

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillor J Cornell (Vice Chairman)  Councillors J Chamberlain, T Eatough, S Edgar, J Edwards and M Jones
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Councillors J Chambers, L Gill, T Gill and A Kiddie
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Councillors J. Clowes and D Marren 2 local residents

**74. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**75. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of this meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the amendment of Minute Number 65(a) to read:-

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 Cheshire East Council.

**76. MATTERS ARISING.**

(a) Englesea Brook Lane Speeding

This matter had now been raised with both Cheshire East Council and the Police.  
The mobile SID had been in place and had reduced the speed of vehicles using the Lane.  
It was felt that a permanent SID would be helpful and this would be part of the Minor Highways bid.  
Mr T Longstaff had offered to carry out some Speedwatch Sessions in the area and the Police would be informed accordingly.

(b) Adoption of highways Wychwood Village

The process of introducing traffic orders was in progress and Councillor J Clowes undertook to urge this with the Cheshire East Officers.

**77. POLICE MATTERS**

There had been 1 incident of crime in the Parish since the previous meeting.  
Councillor A Kiddie was establishing a closed group on social media to enable residents to be alerted to crime in the area and members would be asked to inform other residents, not on social media, when messages are sent out.

## **78. PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

### **(a) Crewe Hub Consultation / Housing Strategy Consultation**

Responses to these consultations had been prepared in consultation with Mr A Thomson and copies were distributed for information.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that 2018/2019 would be a very busy year on planning with various proposals coming forward for consideration and the Local Plan needing to be revised to take account of HS2 proposals.

### **(b) HS2 Progress report.**

The second reading of the Bill would be taking place during the following 2 weeks.

## **79. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS**

Councillor J Hammond was unable to attend the meeting and had sent his apologies.

Councillor J Clowes reported that a meeting with HS2 engineers had been requested to consider options which, if implemented, would considerably reduce the impact of construction traffic and the movement of spoil on the local area.

Cheshire East Cabinet was to consider petition statements on the HS2 Bill which would be raised in advance of submission.

The hedge between the Weston Hall and Wychwood roundabouts was to be set back to improve the visibility of the signage.

The Enforcement Officer had been requested to take such action as possible to require Haddon developments to carry out maintenance works on the Country Park and golf course.

The period of Cheshire East budget consultations would end on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Councillor D Marren reported that the new Electoral Register had been published on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

Phase 1 of the works at Crewe Green Roundabout would continue until April. The traffic signals would continue to operate but traffic would be reduced to single file resulting in longer delays at peak times. Phase 2 of the works in April would require the closure of Sydney Bridge and Hungerford Road and was scheduled for completion in October/November.

Diversion routes would be established during the period of the work.

Contractors Balfour Beatty would hold a public event to enable anyone wishing to learn more about the programme of works and the overall project. This would take place on 18<sup>th</sup> January at The Hunters Lodge, Sydney Road, Crewe, from 2pm-8pm.

## **80. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor J Edwards reported on a request of residents for a sign at the entrance to Wychwood Village. This would be referred to Cheshire East Highways.

The road surface and lighting at Meremoor Moss roundabout were in need of attention.

The grit bins were now empty.

Councillor S Edgar reported on potholes in Main Road which had been brought to the attention of Cheshire East Council.

Councillor M Jones reported that the seat at Basford had been repaired. The hedge at the rear of Larch Avenue was still overgrown and had been reported to the land owner.

The footpath from Back Lane to Shavington Lodge was overgrown and needed the verge to be cut back.

The Chairman reported that a sodium streetlight adjacent to All Saints Church had not yet been converted to LED.

The new one-way sign was not illuminated and partially obscured by the original sign. This had been reported to Cheshire East Council.

The Christmas lights display had been most successful and donations exceeded those of previous years.

## **81. 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 flooding had again occurred at Whites Lane and that the gullies needed to be pumped clear. It was suggested that a Flood Warning sign be positioned adjacent to Flash Cottage.

Potholes in Main Road needed attention both near to the bridge and towards the Nursery School. The lights on the pedestrian refuge adjacent to the White Lion were out.

## **82. FINANCIAL MATTERS-Authorisation of Payments**

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be authorised:-

Mr D G Owen Salary December 2017 Including office expenses, telephone, internet and Stationery	813.97
Mr D Williamson – Lengthsman	166.50
A Kiddie- refreshment costs	25.34
Norris and Fisher-Village Hall Insurance	802.19

**83. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018.**

**84. 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.

**85. WESTON ALLOTMENT POLY-TUNNEL PROPOSAL**

Members considered a request of the Allotments Group for financial assistance with the purchase of an additional Poly-tunnel.

**RESOLVED:** That the Allotments Group be informed that for the reasons now stated it is not possible to agree to their request but that they be invited to meet with members to discuss the Allotments.

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**CHAIRMAN**