

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING**  
**HELD 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**

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

Councillors J Chamberlain, J Chambers, T Eatough and M Jones.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Councillor J Hammond, Mr D Fanstone Parish Plan, PC N Moore

**APOLOGIES** Councillors A E Dickenson. E Dickenson, T Gill and P Latham

**55 DECLARTIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare their interest in any item on the Agenda.

No declarations were made.

**56 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12TH JULY 2012**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**57 CASUAL VACANCIES**

The Clerk reported that the Casual Vacancy in the Weston Village Ward had been advertised and that an Election had not been requested. The Parish Council was now able to fill the vacancy by co-option.

Mrs Janet P Chamberlain had submitted a request to be considered for the vacant seat was present and addressed the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That Mrs Janet Chamberlain be co-opted to fill the vacant seat in the Weston Village Ward.

At this point the new Councillor made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took her seat.

The Clerk also reported the resignation of Councillor D Sandry, creating a vacancy in the Wychwood Village Ward.

**RESOLVED:-**

(a) That the Clerk be authorised to take all necessary steps to advertise the vacancy in the Wychwood Village Ward.

(b) That the sincere thanks of the Parish Council be conveyed to former Councillors S Chambers and D Sandry for their contribution to the work of the Parish Council.

## **58 MATTERS ARISING**

### **(i) Litter Bins.**

It was reported that two of the litter bins had been replaced by the Borough Council.

### **(ii) Wybunbury United Charities.**

A meeting was to be held with Rev G Breffitt regarding the distribution of funds and a report would be submitted to a future meeting.

### **(iii) Two Saints Way**

The Vice Chairman was to undertake a sponsored walk from Mow Cop to Englesea Brook to raise funds for this project.

## **59 POLICE MATTERS**

Pc N Moore reported that there had been 5 incidents of crime and 3 incidents of anti-social behaviour in the Parish in July and 3 crimes and 1 report of anti-social behaviour in August.

Whilst Barthomley Parish Council was unable to offer assistance with the Speedwatch Scheme a volunteer in that Parish was to be trained and this would enhance the work of the Weston and Basford volunteers.

## **60 SPEEDWATCH SCHEME**

Mr T Longstaff had sent his apologies to the meeting and had provided figures detailing the sessions held and results obtained since the introduction of the scheme.

Members expressed their appreciation of the efforts of the volunteers and PC Moore explained the beneficial effect that the scheme continued to produce in reducing the number of accidents where either death or serious injury occurs.

## **61 PARISH PLAN**

Mr D Fanstone, Chairman of the Parish Plan Implementation Group, reported that the Group was due to meet in the near future and a report would be submitted at that stage.

## **62 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

Further to Minute number 46 the agreed schemes had been submitted to the Borough Council. The pedestrian refuge on Main Road was scheduled for completion in November.

The Borough Council would be determining its priorities for Highway schemes at a meeting in November.

Members again expressed their concern regarding the condition of the carriageway in both Cemetery Road and Snape Lane which both had deep potholes which were presenting a danger to road users.

## **63 REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR**

Councillor J Hammond reported that the Borough Council had appointed an Interim Chief Executive. The Crewe Town Centre Consultation Exercise would continue to 1<sup>st</sup> October. The plans for the Crewe Green Link Road (South) were on schedule. The Borough Council was to remove recycling banks on car parks where the items currently being collected could be recycled in residents' silver bins. He had attended the recent Allotments Open Day and found this most useful and enjoyable.

## **64 PARISH COUNCILLORS 'REPORTS**

Councillor J Chambers reported that the Parish website had been viewed 147 times in August. A resident of Millbeck Close had complained of noise caused by motorcycles in the Woods and this was being dealt with by PC Moore.

Councillor T Eatough reported the untidy condition of the roundabout adjacent to the Cricket Club and the need for an advertisement to be removed. Traffic signs in the area were required attention.

Councillor M Jones requested that one of the litter bins at Casey Lane Bridge be relocated in the Lay-by at Weston Lane Bridge.

The Chairman reported a complaint of vermin in the Conservation area and the over-grown grass in Westmere Close.

## **65 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.

It was reported that the rubbish had been removed from Back Lane and that over-grown hedges and verges continued to cause problems at Snape Lane and on Main Road adjacent to the Bridge.

The footpath leading to Wychwood Village Hall was in need of clearing and this had been reported.

The hedges at Stepping Stones Nursery and the Old Vicarage needed to be cut back to avoid presenting a hazard to pedestrians.

The verge opposite Smithy Lane had been damaged by vehicles leaving the carriageway. On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September there was to be a Car Boot Sale in Weston to raise funds to support the Restoration Appeal for Barthomley Tower.

## **66 PLANNING MATTERS**

(i) The Parish Council received, for information, the Minutes of the Planning Committee held 16th August 2012.

(ii) It was reported that the Borough Council would be undertaking Town Strategy Consultation from 31<sup>st</sup> August until 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012. Members of the public were urged to respond to the consultation as residents of the Parish.

**RESOLVED:** That the Planning Committee formulate an appropriate response to Cheshire East on behalf of the Parish Council.

(iii) The Parish Council received a letter from Councillor David Brown, Strategic Communities Portfolio Holder Cheshire East Borough Council setting out that Council's approach to planning and development in Cheshire East following the publication of the National Planning Framework and fresh development proposal in various parts of the Borough.

(iv) Members were reminded of the request of Willaston Green Gap Action Team to sign the E-petition seeking to protect the Green Gap.

(v) Land between Rope Lane and Crewe Road, Crewe  
The Parish Council considered a request of Stratmor Ltd to meet with Members to discuss development proposals for this site.

**RESOLVED:** That the request be declined as any such discussions would be premature pending the outcome of the Local Plan.

## **67 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

### **PAYMENTS MADE SINCE JULY MEETING:-**

Mr D Williamson	July 2012	180.00
Mr D G Owen	Net salary July 2012 and postages	358.73

### **PAYMENTS NOW DUE:-**

Mrs A Witter –Allotments Water	211.72
D Williamson Lengthsman August 2012	100.00
D G Owen Salary August 2012 Including stationery purchases	413.11
J Cornell –stationery/ink cartridges	24.48
JDH Business Services-additional input 2011/12 accounts	30.00

## **68 ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN 2011/12**

**RESOLVED:** That the Accounts for 2011/2012 be approved and submitted to the Audit Commission.

## **69 2012/13 PRECEPT**

The Clerk reported that the second half of the precept, in the sum of £5128.50 had been received from the Borough Council.

## **70 CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Clerk reported that on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012 Cheshire East Borough Council had adopted a new Code of Conduct for its Members.

**RESOLVED:** That in accordance with Sections 27(2) and 27(3) of the Localism Act 2011 the Code of Conduct adopted by the Borough Council on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012 be adopted as this Council's Code of Conduct.

## **71 CORRESPONDENCE**

(i) Crewe Local Area Partnership-A Rural Discussion

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September residents were invited to attend the Wychwood Village Hall  
Would be seeking views on a range of subjects affecting the local area.

(ii) The Town and Parish Conference was to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012 from 6.30pm to  
8.30pm.The venue for this event was to be confirmed.

(iii) Notification had been received that from 2012/2013 BDO LLP had been appointed as External  
Auditors for the Parish Council.

## **72 DATE OF NEXT MEETING-11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012.**

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CHAIRMAN