

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
12TH APRIL 2018

PRESENT	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillor J Cornell (Vice Chairman)
	Councillors J Chambers, T Eatough, S Edgar, L Gill, T Gill and M Jones.
APOLOGIES	Councillors J Chamberlain and J Edwards and A Kiddie
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillor J. Clowes 3 local residents

107. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

108. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8TH MARCH 2018

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

109. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Englesea Brook Lane Speeding

It was reported that traffic volumes increased considerably when the M6 is either closed or restricted due to incidents.

The size of vehicles seeking alternative routes also gave rise to concern.

Advice was awaited from the Cheshire East Traffic Engineers regarding the installation of a **mobile** SID or similar device.

(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) Overgrown Hedge Weston Hall Roundabout

This hedge was overgrown and obscuring the traffic sign.

(d) HS2

The meeting requested with Cheshire East officers to discuss HS2/regeneration of Crewe had not yet been arranged. Councillor Clowes undertook to urge this with the Officers.

110. POLICE MATTERS

Parking in the Wychwood Village and Park area had been monitored and during police patrols only one visiting driver had been spoken to.

There had been thefts from remote outbuilding in the Bridgemere and Audlem area where power tools had been taken. A Land Rover Defender had been stolen in the Audlem area.

There had been an incident of a resident being approached whilst walking her dog on a public footpath and advised that shooting was taking place in the vicinity. The matter had be brought to the attention of the Police.

111. PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(i) Guidelines for Green Gap and Site Allocation issues were awaited and Councillor J Clowes was to urge this matter with Cheshire East Officers.

(ii) 18/1073N Land at East Avenue Weston.

A planning application had been submitted by Lovell seeking consent for all of the outstanding reserved matters, with the exception of access which has already been approved on application 15/1552N.

A meeting had been held with representatives of the Developers and their Architects at which those areas of concern had been discussed.

The application had been called in for Committee determination by Councillor D Marren and a site visit had been requested. The Chairman of the Planning Committee outlined the comments which would be submitted in respect of the application.

This development had been allowed by the Secretary of State following a hard-fought appeal on behalf of the Parish. Given that the Parish Council was now committed to this development the aim was to try to secure a layout which would hopefully satisfy the concerns of most of the surrounding residents.

RESOLVED: That the proposed comments be approved and submitted.

Note: Councillor J Clowes left the room during the discussion of this item and Councillor S Edgar declared an interest.

(iii) Cheshire East Borough Council (Weston – Mill Lane, Weston Lane & Whites Lane No.2) Tree Preservation Order 2018

Notification of this TPO has been received from Cheshire East Council.

RESOLVED: That no objection be raised.

(iv) HS2 Progress report.

Councillor J Clowes had submitted petition on the Hybrid Bill on behalf of the Wybunbury Parishes which had included comments from Weston and Basford Parish Council. A meeting with HS2 Officers had been arranged and this would be attended by the Parish Council Chairman and Vice Chairman.

112. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR

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

Councillor J Clowes reported on incidents of rural crime in the area and a Public Meeting was to be held on 9th May 2018 (venue to be arranged) to alert residents.

Low level fencing had been requested to prevent parking on verges at Wychwood Village. Cheshire East Council would be willing to erect the fencing if this could be provided using private funding.

A pedestrian crossing and speed limit at the A531 had been put forward for consideration.

Unofficial fencing on the verges in St. Andrews Close, where there are no pavements and the verge acts as a pedestrian escape area, were preventing formal adoption of the highway.

The East Cheshire Clinical Consultation Group was undertaking consultation on mental health services which were based at Macclesfield. It was felt that there needed to be provision of services in Cheshire East.

The Housing Strategy had been approved by Cabinet and details were available on the web site.

113. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor T Eatough reported that the application in respect of the Casey Lane site had not yet been considered by Committee and that further borehole testing was required.

Councillor T Gill reported that the signs were damaged at Cemetery Road and those at the Weston Hall roundabout had been knocked down.

Councillor S Edgar reported on the Minor Highways Meeting to be held on 25th April which would be attended by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Councillor M Jones thanked Mr D Williamson for his work in keeping the Parish tidy and carrying out various repairs.

Councillor J Chambers reported that gullies in Millbeck Close were not draining and could result in flooding if not cleared. The stagnant water was producing an odour and gully pumping was necessary.

The Chairman reported that a Burger Van business was trading from Back Lane/Casey Lane/Newcastle Road. This had been noted before, but now there were several vans being parked at the premises and the business appeared to be operating from a property in Back Lane.

Stakes had been erected at Mill Lane to deter parking and fly tipping. These appeared to be in the highway verge and concern was expressed that this was an unauthorised action and any barriers of this type needed to be erected by Cheshire East Council.

114. 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

Concern was expressed at the lack of gully clearing being carried out.

The planning application in respect of land at the rear of Cemetery Road had not yet been determined.

115. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

Mr D G Owen Salary March 2018 Including office expenses, telephone, internet and Stationery	826.69
Mr D Williamson – Lengthsman	
ChALC Subscription	585.72
Cheshire East CVS-subscription	45.00
Mrs A Witter-Allotment Rent	1000.00
Johnsons Printers- Community Newsletter	335.00
All Saints Weston- Hall Hire	
2017/2018 375.00	
2018/2019 275.00	650.00
Cheshire Community Action-Subscription	50.00
M J Chambers –Computer Inks	44.00

(b) Income

A cheque in the sum of £608 had been received from Wychwood Village Hall Management Committee in respect of the Insurance premium for 29/01/18 to 28/01/19.

The first half of the 2018/2019 precept had been received from Cheshire East Council

116. DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING –10th MAY 2018.

CHAIRMAN