Tipping.

Cheshire East Council was seeking quotations for the clearance of all rubbish from the site.

125. POLICE MATTERS

No Police report had been received.

It was reported that there had been an attempted break-in at the Post Office.

An Officer was to attend the Church Hall on a regular basis to give residents the opportunity to raise matters of concern. No date had been given for the meetings.

126. PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(a) Members received, for information, the Minutes of the Planning Committee held 8th December 2016.

(b) Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on the work of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The Plan was now moving towards Regulation 15 submission to Cheshire East Council.

(c) Current consultations Local Plan

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on consultations being carried out by Cheshire East Council which had required a response by 10th April 2017.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman, Chairman of the Planning Committee and Clerk be authorised to respond on behalf of the Parish Council and circulate the comments to members.

127. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported on progress with road adoptions and proposed parking restrictions on Wychwood Village.

The damage to lights and safety furniture on the Wychwood roundabout had been reported and action on this would be urged.

Incidents of fly tipping on private land would be reported by Councillor J Hammond.

Enforcement issues continued at the Old Creamery Basford including noise, working hours, storage and parking.

Progress was being made with the Wybunbury combined Parishes Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor J Hammond reported on progress with the Local Plan. Four documents were currently subject to consultation.

The local Highways meeting was to be held on 12th April 2017 and the list of projects was now available.

The Cheshire East council tax increase of 4.99% contained a 3% increase for social care.

Consultations were to be held on the proposed alterations to Crewe Green roundabout which, when completed, would be followed by work on Sydney bridge entailing 22 weeks closure.

The extension to Weston Cemetery was included in the Capital Programme and ground testing was currently being carried out.

128. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor S Edgar reported on blocked gullies in Mere Road. The Chairman also expressed concerns on the gully clearing schedule that did not include some minor roads. Potholes which had been reported had been repaired within 48 hours.

Councillor J Chambers reported on the poor condition of street name signs and that the finger post at Croatia Mill Lane had been twisted.

A number of bin liners which had been left adjacent to the bin on the Playing Fields had not been removed when the bin had been emptied.

Councillor Chambers submitted the website report indicating a substantial number of visits to the Neighbourhood Plan pages.

Councillor T Eatough remarked on the slow progress with the self-build property adjacent to the Post Office. In parts of the area the large footpath signs had been replaced with smaller signs.

The Chairman remarked on the improvement work to the Church hall following redecoration and sanding of the floor.

The rescheduling of meetings to attempt to accommodate Members' holiday and other commitments had resulting in other members missing meetings.

RESOLVED: That the meeting schedule approved at the Annual Meeting in May each year be adhered to wherever possible.

129. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

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| Mr D G Owen Salary February 2017 Including office expenses, telephone, internet and Stationery | 772.60 |
| Mr D Williamson – Lengthsman | 229.50 |
| Thomson Planning Partnerships (work on behalf of the Parish Council relating to the Haddon Inquiry) | 1378.20 |

(b) The Clerk reported receipt of £837.92 in respect of the insurance premium for Wychwood Village Hall.

130. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –13th APRIL 2017

131. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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132. WESTON ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman report on a request of the Allotments Management Committee to be allowed to let plots to residents of adjoining Parishes.

RESOLVED: That the Allotments Management Committee be authorised to let plots to residents of adjoining Parishes subject to:-

- (i) The majority of plots being let to Weston and Basford Parish residents
- (ii) Where a vacancy occurs preference being given to Weston and Basford Parish residents
- (iii) The Management Committee being composed only of Weston and Basford Parish residents whose names appear on the Electoral Register for the Parish.
- (iv) Regular meetings being held with the Parish Council.
- (v) A copy of the Committee's accounts being submitted to the Parish Council each year.

NOTE: Councillors S Edgar and A Kiddie declared an interest in this item and left the room taking no part in the discussions nor voting thereon.

Councillor T Eatough abstained from voting on this matter.

CHAIRMAN