

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD 12TH JANUARY 2012

PRESENT	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillor J Cornell (Vice-Chairman)	
	Councillors M J Chambers, A E Dickenson, E Dickenson, T Eatough T Gill, M Jones, P Latham	
IN ATTENDANCE`	Councillor J Hammond PC N Moore Mr T Longstaff	Cheshire East Council Speedwatch Scheme
APOLOGIES	Councillor S Chambers	

129 **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The Chairman introduced David Owen the newly appointed Clerk to the Council who had taken up office from 1st January, 2012.

130 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interest which they had in any item on the Agenda.

No declarations were made.

131 **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8TH DECEMBER 2011**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2011 be approved as correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments:-

Minute No. 121

(i) A Householder within Wychwood Village had erected a fence on land which will be within the highway boundary and this may cause a problem with future adoption.

(iv) Water hydrant on Casey Lane was covered over and the post was damaged.

132 **MATTERS ARISING**

(i) Councillor A Dickenson reported that the banking arrangements for the Wybunbury United Charities had been finalised.

(ii) The Vice Chairman reported on a satisfactory and useful meeting with Cheshire East Councillor Michael Jones on 14th December 2011 and expressed his thanks to Borough Councillor John Hammond for both arranging and the meeting.

(iii) It was reported that Network Rail had confirmed that the bridge at Casey Lane had been inspected as requested but that the coping stones were still missing.

(iv) Representations had been made regarding the fact that the Grit Bins would not in future be filled but be supplemented by large grit sacks located at strategic sites which would look unsightly.

133 PUBLIC FORUM –QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

In accordance with Standing Orders members of the public were invited to ask questions and these were responded to as appropriate.

134 POLICE MATTERS

PC Nick Moore was in attendance and reported in detail on a number of incidents which had occurred in the Parish.

There had been 19 crimes in the area and 6 instances of anti-social behaviour. Members expressed their appreciation of the Officers efforts particularly in regard to problems in Englesea Brook. PC Moore said that he was to be involved in a meeting when the bus picking up arrangements at Wychwood Village would be discussed.

135 SPEEDWATCH SCHEME

Mr T Longstaff was in attendance and reported in detail on matters relating to the Speedwatch Scheme.

4 sessions of the scheme had revealed 147 vehicles exceeding the speed limit and 54 instances had been referred to the Police for further action.

The introduction of the 30mph limit in Englesea Brook would receive special attention and highlighted the need for more volunteers in this area.

Members also discussed the operation of the warning sign at the entrance to Weston Village.

136 PARISH PLAN

The e Chairman reported on progress made by the Parish Plan Implementation Group and on representations which were to be made to funding bodies.

A voluntary litter picking scheme was proposed and volunteers were invited to contact the Group's Chairman Mr D Fanstone.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Paul Latham be appointed to serve on the Group.

137 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(i) 30 mph Speed Limit Englesea Brook- this would take effect from 16th January 2012 and the necessary signs would be in place ready for the implementation.

(ii) Minor Highways Work Main Road Weston-The Parish Council discussed the details of these proposed works. The satisfactory resolution of on-going problems relating to safe pedestrian crossing facilities in the centre of the Village would constitute the Council's number one priority in the forthcoming bidding round for Minor Highway Schemes.

(iii) Wychwood Village-Bus Stop Arrangements-this would be the subject of a report to the February meeting.

138 REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Hammond reported on a proposed visit to Shotton to inspect re-cycling processing. Borough Councillor J Clowes had been appointed as Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing.

- RESOLVED:** (a) That Councillor T Gill be authorised to attend the re-cycling visit to Shotton
(b) That Borough Councillor Clowes be congratulated on her appointment.

139 PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council received, for information, the minutes of the Planning Committee

140 FINANCIAL MATTERS-AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

Mrs C M Jones Net salary 1 st to 31 st december2011	122.44
Travel expenses	9.00
Council for Voluntary Services for Payroll Services	56.00
Councillor J Cornell Inkjet Cartridges	28.99
Norris and Fisher Insurance Wychwood Village Hall	828.23

141 SALARY PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS-MR DAVID OWEN

The Chairman reported on the arrangements for the payment of the Clerk's salary.

142 PARISH PRECEPT 2012/2013

The Parish Council considered the report of the Finance Committee setting out projected expenditure for the current financial year and estimates for the coming year.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Precept for 2012/2013 be set at £10,257 which represents an increase of 99p per annum for Band D properties.

143 MRS CAROL JONES

On behalf of the Parish Council the Chairman expressed his thanks to Carol Jones for her work as interim Clerk to the Council following the resignation of the previous Clerk and wished her well for the future.

144 DATE OF NEXT MEETING-9TH FEBRUARY 2012.