

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
14TH JUNE 2018

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

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

16. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10TH MAY 2018

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

17. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Overgrown Hedge Weston Hall Roundabout

This hedge was overgrown and obscuring the traffic sign. This matter had been reported to Cheshire East Council.

(b) Members reported on the situation regarding the parking and pick up arrangements for school buses at Wychwood Village.

(c) 85 Bus service

A response had now been received regarding the non-running of this service.
Contact details for the operator had been supplied and would be included on the website.

18. CASUAL VACANCY-WESTON VILLAGE WARD

The Clerk reported on this casual vacancy occasioned by the retirement of Councillor T Eatough.

The Vacancy had been advertised in accordance with Statutory requirements and the Parish Council was now able to fill the vacancy by co-option.

RESOLVED: That Kevin Narey be co-opted to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of office.

At this point Councillor Narey made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and assumed his seat.

Members paid tribute to the long and valuable service given by former Councillor Eatough and the Chairman presented her with a retirement gift on behalf of the Parish Council.

19. POLICE MATTERS

A rural crime survey was currently taking place and PCSO L Jolley was undertaking training as a rural PCSO.

Issues of concern continued to be publicised using the newly established Next Door scheme.

20. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported

(i) HS2 Progress Report

The Petition submitted by Councillor J Clowes had now been considered by the Select Committee and HS2 Officers.

Thanks were expressed to the Chairman and Councillor Clowes for their work on this issue and attendance at the Select Committee.

The Parish Council's concerns regarding the impact of construction vehicles had been stressed and an on-going dialogue with Parish Councils requested.

The haul road was to be reinforced and used as the main route for construction traffic which should lessen the impact on other roads.

A letter of assurance regarding these issues had been received and further public consultation would take place. If necessary a second Petition could be submitted.

(ii) Current consultations Local Plan

A meeting with Cheshire East officers had been held to discuss small sites which would form the basis of Part 2 of the Local Plan.

A further Examination in Public would take place in 12-18 months' time following a period of consultation in the Autumn.

(iii) Neighbourhood Plan

The Steering Group would meet in July to consider the criteria to extend local green gaps and settlement boundaries along with any further updating

21. 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 the on-going situation at the former Basford Creamery

Rural burglaries had been reported and the need for security and vigilance was stressed

At this time of year travelling communities were moving in the area and action needed to be taken to prevent access to open areas

The Cheshire East cabinet would shortly be discussing the proposed dualling of the A500.

22. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor T Gill reported that the necessary repairs to the Wychwood notice board had been carried out.

Councillor L Gill reported on the weeds at the entrance to Wychwood Village.

Councillor J Edwards reported that the Annual General Meeting of the Wychwood Village Hall Committee would be held on 29th June 2018. The verges and signage at Weston Hall roundabout were still in need of attention. Councillor J Clowes reported that at present visibility cuts were being carried out and that rural swathes would be carried out later.

Councillor A Kiddie reported on the condition of the footpaths and gullies at Basford and Mr David Williamson would be requested to attend to these along with the obscured sign at Piggins Bank. There had been substantial numbers of tyres tipped at Snape Lane, Casey Lane and Whites Lane.

Councillor J Cornell reported on a potentially serious accident involving a cyclist and tractor in Englesea Brook and requested a police report on the incident and additional signage to warn road users of the road conditions in the area.

Damage had occurred to a fence and flag stones by the Notice Board in Englesea Brook during mowing operations. This had been reported to Cheshire East Council.

The Chairman reported on the repair to the bench on the playing fields and the replacement of the goal netting.

The Vicar would shortly be leaving the Parish to take up a new appointment.

23. 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

Concerns expressed regarding the coaches to Alsager School had been resolved following an approach to Mikro Coaches.

24. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

Mr D G Owen Salary May 2018 Including office expenses, telephone, internet	976.19
Mr D Williamson – Lengthsman	192.00
J Densem- Chairman's Allowance	650.00
J Cornell- Vice Chairman's Allowance	650.00
J Cornell-expenses incurred in attending HS2 Petition meeting in London	106.70

Royal Mail Group Renewal of response licence	116.40
Cheshire Playing fields Association- subscription	20.00
SLPW Ltd.-replacement bench	574.80

25. DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING -28TH JUNE 2018 7.30PM
DATE OF NEXT MEETING –12TH JULY 2018

CHAIRMAN