

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

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

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

APOLOGIES Councillors J Chambers and L Gill

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Clowes
Councillor D Marren
5 local residents

105. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

106. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10TH FEBRUARY 2019

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

107. MATTERS ARISING.

- (a) School bus issues-Wychwood Village
Councillor J Clowes reported that the meeting with residents referred to in Minute Number 59 was in the process of being arranged.
- (b) Police Cluster Meeting
A well-attended initial meeting to establish a Cluster Meeting for the Haslington Borough Ward had taken place and further meetings would be arranged.
- (c) Grit Bins
Two new grit bins had been purchased.
The bulk supply of grit salt had not been received from Cheshire East Council.
- (d) Maintenance of the Countryside Park
Investigations by Cheshire East officers into the legal agreement were continuing
- (e) Signage Snape Lane
A site meeting had been held with a Highways engineer and signage and carriageway widening was proposed on the sharp bend subject to the necessary financial provision being included in the Minor Highways programme – the widening to hopefully be included in the 2020/2021 programme.

The site visit also included problems with the signage warning of the bend near to the Chapel in Englesea Brook Lane approaching from the Balterley direction. The sign was to be repositioned and consideration given to the installation of a crash barrier at the sharpest point of the bend. The latter to hopefully be included in the 2020/2021 programme.

(f) Debris Wychwood Village

The debris remaining from the demolition of the former club house had been removed as had the fencing which had been erected at the request of the Health and safety Officer.

The base of the former building remained and this was required to be removed within 2 months of 1st March 2019.

108. POLICE MATTERS

A written report had been received indicating that both Wychwood Village and Park continued to be monitored.

A Police surgery had been held on 18th February at Wychwood Village Hall

A further surgery was to be held on a date to be arranged.

109. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that a meeting with Consultants to discuss their possible engagement in reviewing the existing Conservation Areas and giving advice on Stowford to assist the master planning of the South Cheshire Growth Village

A further application to Locality for grant funding was to be submitted.

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.

A meeting of the Planning Committee had been held to consider an application in respect of the former Basford Creamery which was to be called in.

A further application relating to Basford East was also considered and whilst no objection was raised Comments were submitted indicating that given the importance of this key strategic site and before any permission is granted in this instance the Parish Council was anxious to see a proper Masterplan to ensure that the various uses on the site will inter-relate in a co-ordinated manner.

An informal meeting had been held with Homes England regarding the future marketing of part of the Basford East site.

110. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Clerk reported on the arrangements for the forthcoming all-out elections.

Contested seats would be decided by a Poll to be held on Thursday 2nd May 2019 from 7am to 10pm.

The Parish count would take place at Crewe Lifestyle Centre on Saturday 4th May from 1pm.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Thursday 9th May 2019 when members would be invited to take their Declaration of Acceptance of Office

111. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported that a meeting was being arranged for residents and Parish Council representatives to meet with Cheshire East officers to discuss issues affecting Wychwood Village. There were eight matters of concern and a report on each one had been requested. It was expected that the meeting would take place in April.

Application 19/0819N (Basford Old Creamery) had been called in for committee consideration at the request of both this Council and Hough and Chorlton Parish Council.

A meeting with the Wychwood Park Management Team was to be held to discuss issues arising from complaints regarding the use of the play area on Wychwood Park by non-residents.

The Bill relating to HS2 (a) had been deposited and a briefing requested to discuss issues raised in the petition.

Councillor D Marren reported that Minor Highways proposals at Piggins Bank, Whites Lane and Cemetery Road had been included on the list of funded schemes.

Consultations were being held on the Cheshire East Licensing Policy.

Recruitment of a new Chief Executive for Cheshire East Council would begin following the May Elections.

112. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor S Edgar reported on flooding and sewage problems in Mere Road. Subject to his re-election to the Council he was to be appointed Deputy Mayor of Cheshire East for 2019/2020.

Councillor M Jones reported that the tree at Basford which was causing concern was to be inspected by Cheshire East staff.

There continues to be complaints of parking on the corner of Holly Mount and bollards may be required.

Councillor J Edwards reported that the Wychwood Village Hall AGM would be held on 21st March 2019 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman reported that the induction of the new Vicar was to take place on 3rd May 2019.

113. CLOSURE OF VILLAGE SHOP

Councillor K Narey reported that the Village shop had closed and members considered possible alternative ways for those residents without transport to purchase their groceries. It was felt that whilst the milkman made regular deliveries other items may need to be ordered on line for delivery and this could possibly be best achieved by groups of residents placing combined orders.

114. DOG BIN-CROTIA LANE

Members considered the provision of a Dog Bin in Croatia Lane. It was also felt that a bin should be sited in Englesea Brook.

RESOLVED: (a) That an initial approach be made to Cheshire East Council with a view to them providing and emptying bins on these sites.

(b) If Cheshire East Council is unable to assist the Parish Council purchase 2 suitable bins and that these be emptied by the Lengthsman.

115. 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.

Parked vehicles on Main Road were again causing complaints and this would be brought to the attention of PCSO L Jolley.

The kerb in Smithy Lane needed to be raised to prevent flooding to adjacent properties. This matter had been raised with Cheshire East Council and would be urged.

The matter of the newly closed access to the footpath from Snape Lane to Wychwood Village was considered. Councillor J Clowes explained that a Footpath Diversion Order was necessary to achieve permanent access and a suitable pedestrian crossing would also be needed.

The matter was being considered by School Transport and Safe Routes to School Officers. Cheshire East Council would not provide a Kissing Gate or other access whilst the path is a permissive path only and can be closed at the discretion of the land owner.

116. FINANCIAL MATTERS- Authorisation of Payments

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

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| Mr D G Owen Salary February 2019 Including office expenses, telephone, internet | 949.11 |
| Mr D Williamson – Lengthsman | 141.00 |
| HMRC-Tax collected | 493.64 |
| J Harding & Son-hedge cutting | 76.80 |
| CVS Cheshire East- Subscriptions | 45.00 |

117. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –11th APRIL 2019

CHAIRMAN