

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
14TH FEBRUARY 2019

PRESENT	Councillor J Cornell (Vice Chairman) Councillors J Chamberlain, S Edgar, M Jones, A Kiddie and K Narey
APOLOGIES	Councillors J Chambers, J Densem, J Edwards, L Gill and T Gill,
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillor J Clowes 4 local residents

92. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

93. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10TH JANUARY 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 10th January 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

94. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) School bus issues-Wychwood Village

A site meeting with Cheshire East Officers had been arranged for Monday 18th February 2019. Councillor J Clowes reported that the meeting with residents referred to in Minute Number 59 had not yet been arranged. She would follow this up

(b) Police Cluster Meeting

The Clerk reported on discussions with senior Police Officers who would be calling a meeting to establish a Cluster Meeting for the Haslington Borough Ward.

(c) Grit Bins

Two new grit bins had been purchased and these would be put in place and the existing bins filled once the bulk supply of grit salt had been received from Cheshire East Council.

95. SIGNAGE SNAPE LANE

Further to Minutes Number 58(c) and 71 it was reported that a site meeting with Highway Engineers had been requested. No reply had been received and a further urgent approach would be made. A letter had been received from Englesea Brook Chapel expressing support for the Parish Council's efforts in securing improved signage and a reduction in traffic speed.

96. POLICE MATTERS

No Police report had been received.

97. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that leaflets setting out proposals to update the Plan had now been delivered to most houses and the balance would be delivered shortly. A meeting had been held with Cheshire East Officers to discuss policies which were to be reviewed.

A meeting with Consultants to discuss their possible engagement in reviewing the existing Conservation Areas and possibility of Stowford becoming a Conservation Area had been arranged.

The Parish Council's Planning Consultant was preparing comments in response to the Cheshire East consultation on the Crewe Station Hub Development Strategy and these would be circulated to Members.

98. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR

Councillor D Marren was unable to attend the meeting and had sent his apologies.

Councillor J Clowes reported that the Highway Engineers had indicated that it was unlikely that a pedestrian crossing would be installed on the A531 and a request for a copy of the report had been made.

There had been some progress on items relating to HS2 and the volume of traffic using country lanes would be reduced by the uses of the haul road to give access to the A500. The second part of the Bill had now been deposited.

An inspection would be made to ensure that the demolition debris had been cleared from the site of the former golf clubhouse and, if the Notice had not been complied with, legal action would be taken.

Complaints had been made regarding loose grids on Abbey Park Way which needed to be secured to prevent noise nuisance.

Comments on the Wybunbury Combined Parishes Neighbourhood Plan were requested during the 6 week consultation period which had begun on 4th February 2019.

99. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor A Kiddie reported that the street light in West Avenue had been repaired. An approach had been made to Cheshire East Council regarding a No Through Road sign which appeared to have been moved from its correct location and placed in Poppy Close.

The graffiti on Basford Bridge had been reported to Network Rail but it was not their policy to deal with this level of graffiti. Arrangements were being made to have it painted over.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported on the slow broadband speed in Englesea Brook and the impact of further development on the service. Councillor J Clowes reported that Connect Cheshire was investigating a 5G satellite system which would provide a greatly improved speed.

Councillor M Jones reported on rubbish which had been left in the Casey Lane lay-by. This would be removed by Mr D Williamson.

Councillor K Narey reported that PCSO L Jolley was seeking further recruits for the Speed watch scheme. A training session was to be held on 16th March 2019 at 2pm.

Councillor J Cornell reported on rubbish left in Englesea Brook Lane. This would be removed by Mr D Williamson.

100. 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.

A road sign indicating Single Track was needed at each end of Snape Lane and this would be raised at the meeting with the Highway Engineers.

The kerb in Smithy Lane needed to be raised to prevent flooding of adjacent property.

The permissive right of way from Snape lane to Wychwood Village had been blocked to prevent dog trespass and investigations were being made regarding the possibility of installing a kissing gate. Cheshire East Children's Department was looking at safe routes to school. Councillor J Clowes undertook to investigate the various issues involved.

Concerns were expressed regarding the maintenance of the Country Park and the Cheshire East legal department was examining the maintenance agreement and S106 agreement with a view to legal action being taken. A progress report would be made to the March meeting.

Concerns were expressed that the meeting to consider the School Bus arrangements and associated matters at Wychwood Village had not yet taken place.

101. FINANCIAL MATTERS- Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: (a) That the following payments be authorised:-

Mr D G Owen Salary January 2018 Including office expenses, telephone, internet	952.69
Mr D Williamson – Lengthsman	184.50
Britannia Ecological Solutions Ground maintenance Wychwood Village hall May- November 2018	938.40
Kingfisher Direct-Grit Bins	175.80

(b) That, if required, the Chairman and Vice Chairman, in consultation with the Clerk be authorised to transfer £1000 to the Neighbourhood Plan account.

102. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –14th MARCH 2019**103. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED : That, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that the business to be transacted is of a confidential nature and the public interest would not be served by the disclosure of the information to be presented.

104. INVOICE FOR LEGAL COSTS

It was reported that Solicitors acting on behalf of the Parish Council in the acquisition of land at Wychwood Village had indicated the level of their fees for work between February 2015 and March 2017.

Discussions had taken place and the total fees to 31st March 2019 which should complete the purchase would be set at £2000.

RESOLVED: That the Solicitors be instructed to complete the purchase and submit their fee account in this sum.

CHAIRMAN