

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING**  
**HELD 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2013**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillor J Cornell (Vice Chairman) Councillors J Chamberlain, J Chambers, A E Dickenson, E Dickenson, T Eatough, L Gill, T Gill, P Latham and M Jones
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Councillors J Clowes, J Hammond, Mr D Fanstone (Parish Plan) and PC N Moore

**116. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**117. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2012**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments:-

Minute Number 106 to read 'A500 Roundabout-The damaged signage and generally untidy condition of this roundabout had not yet been rectified.'

Minute Number 110 to refer to the Meeting of the Cheshire East Strategic Planning Board on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

**118. MATTERS ARISING**

(i) A500/A531 Roundabout-New signs to replace the damaged signage were on order and the general untidy condition of this roundabout was to be dealt with as soon as possible.

(ii) Passing Place signs Casey Lane –New signs had been ordered and would be included in the programme for fitting.

iii) Roundabouts-A531 (Weston Hall) and Wychwood Village/Wychwood Park-redundant lamp posts –this matter had again been brought to the attention of the Borough Council.

(iv) Overhanging branches Snape Lane –the Borough Council had confirmed that an inspection of the problem at Snape Lane would be carried out and the necessary action taken.

**119. POLICE MATTERS**

Pc N Moore reported that there had been 2 incidents of crime and 4 of anti-social behaviour in the Parish in December. There had also been a Road Traffic accident at the junction of Casey Lane and Main Road.

The Play-park at Mere Road had been visited following complaints of Youths causing problems and whilst there was no cause for concern at the time of the visit further visits would be made.

Following reports at the previous Meeting PC Moore had visited the area around the Church and spoken to the owners of parked vehicles which had been causing traffic hazards. The situation had been resolved but would be kept under review.

Parking at the School had been monitored and a Parking Ticket issued. Further visits suggested that the problem had now been dealt with but the situation would continue to receive attention and further action would be taken if necessary.

A meeting was to be arranged in an attempt to resolve the on-going problem with the School Buses at Wychwood Village.

## **120. SPEEDWATCH SCHEME**

Mr T Longstaff reported that 2 sessions had been held over the New-year period and 36 vehicles had been noted exceeding the speed limit.

A Meeting had been held with the Police to review the operation of the Scheme over the four year period since its inception.

It was proposed that a survey, in conjunction with the Police, be conducted to ascertain the start and destination of vehicles passing through the Village. PC Moore reported that Inspector Smith had indicated that he was conscious of the valuable contribution of the Scheme to road safety and hoped to involve a Special Constable to further support the efforts being made.

Mr Longstaff reported that he would step down from his role as Co-ordinator with effect from the end of January. He had been making enquiries amongst the Volunteers with a view to recruiting a successor.

**RESOLVED: That** the sincere thanks of the Parish Council be accorded to Mr Longstaff for his contribution to success of the Speedwatch Scheme.

## **121. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

The Pedestrian Refuge at Main Road had been completed but the Street Lighting Column was not operational.

A road traffic accident had resulted in damage to the refuge and Members considered whether a 'No Right Turn' order should be made due to limited visibility for vehicles turning onto Main Road adjacent to the Church.

Potholes continued to present a problem particularly in Snape Lane where there had been damage to vehicles and on the A531 adjacent to the Broughton Arms.

## **122. PLANNING MATTERS –LOCAL PLAN**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that the Working Group established in accordance with Minute Number 110 had met and following its deliberations a presentation had been made at a meeting with Councillor M Jones, Leader of the Borough Council and the Head of Strategic Planning. This had detailed the Parish Council's concerns with particular reference to the proposed Village A and the effect that its construction could have on the existing Parish and its traffic flow and the availability of educational and medical facilities.

**RESOLVED** (a) That a Special Meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7.00pm in the Church Hall to provide an opportunity for residents to be appraised of the proposals and to give their views.

(b) That a Flyer be circulated to all households in the Parish to invite residents to attend the Special Meeting.

## **123. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS**

Councillor J Hammond reported that the Local Plan Consultation Period was 15<sup>th</sup> January to 26<sup>th</sup> February.

A number of volunteering opportunities were currently being advertised on the Cheshire East web-site.

Progress was being made to bring 11 Cemetery Road back into a habitable condition and the Borough Council would be making grant monies available to developers of those sites which had the benefit of planning permission but where no development had taken place.

Councillor J Clowes reported on the Winter Warmth Scheme with particular reference to the Road shows which were planned to assist residents to minimise the effect of the cold weather. The Borough Council was also proposing to make Snow Kits available to Parish Councils.

## **124. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor J Chambers reported on the number of visits to the web-site and on various links which had been added.

Councillors E Dickenson and M Jones reported that they had undertaken a litter pick around Back Lane, Casey Lane and Weston Lane and on the substantial quantity of rubbish which had been deposited. This had subsequently been collected by the Borough Council. The Chairman expressed his appreciation of the work which had been carried out and reminded Members that protective clothing and litter picking equipment was available for anyone undertaking this type of work. Any assistance which could be given to undertake litter picks would be greatly appreciated.

Councillor J Cornell reported on serious flooding in Englesea Brook and his concern that blocked grids were causing the problem resulting in a dangerous situation.

## **125. DISPENSATION FOR SETTING THE PRECEPT**

The Clerk reported that Councillor T Eatough had, in accordance with Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011, made a written request in the prescribed form requesting the necessary Dispensation to take part in the debate and vote on the Parish Precept. The exemption would last for 4 years from 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

**RESOLVED:** That the Dispensation be granted.

#### **126. PRECEPT 2013/2014**

The Parish Council received the Minutes of the Finance Committee at its meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012 and considered the estimated expenditure in the current year and budget proposals for the Financial Year 2013/2014.

It was reported that an extension to Weston Cemetery would be required in the near future and that the Borough Council owned land which had been acquired for this purpose. There was, however, no provision in the Borough Council's budget to enable the extension to be provided and part of this cost may need to be met by the Parish Council

**RESOLVED:** That a precept of £13,960 be levied for 2013/2014.

#### **127. OPEN FORUM-QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

In accordance with Standing Orders members of the Public were invited to ask questions or address the Parish Council.

Concern was expressed regarding the number of potholes in the area and it was recommended that the Borough Council's website be used to report these.

The on-going concern for children waiting for buses at Wychwood Village was again discussed and this was to be addressed at a forthcoming meeting with the Development Company and other interested parties.

#### **128. STREET NAMING**

The Borough Council had invited suggestions for a suitable name for a new Close at Wychwood Village and members were asked to submit their suggestion to the Clerk.

#### **129. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**RESOLVED:** That payments of accounts be authorised as follows:-

Mr D Williamson Lengthsman	152.00
D G Owen Salary 1 <sup>st</sup> December to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2012 Including office expenses/telephone and internet Postage/stationery	421.71
Cropper Grounds Maintenance December 2012	60.00
Norris and Fisher Wychwood Village Hall Insurance	781.36
HMRC payment of tax	260.00

#### **Reclaim of VAT**

The sum of 411.59 had been received from HMRC in respect of the VAT reclaim from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012.

**130. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS-**

**SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2013 7.00PM**

**ORDINARY MEETING- 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013 7.30PM**

**131. 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 remaining 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.

**132. WYCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL-UPDATE**

The Chairman reported on the Charitable Status of the Hall and the need to seek Legal advice to safeguard the interests of the both the Parish Council and Members

**RESOLVED:** That the Chairman and Vice Chairman, in consultation with the Clerk, be authorised to obtain the necessary legal advice to enable the matter to proceed.

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CHAIRMAN