

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

PRESENT	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillor J Cornell (Vice Chairman) Councillors J Chamberlain, L Gill, T Gill and A Kiddie
APOLOGIES	Councillor, J Chambers, T Eatough, S Edgar, J Edwards and M Jones
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillors J. Hammond and D Marren 4 local residents

63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

64. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9TH NOVEMBER 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes of this meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the amendment of the first paragraph of Minute Number 58 to read:-

‘Councillor J Hammond reported on the HS2 consultations currently taking place. Works to the Crewe Green roundabout were underway and would result in lane closures after Christmas. Diversions would be arranged using Macon Way from March-May when there would be junction closures at Hungerford Road and Sydney Road with resident access only. The work was scheduled for completion by the autumn.’

65. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Smithy Lane Gullies

Further to Minute Number 60 there had been a further burst in Smithy Lane causing flooding to properties. This matter had been raised with United Utilities.

(b) Community Christmas Lights

Members reported on the excellent displays of Christmas Lights in the Parish.

(c) Planters

Members expressed their thanks to Councillor A Kiddie for her work in constructing planters in the area.

66. POLICE MATTERS

There had been 2 incidents of crime in the Parish since the previous meeting. The Police had been monitoring traffic speeds in the Parish and were distributing leaflets to alert residents to the need to be security conscious and ensure that doors are kept locked to prevent unauthorised entry to premises.

It was reported that a van had recently been stolen from the car park of the White Lion. The Chairman reported on a meeting which he had attended with the Police and Crime Commissioner when the policy for rural policing using PCSOs had been discussed.

67. PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported:-

(i) Neighbourhood Plan

The referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan had produced a tremendous result – nearly 40% of electorate had voted and of those 95% supported the Plan. Thanks were expressed to all who had contributed.

The Plan would be presented to Cheshire East Council on 18th December for ratification. Arrangements were in hand for the printing of the final Plan.

Phase 2 of the Local Plan would deal with Site Allocations and local Green Gaps. Final consultation on Site Allocations would commence early in the New Year. The Parish Council was well prepared to handle this consultation given the recently adopted Neighbourhood Plan. There was a need to secure cross boundary agreement with other parishes surrounding Crewe on the strategy relating to Local Green Gaps and to this end a CHALC Meeting would be convened in the New Year.

Comments in response to the current Cheshire East Consultation on Housing Strategy and Draft Masterplan vision for Crewe would be submitted early in January

RESOLVED: (a) That the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group continue to operate to consider necessary amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan and to respond to consultations on appropriate issues.

(b) That the Chairman of the Planning Committee be authorised to agree the comments on behalf of the Parish Council relating to the Vision for Crewe and Housing Strategy in consultation with the Council's Planning Consultant and the Clerk.

(ii) HS2 Progress report.

There were no developments affecting this area at present.

68. BUDGET 2018/2019 -MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD 7TH DECEMBER 2017.

RESOLVED: (a) That the Minutes of the Finance Committee held 7th December 2017 be approved as a correct record and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

(b) That the precept for 2018/2019 be set at £30,228.

69. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes was unable to attend the meeting and had submitted her apologies.

Councillor J Hammond reported that the pre-budget consultation details were on the Cheshire East website and consultations would end on 12th January 2018.

The appeal against refusal of planning permission for residential development at White Moss Quarry had been dismissed.

Consultation on the Admission Arrangements for Voluntary Controlled, Community Schools, and Local Authority Coordinated Scheme 2019-20 was to end on 11th January 2018 and on Crewe HS2 Masterplan Vision on 12th January 2018.

Basford West Phase 1 would be considered by Strategic Planning Board on 20th December 2017.

Workshops on the Health and Wellbeing strategy would be held in early January. A new Nominated Neighbour scheme was being introduced to safeguard older and vulnerable residents from unwanted callers. Full details were available on the Cheshire East website.

70. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor J Cornell reported on problems arising from vehicles travelling at excessive speed on Englesea Brook Lane. Cheshire East Highways officers would be consulted on the possible provision of Speed Alert signs and the Police would also be made aware of the dangers in the area.

Councillor T Gill reported that the Parish Notice Board at Wychwood Village Hall needed to have a new pin board fitted.

There was a degree of uncertainty as to whether all adoption of highways in the development had now taken place. This would be clarified with Cheshire East officers.

Councillor L Gill reported that some bin collections had not taken place at Wychwood Village and expressed her thanks to all residents who had contributed to the community effort in providing the Christmas light displays.

Councillor A Kiddie reported on the Nominated neighbour scheme and on the establishment of a closed website group to alert residents to incidences of crime in the area. Residents who were members of the group would be asked to contact those neighbours not on social media to alert them when warnings were received.

All Cheshire East Council consultations were not available via a link on the Parish Council website.

71. 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

It was reported that rubbish had been tipped at the rear of Cemetery Road.

Concern was again expressed at the parking problems in the vicinity of the School.

72. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

Mr D G Owen Salary November 2017

Including office expenses, telephone, internet and Stationery

812.67

Mr D Williamson – Lengthsman	148.50
Thomson Planning Partnership Preparation and submission of comment in response to CIL proposals. (Minute No. 57 refers) and Crewe Vision HS2	172.80
Shires Pay Services-payroll services	25.50
HMRC –Tax collected	550.00
Johnsons Printers- newsletter	335.00

73. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –11th JANUARY 2018.

CHAIRMAN