

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
11th OCTOBER 2018

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

Councillors J Chamberlain, J Chambers, S Edgar,
M Jones, A Kiddie and K Narey

APOLOGIES Councillors J Edwards, L Gill and T Gill

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Clowes
7 local residents

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

47. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13th SEPTEMBER 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of this meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the amendment of the second paragraph of Minute Number 41 to read:-

‘The Strategic Planning Board had discussed the Local Plan and no additional housing sites were proposed in the Parish. Councillor Hammond had suggested to the Board that the North Cheshire Garden Village should be of exemplar high quality design utilising specialist architects and developers to achieve this aim. He had also suggested that a Local Liaison Group should be formed at an early stage to help drive the development from start to finish. Should these principles be established then it was hoped that the same consistent approach would apply to the South Cheshire Growth Village.

There would be drop in sessions to provide an opportunity for Parish Councils to discuss the Local Plan. ‘

48. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Proposed Road Traffic Order-Wychwood Village.

A letter had been sent to Cheshire East Council regarding the decision not to make this Road Traffic Order and a reply was awaited.

(b) Voluntary Work carried out in the Parish.

A letter had been received from Mr and Mrs M Harding expressing thanks for the work carried out. The Clerk was asked to convey the appreciation of the Parish Council to Joanne Thexton of Dalcour Maclaren for organising the working party.

(c) Weight Restriction Order

Members reported on the erection of 2 concrete silos at the former Basford Creamery site and the use of local roads by HGVs travelling at high speed and depositing spillage.

This matter would be raised with senior Officers at Cheshire East Council.

49. POLICE MATTERS

No Police report had been received but the Speed Van had visited the Parish. Concerns were expressed at the re-routing of the School Bus which was travelling down Piggins Bank. Cheshire East Council was to carry out resigning works and warning signs would be positioned to advise drivers of the dangers in the area.

50. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported:-

(a) 17/2879N Land off Cemetery Road Weston.

This application had been refused. Neighbourhood Plan Policies featured in the decision. Thanks, were expressed to all those who had contributed in putting forward the case for refusal.

(b) Local Plan - Parish Council's response to Cheshire East on 'Consultation on Draft Site Allocations and Development Policies Document'.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee circulated a note and gave a short presentation on the implications of this consultation for the Parish.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman of the Planning Committee, in consultation with the Parish Council's Planning Consultant, be authorised to formulate and submit comments as appropriate.

(c) New Homes Community Bonus Fund

Further to Minute Number 41 £170,000 had been allocated to the Crewe area for 2019/2020. Joint application from Parish Councils acting together could be submitted for funding of schemes to cost a minimum of £10,000. Once allocated funds could be carried forward into future years if necessary.

(d) HS2

A drop-in session was to be held at the Crewe Alexandra Stadium on 22nd October 2018 from 2pm to 8pm in respect of phase 2a.

Parish Councils would be able to apply for funding from the Community and Environment Fund to be established as part of the HS2 project.

51. 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 a meeting of the Wybunbury Combined Parishes with representatives of HS2 when proposals had been put to them regarding grant funding.

The signage at Weston Hall roundabout had been reported to Cheshire East Council and would be the subject of discussion at the Nantwich LAP meeting.

The shell of the broken bollards at Wychwood roundabout had been removed and replacements would be in place shortly.

The hedge had been trimmed so as not to obscure the sign and a letter had been sent to Haddon requesting them to carry out further pruning work.

There continued to be safety and congestion concerns regarding the Schools transport. It was suggested that the bus turning circle was not satisfactory and other options to improve safety were required including the possibility of smaller buses being used.

It had been established that the roads on Wychwood Village met Highways England standards although they were yet to be adopted.

Discussions were continuing regarding a crossing and footpath to improve road safety at the bus stop.

52. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor K Narey reported on the condition of the gullies on Main Road and requested that an item on volunteering be included on the November agenda.

Councillor S Edgar reported that Mere Road was still subject to flooding and that the noise from the former Creamery had been reported.

Councillor A Kiddie reported that a street light at West Avenue was out.

Councillor M Jones reported on the condition of a tree by the Post Box at Basford which was showing signs of cracking both on the trunk and branches and could present a danger if not dealt with.

Councillor J Chambers reported on noises from the former Creamery and submitted the web report.

Councillor J Cornell reported that the road markings at the car park entrance of the White Lion were faded and needed to be repainted.

The erection of the chevrons in Snape Lane was a great improvement.

The Chairman reported on a trailer being parked on the verge at Cemetery Road/Millbeck Close. The signage at Piggins Bank was to be improved. £2000 of the £8000 Minor Highways budget had been allocated for works in the Parish.

The recent Flower Festival which had been attended by the Mayor had been hugely successful.

53. 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 were expressed regarding recent flooding of property on Main Road and this would again be raised with Cheshire East Officers.

Further to the discussion on the availability of grant monies it was hoped that the needs of younger members of the community would be considered in allocation of funds.

The damaged fence at Wychwood Village Hall had not been repaired and this had been raised with Haddon Properties.

54. FINANCIAL MATTERS - Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

Mr D G Owen Salary September 2018 Including office expenses, telephone, internet	933.15
Mr D Williamson – Lengthsman September Invoice	159.00
Johnsons Printers- Community Newsletters 2 editions	670.00
Source Handyman- laying of flags Englesea Brook	36.50
All Saints PCC-contribution to internet	95.94
HMRC-Tax collected	740.26
Thomson Planning Partnership	180.00
Transfer of grant to Neighbourhood Plan A/C	1106.00
J Densem-Volunteers' expenses	57.54
A Kiddie-purchase of plants	30.00

55. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –8th NOVEMBER 2018

CHAIRMAN