

# MINUTES OF MEETING OF WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2012

PRESENT	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillor J Cornell (Vice-Chairman)  Councillors J Chambers, A E Dickenson, E Dickenson, T Eatough, T Gill, M Jones and D Sandry
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillors J Clowes, J Hammond, PC N Moore
APOLOGIES	Councillors S Chambers and P Latham

## 39. 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.

## 40. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2012

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 41. .MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Flooding at Mere Road Weston. The Clerk reported that he had spoken to an Officer of the Borough Council and explained the Parish Council's concern at the problems in Mere Road. Members reported that, at present, the situation appeared to have improved.
- (ii) Road Marking at Weston School. Councillor J Hammond reported that this work would be carried out during the School holidays. The Borough Council's Parking Enforcement Officers would be visiting the area in September to ensure that vehicles were being parked safely and in accordance with the regulations.
- (iii) Allotments. The Chairman reported that the work on the water supply would be carried out in the near future.
- (iv) Footpath at the rear of Larch Avenue, Basford. Members reported that the condition of this footpath did not require any further attention at this time.
- (v) Litter Bins. Members discussed the need to replace several litter bins and dog bins in the Parish. The Clerk had spoken to Cheshire East Borough Council requesting that, as a matter of urgency, the bins at Mere Road and East Avenue be replaced.

#### **42. POLICE MATTERS**

PC N Moore reported in detail on 4 incidents of crime in the Parish in June. There had also been 6 instances of anti-social behaviour.

Further to Minute Number 30 he had spoken to the Bus Company regarding the speed of buses in Spinney Drive and this matter had been raised with the Drivers concerned.

#### **43. PARISH PLAN**

(i) Mr D Fanstone was unable to attend the meeting and had submitted his apologies.

(ii) TWO SAINTS WAY

Further to Minute Number 184 (2011/2012) Councillor J Cornell reported on a proposal to erect an Interpretation Board in Englesea Brook. There was a possibility that, at some stage, financial assistance may be requested from the Parish Council. Various fund raising events were planned to finance the work.

#### **44. WYBUNBURY UNITED TRUST**

Councillor J Cornell reported on the Annual General Meeting which he had attended with Councillors A E Dickenson and M Jones.

The grant to the Parish had been received and a report would be submitted to the September meeting on the proposed distribution of the funds.

#### **45. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

Further to Minute Number 4 the Council considered the membership of its Committees and representation on outside bodies.

**RESOLVED:** That the composition of the Committees and representation on outside bodies be in accordance with the Appendix to these Minutes.

#### **46. HIGHWAY MATTERS- MINOR WORKS PROGRAMME 2012/2013**

(a) Members considered schemes for possible inclusion in this programme.

**RESOLVED:** That the Borough Council be requested to consider following schemes for inclusion:-

- (i) Whites Lane (Piggins Bank/Flash Cottages) – Traffic Management (priority 1)
- (ii) 20mph Speed limit Englesea Brook (Snape Lane)
- (iii) Wychwood Park / Village Development-provision of footpaths to give access to Bus Stops.
- (iv) Main Road 7.5tonne weight limit re-instatement

(b) The Clerk reported that the design work for the proposed pedestrian refuge at Main Road was currently undergoing safety assessment with a view to the work being carried out in September.

#### **47. PLANNING MATTERS**

(a) The Parish Council received, for information, the Minutes of Planning Committee held 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

(b) It was reported that Willaston Parish Council was seeking support for an e-petition calling for the retention of the Green Gap in the Cheshire East Local Plan. The Clerk was requested to circulate the details to all Members.

**RESOLVED:** That the petition be supported.

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

Councillor J Hammond reported the Borough Council was reviewing various aspects of the Code of Conduct and Parish Councillors would be requested to complete revised Declaration of Interest statements.

There was to be a meeting of the Crewe Local Area Partnership Assembly (LAP) on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012 at South Cheshire College. On 15<sup>th</sup> September, at Wychwood Village Hall, there was to be a Rural District event organised by the Crewe LAP.

He reported on the recent consideration by the Strategic Planning Board of an outline application on Basford West and conditions which included the need for a Basford Transport Monitoring Group to be established and that the need for the management of the maintenance open space areas originally set up for 15 years to now continue in perpetuity.

