

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
8th MARCH 2018

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

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

APOLOGIES Councillor J Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors J. Clowes and D Marren
3 local residents

97. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

98. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8TH FEBRUARY 2018

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

99. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Englesea Brook Lane Speeding

It was reported that 'Yellow Route' status had been accorded to the area which would involve a greater Police presence to detect and deter speeding.
Local Authorities were required to review their street furniture including SIDs and other devices.

(b) Adoption of highways Wychwood Village

The period for comments to be made in respect of proposed Road Traffic Orders had expired on 14th February 2018 and comments received were now being considered.
Some roads could not be adopted at this stage due to work needing completion.

(c) Closure of Post Office

There was, at present, no interest in opening another Post Office in the Parish.
Discussions were being held regarding the possible provision of an ATM and these had revealed a requirement for this facility to be located within shop premises.

(d) Parish Council Conference

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had attended this event and reported that there had been discussion on the 2018/2019 Cheshire East Council budget and the need for Councils to work together for the benefit of the community.

100. POLICE MATTERS

There had been an accident on the bend in Main Road and vehicles were no longer parking there. PCSO E Jolly had been assigned to the Haslington Ward and PCSO N Jarvis and PC K Cummings were Responsible for the Wychwood Park and Village areas respectively.

101. PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A meeting had been held 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.

A toolkit was being devised for Parish Councils to assist them in considering the criteria for locating local green gaps.

Councillor J Clowes reported that the 5 year housing supply was judged on the number of houses actually built. In Cheshire East sufficient planning approvals had been given but compliance with e requirement would depend on the rate of development.

The proposed meeting with HS2 Officers had been cancelled by them and a joint meeting with Parishes in the Wybunbury Ward and Weston and Basford was to be held.

Councillor Clowes had submitted a petition on the Hybrid Bill and this contained policies relating to Weston and Basford.

A meeting was to be arranged with Mr A Ross of Cheshire East Council to discuss the HS2 proposals.

102. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

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

Councillor D Marren reported that the Minor Works Programme meeting would be held on 25th April. A £45,000 budget was available for 2018/2019 and Parishes would have the opportunity to propose schemes for inclusion.

Cheshire East Council was currently consulting on various issues and full details were available on the website. Where appropriate a link to these would be put on the Parish Council website.

Councillor J Clowes reported that Planning Application 16/3829W (Casey Lane) may be on the Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on 28th March. Mr A Thomson would represent the Parish Council at Committee.

There was a proposal to erect a 6m concrete wall at Basford Old Creamery in an effort to eliminate sound emissions. The Parish Council had not received formal notification of this or been invited to comment.

103. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor L Gill reported on the very poor road surface conditions at Meremoor Moss roundabout. This had been reported to Cheshire East Council.

Councillor J Edwards reported that the hedge between the Weston Hall and Wychwood roundabouts had not yet been cut back. The grit bins had now been filled.

Councillor T Eatough reported that the signage had been knocked down at the Weston Hall roundabout and that the lights were out. This roundabout was the responsibility of ANSA and an offer of sponsorship had been received.

Councillor S Edgar reported that the fly tipping at Croatia Mill Lane was the subject of Court action.

Councillor A Kiddie reported on fly tipping in Mill Lane. The Next Door scheme was progressing well and a problem with inappropriate posting had been dealt with.

Councillor M Jones reported on fly tipping in Back Lane and that the signs in Casey Lane/Newcastle Road needed to be secured. Flooding at Whites Lane, Casey Lane and Back Lane continued to be of concern.

The Chairman reported on fly tipping at Mill Lane and the possibility of posts being erected by Cheshire East Council to prevent further incidents.

104. 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

The gully at Smithy Lane had now been lowered.

Concern was expressed at the phasing of traffic lights at the Crewe Green roundabout which appeared to be increasing the congestion particularly during the construction work.

105. FINANCIAL MATTERS-Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

Mr D G Owen Salary January 2018 Including office expenses, telephone, internet and Stationery	812.67
Mr D Williamson – Lengthsman	120.00
HMRC-Tax collected	944.45
Summit360 Ltd - website domain name renewal	23.98

John Harding & Son Ltd-hedge cutting	76.80
J Cornell-postages	10.44
Thomson Planning Partnership- HS2 Vision and Housing Strategy	144.48

106. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –12th APRIL 2018.

CHAIRMAN