

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
11TH APRIL 2019

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

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

APOLOGIES Councillors J Chamberlain, L Gill and T Gill

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Clowes
PCSO L Jolley
4 local residents

118. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

119. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14TH MARCH 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 14th March 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

120. MATTERS ARISING.

Wychwood Village

Councillor J Clowes reported that the meeting with representatives of residents and Parish Councillors referred to in Minute Number 59 had been arranged. A number of issues had been identified for discussion and notified to Cheshire East Officers.
PCSO Jolley would deal with parking problems affecting the school bus.

121. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Jolley reported that there had been no incidents in the Parish since the previous report. The Community Speed watch team had been operating and a surgery had been held in Wychwood Village Hall.
There had been complaints from residents of ball games on the small piece of land at the Cemetery Road end of East Avenue.

122. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that a meeting of the Planning Committee had been held to consider 3 applications and that the call-in of application 19/1360N had been accepted.

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan Review a meeting had been held with Katherine Sather (Katherine Sather and Associates Heritage Conservation Consultants) regarding an appraisal of the Weston Village and Englesea Brook Conservation Areas and an assessment of significance and setting for Stowford cottages in relation to the proposed South Cheshire Growth Village. This could potentially lead to an additional Conservation Area at Stowford.

This work entailed a specialist knowledge of this branch of Planning and there were very few consultants experienced in this field. Kathryn Sather had been highly recommended, had a good track record within our region and were known and respected by Cheshire East.

The Consultants had quoted £4400 plus VAT for the two existing areas and a further £500 plus VAT for the Stowford area. Whilst the major part of the cost would be reliant on a Locality grant the work at Stowford could be financed by part of funds already earmarked by the Parish Council (Minute 101(b) refers).

RESOLVED: (a) That the cost of the work at Stowford as now reported be met from funds already allocated for Neighbourhood Plan costs.

(b) That estimates be obtained for the provision and siting of two road signs to indicate the boundaries of Stowford.

123. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

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

J Clowes reported that a meeting had been arranged for residents and Parish Council representatives to meet with Cheshire East officers to discuss issues affecting Wychwood Village. There were nine matters of concern and a report on each one had been requested.

A meeting with the Wychwood Park Management Team had been requested to discuss issues arising from complaints regarding the use of the play area and other areas on Wychwood Park by non-residents.

124. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor K Narey asked whether a system was in place to monitor progress on items referred to Cheshire East Council. Councillor J Clowes explained that a system was currently under trial and if successful would be expanded to involve additional staff and allow all Cheshire East members and Parish Councils to have items tracked to ensure a prompt response.

Councillor J Edwards, who was not seeking re-election, thanked everyone for their support and assistance during his term of office. He would be continuing to be involved with the management of Wychwood Village Hall. The Chairman responded on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor J Cornell reported on an invitation of HS2 for 2 representatives to visit either the compound or a drilling site, to learn more about the process, how it is managed, and how the ground investigation programme will expand.

Councillor J Chambers submitted the website report and reported that the playing fields were being well used by residents and visitors from a wider area.

Councillor M Jones reported, that following an indication from Cheshire East Council that bollards would not be installed to prevent parking, the resident who had been maintaining the verge at Holly Mount corner had now declined to do so.

RESOLVED: That Councillors M Jones and A Kiddie investigate the possibility and cost of installing a flower bed constructed of used railway sleepers on the verge and report to the May meeting.

Councillor A Kiddie reported that the painting work at Basford Bridge had now been carried out. The items relating to HS2 on the website had been consolidated into one page with appropriate links.

125. 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.

There had been reports of 2 Barn Owls being shot in the area and this had been reported to the Police.

Fund raising events were to be held at Weston Village School to purchase suitable signs to deter parking in the area.

126. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Authorisation of Payments

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

Mr D G Owen Salary March 2019 Including office expenses, telephone, internet	933.29
Mr D Williamson – Lengthsman	132.00
Johnsons of Nantwich Printing of Newsletter	353.00
Source Handyman Notice board repair-Wychwood	37.49
Cheshire Community Action –Subscription 2019/2020	50.00
Britannia Ecological Solutions Maintenance Wychwood Village Hall	222.00
ChALC-subscription 2019/2020	633.24
All Saints PCC -Hall Hire	200.00
Cheshire East Council-Copy of file	22.40

Income

The Clerk reported income received:-

1st half of precept	15,114.00
Wychwood Village Hall - Maintenance costs	500.00

127. DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING –9TH MAY 2019

CHAIRMAN