Councillor Hammond reported on the progress with the improvement works at 11 Cemetery Road and on events to mark the Crewe 175 anniversary.

Councillor J Clowes reported on the condition of the road surface of the A531 and on the parking problems at Wychwood Village.

Bus turning continued to present problems and action was being taken to resolve the issue. Councillor T Gill reported on discussions he had held with the Site Manager.

#### **49. PUBLIC FORUM-QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

In accordance with Standing Orders members of the public were invited to ask questions.

Concern was expressed regarding letters which some residents had received from the Land Registry and, whilst this was not a matter in which the Parish Council could intervene, residents were advised of the most appropriate course of action.

The Clerk read out a letter received from Mrs B Bourne of Main Road detailing several areas of concern and these issues were discussed by Members.

Residents referred to heavy vehicles passing through the area and on the encroachment of hedges onto the footpath at Snape Lane. This was also a problem at Stepping Stones Nursery on Main Road. The Clerk was requested to approach the owners with a view to the hedges being cut.

#### **50. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor E Dickenson reported that the Passing Place signs at Casey Lane were both missing and needed to be replaced.

Councillor D Sandry reported on parking problems at Wychwood Park, in particular the restricted access for emergency vehicles. PC Moore said that he would ask the PCSO to give this matter special attention. There was also damage being caused by vehicles not using the correct entrance to the Country Park.

Councillor J Cornell reported on flooding problems at Englesea Brook Lane due to blocked drains.

Councillor T Gill reminded Members of the need to ensure that there is sufficient provision of education and health facilities as part of any residential development at Basford. Councillor Cornell said that these matters would be addressed as part of the overall development plan.

Councillor J Chambers reported on the number of visits to the Parish Council web-site in June.

## 51. EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE

Members reviewed the Emergency Plan.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor J Chambers be authorised to make the minor amendments to the Emergency Plan as now detailed and recirculate it.

## 52. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reported that the insurance premium was due and that Zurich Municipal Insurance had offered a discounted premium should the Council wish to enter into a 3 or 5 year agreement.

**RESOLVED:** (a) That the Council enter into a 5 year agreement with Zurich Municipal Insurance.

(b) That payments of accounts be authorised as follows:-

Mr D Williamson Lengthsman	140.00
Mr D G Owen Salary 1 <sup>st</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> June Including office expenses	272.04
Cheshire Association of Local Councils Affiliation Fee 2012/2013	488.10
CVS Payroll Services (April-September 2012)	48.00
Cropper Grounds Maintenance (June) (Wychwood Village Hall)	60.00
Zurich Municipal Insurance	547.11
HMRC Payment for tax April-June 2012	216.40

## 53. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that notification had been received that Cemetery Road, Weston would be closed, between 5 Spinney Drive and 49 Cemetery Road, on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July to facilitate work on the electric poles and overhead power lines.

## 54. DATE OF NEXT MEETING-13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012.

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CHAIRMAN

## **APPENDIX TO MINUTE NUMBER 45 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES**

### **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Councillors J Densem, J Cornell Eatough, A E Dickenson and M Jones

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councillors J Densem, J Cornell, J Chambers, A E Dickenson and D Sandry

### **HR COMMITTEE**

Councillors J Densem, J Cornell, T Eatough and J Chambers

### **QUALITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

Councillors J Densem, J Cornell, T Eatough and J Chambers

### **PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

Councillor J Densem, J Cornell and P Latham

Other Members: - D Fanstone, L Stevens, T Longstaff and Rev. G Breffitt

### **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE**

Councillors J Densem, J Cornell, J Chambers and E Dickenson

### **WYCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

Councillors J Densem, J Cornell, J Chambers and D Sandry

### **WYBUNBURY UNITED CHARITIES**

Councillors J Cornell, A E Dickenson and M Jones

### **FOOTPATHS**

Councillors S Chambers, A E Dickenson and P Latham

### **CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT**

Councillors J Densem and P Latham

### **EMERGENCY PLANNING**

Councillors J Densem, J Cornell and J Chambers

### **CHESHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

Councillors J Densem, J Cornell (Chairman), T Eatough and T Gill

### **LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP**

Councillors T Eatough and T Gill