

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

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

Councillors J Chamberlain, J Chambers, T Eatough, S Edgar, J Edwards,  
M Jones and A Kiddie

**APOLOGIES** Councillors L Gill and T Gill

**IN ATTENDANCE** Councillor J. Clowes  
3 local residents

**86. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**87. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018**

**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 79 to read:-

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

**88. MATTERS ARISING.**

(a) Englesea Brook Lane Speeding

Further to Minute Number 76(a) it was reported that to may be possible to seek grant aid from the Police and Crime Commissioner to purchase a suitable devise to deter speeding.

Various devises, both fixed and mobile, were currently on the market and the advice of Cheshire East Highways Officers would be sought prior to an application for grant aid being made.

(b) Adoption of highways Wychwood Village

The period for comments to be made in respect of proposed Road Traffic Orders would expire on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and a reminder had been issued to residents.

**89. CLOSURE OF WESTON POST OFFICE**

Members considered the response received from Post Office Counters to representations made regarding the sudden closure of Weston Post Office.

There was no longer a Post Office in Shavington and the lack of a facility in the Parish would present a serious problem particularly to elderly residents who relied on the Post Office both to receive payments and conduct other business.

Councillor S Edgar had been making representations to secure a replacement facility in Shavington and would liaise with the Clerk with a view to securing a service in Weston.

## **90. POLICE MATTERS**

The parking of vehicles on Main Road had been raised with the Police who would advise the owners of the vehicles of the need to seek alternative parking to avoid causing danger to other road users. Councillor J Cornell had attended a Cluster Meeting at Hough Village Hall which had been well attended by Police Officers and had been most useful. Members considered whether a similar Cluster Group could be established in the Haslington Borough Ward.

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

Copies of the Neighbourhood Plan had been issued to members of the Parish Council and Steering Group.

A meeting was to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> February with Planning Officers to consider the next steps required to strengthen the Planning Policies. The Local Plan would need to be amended to take account of HS2 and consideration would be required on Local Green Spaces and Green Gap issues.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported that the Bill for Phase 2(a) had passed its second reading on 30<sup>th</sup> January and had been supported by Laura Smith MP subject to 7 trains per hour calling at Crewe. A Select Committee had been set up to consider petitions.

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

Councillors J Hammond and D Marren were unable to attend the meeting and had sent their apologies.

Councillor J Clowes reported on 2 recent burglaries in Stock Lane and on shed and garage break-ins. Strange vehicles had also been noticed in the area.

The Strategic Planning Committee had considered the 5 year housing supply and it had been noted that only a small number of planning appeals had been allowed and that these had been for developments of small numbers of dwellings. The Government was currently looking at the possible introduction of penalties where no development had taken place despite planning permission having been granted.

A meeting with HS2 representatives to consider petition issues had been postponed.

The Parish Council Conference would be held at Westfields on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 6pm.

The draft Cheshire East budget had been approved by Cabinet and would now go to full Council.

## **93. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor J Edwards reported that work to the lights at the entrance to Wychwood Village had been completed but other works remained.

The Chairman reported that the potholes in Main Road had been repaired. A pothole at the junction of Cemetery Road and East Avenue was presenting a danger to traffic. The flooding at Whites Lane was due to a broken drain under a resident's drive. Cheshire East Council would pump out the area as necessary.

Councillor A Kiddie reported on the establishment of the 'Next-door' scheme which would alert residents to crime in the area and also give details of local social events and provide links to the Parish Council website where other information regarding the Parish could be found.

**94. 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

Work on the Crewe Green roundabout was underway and at a later stage the Sydney Road Bridge would be closed which would require traffic diversions

The gully at the bus stop was blocked.

The 7.5 tonne weight limit requested for Main Road was on the Minor Highways Works list.

Mr D Williamson was asked to reduce the width of the verge on Whites Lane and inform the Clerk of other footpaths which were similarly over-grown.

**95. FINANCIAL MATTERS-Authorisation of Payments**

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

To authorise the following payments:-

Mr D G Owen Salary January 2018 Including office expenses, telephone, internet and Stationery	812.67
Mr D Williamson – Lengthsman	121.50
Johnson Printers- Christmas cards	60.00
D G Owen- purchase of scanner	49.99
Thomson Planning Partnerships Representations on HS2 and Housing Strategy	172.80
Shires Pay Services	25.50

**96. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018.**

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**CHAIRMAN**