

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD 9th JANUARY 2014**

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

Councillors J Chambers, A E Dickenson, E Dickenson,
T. Eatough, L Gill, T.Gill and M Jones

APOLOGIES Councillors J Chamberlain and P Latham.

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors J Clowes and J Hammond

115. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

116. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12TH DECEMBER 2013

RESOLVED: That Minutes of the meeting held 12th December 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

117. MATTERS ARISING

(i) Damaged lamp post Weston Hall roundabout.

It was reported that the Borough Council had now carried out the work on the Roundabout

(ii) 85 Bus Service

Further to Minute Number 111 the Clerk reported that a reply had been received from D & G Bus explaining that the Airport style buses used on this route had the same seating capacity as their other vehicles.

Whilst adverse weather did, on occasions, cause disruption to the service it was not possible to amend the route of the Service 1 bus at those times as these are registered with the Traffic Commissioner and can only be varied by prior agreement.

118. WILDLIFE AMENITY AREA

Further to Minute Number 103 Members considered the future use of this area.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to take all necessary steps to terminate the lease.

119. POLICE MATTERS

PC. N. Moore was not present at the meeting but had reported on the following matters:-

- (i) Missing street plate, Spinney Drive - Reported on Cheshire East Borough Council
- (ii) 7.5 Tonne weight limit Casey Lane, Basford.

Casey Lane was covered by the current signage. Signs were displayed on Weston Lane (Shavington End), Whites Lane Weston, Cemetery Road Weston, and at both junctions of Back Lane with Newcastle Road Hough. Any vehicle over 7.5 ton on Casey lane would pass a restriction sign to get onto the road and would commit an offence, (other than for access, which is an agreed exemption). No further action was required.

120. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) The Parish Council received, for information, the Minutes of the Planning Committee held 12th December 2013.

(b) Report of the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on discussions with the Borough Planning Officer regarding the proposed Village A and anticipated that the parameters of this area would be defined very shortly and that this would hopefully reflect the concerns of the Parish Council. The area would be linked to Basford East by a pedestrian access only.

The land allocation on the Master Plan for Basford East had been reviewed to allow the industrial development to take place adjacent to the railway with housing at the Weston end of the site.

A further consultation exercise was planned by the Developers and negotiations were taking place with a view to the proposals reflecting the wishes of the Parish Council and residents in relation to Village A and its interface with Basford East.

A meeting had been held with Mr Andrew Ross, the Borough Council's Officer dealing with the HS2 proposals. Cheshire East presented their vision which envisaged that Crewe Railway Station would be relocated at Basford West to provide a new hub and interchange for HS2. This proposal would eliminate the need for the high viaducts and road closures as previously envisaged. This would provide the basis of their representations to HS2 Route Consultations to be submitted before the deadline of 31st January.

121. REPORTS OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Hammond reported that 10,000 responses had been received to the Local Plan consultation exercise and that a statement was expected shortly.

The work to provide additional burial plots in Weston Cemetery had been completed and provision for more plots for cremated remains was being made.

The prosecution of the owner of 11 Cemetery Road for non-compliance with an Enforcement Notice had resulted in the imposition of a fine with costs. Should further Court action be necessary this could lead to the imposition of daily costs for each day that the owner fails to comply with the requirement of the Notice.

Councillor Hammond reported with regret the recent deaths of Julie Gilbert, a long-serving member of the Cheshire East staff and of Councillor Peter Nurse.

Councillor J Clowes reported on a consultation exercise at Crewe Library to seek views on the proposed new Crewe Lifestyle Centre.

An order had been placed with the Highways Department for the works to provide the footpath to link Wychwood Village to the bus stop.

Discussions had been held with the Companies operating the School bus to ascertain whether a smaller vehicle could be used but, due to the number of children using the service this was not possible

Given the substantial turning circle required by the vehicles discussions were now taking place to see how, and at what cost, this could be achieved.

The Chairman and Members expressed their appreciation to both Councillors Janet Clowes and John Hammond for their continuing contribution to the work of the Parish Council.

122. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillors T Eatough and J Chambers reported that they had been approached by residents in the Spinney Drive area concerned about a possible change of plans to allow 4 houses rather than 2 bungalows to be constructed on land adjacent to their homes.

This matter had been brought to the attention of the Council and a resident had been visited by the Chairman of the Planning Committee who had explained that, at this stage, no formal planning application had been lodged. If and when an application was submitted the Parish Council would reflect the residents' views.

Councillor E Dickenson reported that the Speedwatch sign adjacent to Weston Hall had become loose. Mr A Jeffery undertook to inspect and secure the sign

Councillor M Jones reported that the grids in Casey Lane had become blocked with hedge cuttings.

Councillor J Chambers reported that the Grit Bin at Millbeck Close had not been filled and Councillor J Hammond undertook to pursue the matter with the Borough Council.

123. 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

It was reported that the site meeting with Highways staff to consider problems at Snape Lane had been arranged for the following week.

Further consideration was given to the bus service to the village and the Clerk was asked to organise a meeting to enable the possibility of an improved service to the Parish to be explored.

124. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Finance Committee

RESOLVED: (a) That the Minutes of the Finance Committee at its meeting held 28th November 2013 be approved and the recommendations therein be adopted

(b) That the 2014/2015 precept be set at £18,500

(b) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen Salary 1 st December to 31 st December 2013	
Stationery and Postages	521.41
D Williamson December Invoice	145.00
HMRC –Tax collected	374.40
TO BE REIMBURSED BY WYCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE	
Norris and Fisher –Village Hall Insurance	808.89

125. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13th FEBRUARY 2014

CHAIRMAN