

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
13TH SEPTEMBER 2018

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

Councillors J Chamberlain, J Chambers, J Edwards, S Edgar, L Gill, T Gill,
M Jones, A Kiddie and K Narey

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Hammond
6 local residents

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

37. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12TH JULY 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 32 to refer to Casey Lane rather than Larch Avenue.

38. MATTERS ARISING.

Damaged Signs- Weston Hall Roundabout
The damaged signs were still in need of attention. This matter had been reported to Cheshire East Council.

39. POLICE MATTERS

A Police report had been received relating to the whole of the Haslington area. There had been reports of problems with parking in the vicinity of the School and a suggestion that a cardboard cut-out of a Police Officer could be purchased had been received. Experience in a neighbouring Parish suggested however that this would not be an effective solution.

40. PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Neighbourhood Plan / Local Plan

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that preparations were being made to update the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan. Additional funding had been obtained from Locality and this funding would need to be used by April 2019. There would be a review of Local Green Gaps and Settlement boundaries in tandem with the Local Plan update. It was expected that a further Examination in Public would take place in late 2019.

He had held a meeting with Adrian Fisher and Tom Evans regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and Phase 2 of the Local Plan. A consultation exercise was currently taking place and a response was being prepared by the Parish Council's Planning consultant. There were no additional sites allocated for housing in the Parish and a report would be submitted to the October meeting. A request had been made for the establishment of a liaison group prior to the submission of any planning application for the South Cheshire Growth Village.

(ii) Community Infrastructure Levy

The comments submitted by the Parish Council on these proposals had been circulated to members. It had been requested that a flat rate be applied in all parts of the Borough.

(iii) East Avenue

A progress meeting had been held with the Planning Officer regarding a revised layout for the development. The Developers had been requested to submit a further application regarding the adjacent open space. The need for a liaison group had also been discussed as this would greatly assist in ensuring the minimal disruption and inconvenience to residents during the construction period.

41. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR

Councillors J Clowes and D Marren were unable to attend the meeting and had sent their apologies. Members were pleased to welcome Councillor John Hammond.

The Strategic Planning Board had discussed the Local Plan and no additional housing sites were proposed in the Parish. The South Cheshire Growth Village would be a garden design utilising top Architects and Developers. A Liaison Group would need to be established at an early stage. There would be drop in sessions to provide an opportunity for Parish Councils to discuss the Local Plan.

The New Homes Community Bonus Fund would have £2m over a 2 year period and a minimum grant of £10,000 could be made for suitable projects. The Local Award group would meet on 1st October 2018.

The area Highways Group meeting was to be held on 10th October 2018.

Snape Lane was to be closed from 8th October to facilitate highways works.

The Tree Preservation Order on trees in Mill Lane, Whites Lane and Weston Lane had been confirmed.

Charges were to be introduced for new and replacement wheeled bins.

42. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor J Edwards reported that the proposed Road Traffic Order on Wychwood Village was not to be made. Concerns were expressed at the decision particularly in view of the volume of support for the proposals in the area and the potential road safety dangers which could result from non-implementation of the proposals. Enquires would be made as to the decision making process and any possible appeal.

Councillor A Kiddie reported that the school bus serving Shavington School was following a revised route via Piggins Bank and that concerns regarding this revision had been reported to Transport Service Solutions . Alternative forms of transport for students attending South Cheshire College had been identified and full details were included on the Next-door Website.

Councillor M Jones reported that the problem with misuse of bins at Casey Lane was again occurring and a quantity of tyres and paint tins had been left in the area. Problems with parking were again being experienced at Holly Mount. It was felt that the erection of suitable post or barriers to prevent parking on verges would be helpful and this could be included in the minor works programme bid. The lengthsman had cut the grass around the post box which had greatly improved the area .this would now be done every 2 months.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported on fly tipping in Snape Lane. This problem could be eased by the erection of a suitable notice and this would be considered as part of the minor works bid.

Councillor J Chambers reported that trees in Westmere Close were now blocking light to adjacent properties and that the canopies needed to be raised. This matter would be reported to Cheshire East Council.

Councillor J Cornell reported that a number of signs in Englesea Brook needed to be cleaned, adjusted to point in the correct direction and in some cases uncovered where they were obscured by foliage.

Councillor T Gill reported that a number of roads in Wychwood Village had not yet been adopted although the Development Company had now left the area. This was a matter to be resolved between the highway authority and the developer. Councillor J Clowes would be asked to assist in bringing the matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

The Chairman reported on an offer by a local company to provide a team of workers for half a day to carry out voluntary work in the Parish. A scheme of tasks had been drawn up and this would be undertaken in the next two weeks.

A Flower Festival was to be held from Friday 5th October to Sunday 7th October in aid of the Church restoration fund. The event would be opened by the Mayor on Friday at 10.30am.

HS2 was to establish a Community and Environment Fund and this would be the subject of a report to the October meeting.

43. 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

In answer to a question Councillor J Cornell that the planning application relating to land at the rear of 12 Cemetery Road had been deferred and a further date for determination was awaited.

There were overhanging tree branches on Cheshire East land at Main Road.

Whilst the visits of the Police speed enforcement van were welcomed it had been noted that these were on Sundays when the roads are quieter. The Clerk undertook to speak to the Police with a view to having visits on other days.

There was an advertising sign on the roundabout at Old Park Road which could be distracting to drivers in this busy area.

There continued to be a number of HGVs passing through the village particularly during construction works at the Crewe Green roundabout. The Clerk was asked to contact Cheshire East Council regarding the introduction of a permanent weight restriction order.

44. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

Mr D G Owen Salary July 2018 Including office expenses, telephone, internet	951.38*
J Densem-stationery	24.00*
Thomson Planning Partnership	184.32*
*Payments made in August 2018	
Mr D G Owen Salary August 2018 Including office expenses, telephone, internet	969.59
Mr D Williamson – Lengthsman July Invoice 193.50 August invoice 153.00	346.50
P K F Littlejohn LLP Audit fee	240.00
Shires Pay Services-Payroll	25.50
Mrs A Witter-Allotment Rent	1000.00
Thompson Planning Partnership	149.04
M J Chambers –computer inks	35.63

(b) 2017/2018 Accounts

The Clerk reported on the satisfactory external audit report.
The accounts were available for public inspection – details on the website.

(c) 2018/2019 Precept

The second half of the precept in the sum of £15,114.00 had now been received from Cheshire East Council.

45. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –11th OCTOBER 2018

CHAIRMAN