

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
11th MAY 2017

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

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

APOLOGIES Councillors T Eatough, S Edgar and P Grant

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors J Clowes and J. Hammond

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor J Densem be appointed to serve as Chairman until the next Annual Meeting.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor J Cornell be appointed to serve as Vice Chairman until the next Annual Meeting.

4. RESIGNATION

The Clerk reported the resignation of Councillor Peter Grant.
Arrangements would now be made to advertise the vacancy in accordance with statutory requirements.

5. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED: That the appointments to Committees and outside bodies be in accordance with the Appendix to these Minutes.

6. MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD 13TH APRIL AND 4TH MAY 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes of these meetings be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Provision of Defibrillator

It was reported that the defibrillator at the School would only be accessible during school hours.

(b) Mere Road Tipping.

Cheshire East Council had appointed a contractor to clear all rubbish from the site.

8. POLICE MATTERS

It was reported that there had been two incidents of crime in the Parish since the previous meeting. PCSO S Watson had now been transferred to other duties away from the Parish

9. HS2 PROGRESS REPORT

No further information had been received at this stage.

10. PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(i) Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that the Neighbourhood Plan had now been submitted to Cheshire East Council in accordance with Regulation 15. The ownership of the Plan now transfers to Cheshire East Council. Cheshire East have published a 6-week statutory consultation on the Plan in accordance with Regulation 16.

Examination by an Independent Inspector will follow prior to a referendum being held, hopefully in the autumn. The Planning Inspectorate dealing with the Haddon Appeal had been notified of the progress with the plan by Cheshire East Council.

(ii) Local Plan

The Supreme Court judges had ruled on the legal point regarding the interpretation of policies in the National Planning Policies Framework and what policies for the supply of housing meant.

This would affect planning decision making nationally as it means that a narrow interpretation must be taken in deciding what policies are 'for the supply of housing'. Previous courts and planning inspectors had adopted a wide approach which meant that green belt, green gap and other environmental policies to protect land from development were given much reduced weight and this decision now reverses that. The court was clear that they did not see a reason to treat policies as out of date simply because of a shortfall in other policies.

The Cheshire East Minerals and Waste Development Plan Document was now subject to consultation. Representations were being made on behalf of the Parish Council relating to concern about the potential exploration of hydrocarbons and gas within the Parish.

11. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Hammond reported that Playing pitch strategy consultation was currently taking place. Full details could be found on the Cheshire East website.

The local Plan Inspector's letter had not yet been received.

The collection of food waste was scheduled to begin on 1st April 2019.

A review of subsidised bus services was being undertaken. Whilst the service 39 would continue the service 85 on Sundays may be withdrawn.

A programme of gully emptying was underway.

Councillor J Clowes reported that a meeting to discuss the adoption of roads at Wychwood Village had been arranged for 19th May 2017. The verges were being maintained and gullies cleared of weeds as necessary.

The consultation on the Wybunbury combined parishes Neighbourhood Plan would be launched at the Fig Pie Wakes on Saturday 10th June 2017.

12. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor L Gill referred to the excellent standard of the Newsletter and suggested that the print run could possibly be reduced by only distributing hard copies on request in those parts of the Parish where a substantial number of residents could view the Newsletter online.

The Newsletter could also be included on the website with the website address being included in the Parish Council's article.

Copies could also be made available at Wychwood Village Hall for collection.

Councillor J Edwards reported that the Wychwood Village hall AGM would be held on 29th June 2017.

Councillor A Kiddie reported on discussions with a resident regarding the provision of a pavement at the junction of Mere Road and Cemetery Road. This had been raised with Cheshire East Highways Officers.

Councillor J Chambers reported that Councillor A Kiddie would now be trained in the administration of the website.

The Chairman reported on forthcoming events:-

19 th May	Celebration of Church Hall restoration
24 th June	Mid-summer picnic in the garden of Ashleigh
8 th July	Vintage vehicle and Garden Party at Ashleigh

The new curtains had been hung in the Church Hall and thanks were expressed to Councillor A Kiddie for her work.

13. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

Mr D G Owen Salary April 2017 Including office expenses, telephone, internet and Stationery	812.67
Mr D Williamson – Lengthsman	184.50
S Clough Internal Audit Fee	250.00

Shires Payroll Services	25.50
Weston and Basford Neighbourhood Plan (transfer of Locality Grant to Neighbourhood Plan Account)	4387.00

(b) Income

A cheque in the sum of £1000 had been received from the Allotments Group in respect of the rent paid by the Parish Council.

The sum of £4387 had been received from Locality in respect of future expenditure on the Neighbourhood Plan.

(c) Transfer of funds

The transfer of £1000 to the Neighbourhood Plan account authorised in Minute 143(c) would now be put into effect.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –15TH JUNE 2017

CHAIRMAN