

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
14th SEPTEMBER 2017

PRESENT	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillor J Cornell (Vice Chairman)
	Councillors J Chamberlain, T Eatough, S Edgar, J Edwards, T Gill, M Jones and A Kiddie
APOLOGIES	Councillors J Chambers and L Gill
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillors J Clowes and J. Hammond 1 Local Resident

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

37. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13TH JULY 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes of these meetings be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the amendment of Minute 32 to read:-

‘Councillor S Edgar reported that the development at East Avenue (Gladman) was likely to begin in the spring.’

38. MATTERS ARISING.

(i) Mere Road Tipping.
The work to remove the majority of the items was now complete.

(ii) Englesea Brook Bridge
The coping stones had now been replaced.

(iii) Cheshire East Bus Service consultation.
The Parish Council’s comments had been submitted.

39. POLICE MATTERS

There had been 2 incidents of antisocial behaviour in the Parish.
A new PCSO, Lizzie Jolley had been appointed.
Training was being undertaken to allow Officers to operate the Trucam speed gun and it was hoped to register Main Road as an authorised area for its operation.

The speed indicator unit adjacent to the White Lion needed to be adjusted to give an earlier indication of the speed of approaching vehicles.

Signs warning drivers of the need to reduce speed on the approach to the School were now in place. These signs had flashing amber lights which were illuminated at the time the children are going to or leaving school.

40. PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported:-

(i) Neighbourhood Plan

The Examiner had issued his report on the Neighbourhood Plan with amendments which had now been seen and agreed.

The Parish Council was extremely anxious that this should be dealt with very quickly to go to referendum as soon as possible.

(ii) Local Plan

The Local Plan had been approved but was subject to a legal challenge which would be robustly rebutted by Cheshire East Council. The legal status of the Plan remained unchanged.

(iii) HS2 Progress report.

A meeting was to be held on 15th September 2017 at Hough Village Hall in relation to HS2.

(iv) Public Footpaths (definitive rights of way).

Members expressed concern at the condition of public footpaths and stiles in the Parish.

Councillor S Edgar, the Council's Footpaths Officer, undertook to investigate and report as necessary.

41. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Hammond reported that following the approval of the Local Plan on 27th July 2017 the Strategic Green Gap policy had been endorsed and local green gaps needed to be identified.

Consultations were being carried out on a dog fouling and control proposals and flood risk strategy. Cheshire East would be hosting a stage of the Tour of Britain Cycle Race in 2018.

The Queens Park Crewe had received heritage accreditation and was a contender for the Nation's favourite Park.

Following the Crewe highways meeting discussions would take place with the engineers regarding the proposed weight limit in the Parish.

Proposals had been published detailing the redevelopment of Crewe Town Centre.

Councillor J Clowes reported on the Live Well website which covered a range of healthy living items. Feedback on the site was invited.

A report on the traffic management proposals for Wychwood Village was awaited.

The Nantwich highways meeting would consider proposals for the A531 from the Weston Hall roundabout to the Wychwood Village roundabout.

42. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor M Jones reported on parking in Holly Mount Basford which was causing difficulty for an elderly wheelchair user.

A grey bin in Casey Lane had been used for non-recyclable items and had not been emptied. Items were now been left on the pavement presenting a health hazard.

Councillor A Kiddie reported on the need to establish a page on the website to feature details of various consultations.

Councillor J Edwards reported that a charity event would be held at Wychwood Village Hall on Sunday 1st October 2017 from 10am to 4pm.

The Chairman reported on his attendance at a meeting organised by Crewe Town Council which had discussed Hs2, Local Plan and proposals for the regeneration of Crewe Town Centre.

Main Road Weston was to be closed from Monday 18th September to allow the necessary carriageway repairs adjacent to Holly Hedge farm. Concern was expressed regarding the bus service and access for refuse vehicles.

The Sunday lunch club was held on the second Sunday of each month and a welcome was extended to residents and carers who would otherwise be alone.

43. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

Mr D G Owen Salary August 2017 Including office expenses, telephone, internet and Stationery	812.67
Mr D Williamson – Lengthsman July invoice 166.50 August invoice 273.00	439.50
CVS Cheshire East- final invoice payroll services	96.00
Cheshire Community Action Subscription	50.00
HMRC-Tax collected	550.00
Mr W Witter-allotment rent	1000.00
BDO LLP-Audit Fee	240.00
Johnsons Printers- community newsletters 2@ £285	570.00

(b) The following payments had been made since the July meeting:-

Mr D G Owen Salary July 2017 Including office expenses, telephone, internet and Stationery	876.00
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M J Chambers-Computer Inks	38.25
Britannia Ecological Solutions- maintenance Wychwood Village Hall	385.00
Shires Pay Services-payroll	25.50

(c) The audit of the accounts for 2016/2017 was now complete and the external auditor's report raise no matters of concern.

(d) The second half of the precept in the sum of £15,000 had been received from Cheshire East Council.

44. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –12TH OCTOBER 2017

CHAIRMAN