

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**HELD 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014**

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

Councillors J Chambers, G Cook, E Dickenson, J. Edwards,  
T. Eatough, L. Gill, T.Gill and M Jones

**APOLOGIES** Councillor J Chamberlain

**IN ATTENDANCE** Councillor J Clowes  
PC N Moore  
4 Local Residents

**38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**39. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**40. MATTERS ARISING**

(a) Whites Lane Weston – Road marking  
This work had been completed

(b) Renovation of the Finger Posts and Mile Posts  
This project had not yet been carried out.  
The materials were to be provided by the Borough Council and once these had been received arrangements for the work would be made.

(c) Footpath-Wychwood Village  
Further to Minute Number 18 (c) PC N Moore reported that he had investigated the need for a warning sign to alert drivers and did not feel that a sign would be helpful.  
The grass on the verge was however obstructing the sightline of drivers and needed to be cut.

(d) Parking problems at Wychwood Village  
PC Moore reported that he had spoken to local residents which had resulted in an improvement to the situation. The matter would continue to be monitored.

Councillors L and T Gill reported that the situation in Abbey Park Way had eased. Members expressed their concern that PC Moore had been the subject of complaints as a result of his efforts to deal with this problem and offered their thanks and support.

(e) Dog Fouling

Further to Minute Number 35 this matter had been raised with the Borough Council. The Officer dealing with this had offered to visit the Parish to identify problem areas and is able to arrange for larger notices and to make the equipment for spray markings available. Members reported that no further action was necessary at this stage.

#### **41. POLICE MATTERS**

PC. N. Moore reported that there had been 1 incident of crime in the Parish in July and 1 crime and 3 incidents of anti-social behaviour in August.

#### **42. MINOR HIGHWAYS SCHEMES 2015/2016**

**RESOLVED:** That the following schemes be submitted to the Borough Council for consideration for inclusion in the 2015/2016 Programme:-

- (a) Realignment of Cemetery Road/Main Road at the T junction and associated footpath widening
- (b) The provision of a warning sign at Back Lane to alert drivers to the lack of footpaths and the use of the Lane by horse riders.
- (c) The introduction of a 7.5 ton weight restriction on Main Road

#### **43. PLANNING MATTERS**

(a) Minutes of Planning Committee held 10th July 2014

The Parish Council received, for information, the Minutes of the Planning Committee held 10th July 2014.

(c) LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION PROCESS-UPDATE

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reiterated the Council's stance on the Local Plan:-

- (i) Full support for the Green Belt Area of Search to be increased slightly to cover the Parish Council's concerns relative to the South Cheshire Growth Village.
  - (b) An acceptance in principle of the South Cheshire Village allocation subject to the boundaries being modified to protect Weston Village.
  - (c) The Parish Council is totally opposed to Haddon Properties proposals for Wychwood Village.
  - (b) BASFORD WEST LIAISON MEETING
- The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on his attendance the monthly meeting of the liaison group overseeing this proposed development.

#### **44. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN**

The Community Resilience Plan had now been completed and distributed.

Table top Workshop sessions had been arranged for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1.30 to 4.30 at Westfields, Sandbach and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 1.30 to 4.30 at Macclesfield Town Hall.

Councillor J Chambers was to attend the October session and a further place was available should any other Member wish to attend

Councillor J Clowes congratulated the Council on the Plan and Members expressed their appreciation to Councillor J Chambers for his work in producing the final document.

#### **45. MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC FOOTPATHS**

Further to Minute Number 34 Members considered the maintenance of the footpaths in the Parish and the need for these to be walked on a regular basis to ensure that they remain open and passable. The Borough Council was to be asked to inform the Parish Council when it intended to carry out work on the paths and the Clerk was asked to arrange for a map showing the routes of the paths and their identifying number.

Councillor J Clowes reported that Footpaths 4 and 5 required work to be carried out and the Public Right of Way Officer, Mr S Jones, had arranged for this to be done.

#### **46. MAINTENANCE OF COUNTRY PARK, WYCHWOOD VILLAGE**

Following an inspection of this area by Cllr Cornell and Trevor Sandry it was noted that certain aspects of agreed routine maintenance were not being undertaken. The Parish Council had requested a site visit from Cheshire East for this aspect to be taken up with Haddon Properties under the terms of the Section 106 Agreement.

#### **47. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR**

Councillor J Clowes reported on a meeting which she had attended with the Wychwood Community Group

The question of the bus turning area was still unresolved but discussions were continuing with particular regard to the safety of the children using the bus. The security of the car park of the former Golf Club had been an issue and there had been some urgency in resolving the matter in time for the new School term. No permanent solution would be possible until the Local Plan was approved. Members agreed to invite Mr C Williams, the School Transport Officer, to the next meeting.

A questionnaire was to be sent to all residents of Wychwood Village to establish the level of usage of the school buses, the number of children using the private bus and the parking arrangements of residents.

The resurfacing of the A531 was complete and an inspection of the new surface would take place in 4-6 weeks' time to identify any other necessary work.

#### **48. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor G Cook reported that the cones placed over the manhole cover on Main Road were still in place and the necessary work had not been carried out. The gullies on Main Road were in need of clearing to allow surface water to drain and may also need to be pumped out.

Councillor E Dickenson reported that a house in Weston Lane had numerous items of furniture in the garden which needed to be removed.

Councillor J Chambers reported on the number of visits to the web site and agreed to manage any use of social media should the Parish Council wish to use this. Members were of the opinion that the use of social media was not appropriate at this time.

Councillor J Cornell reported that signs were in need of cleaning and adjusting to ensure that they were pointing in the correct direction. Members considered alternative methods of dealing with this.

Councillor T Gill reported that there had been little progress with the completion of the remaining houses at Wychwood Village and that completion would not be achieved by the end of September.

Councillor L Gill reported that two ladies living adjacent to the haul road had asked whether it would be possible for them to hold a key for the gate at Wychwood Village Hall to give access to parents wishing to use the car park when bringing or collecting children using the School Bus. Whilst this would be a matter for the Management Committee it was felt unlikely that the request would be granted.

Councillor J Edwards reported that additional volunteers were needed at Wychwood Village Hall. There had been no confirmation of the upgrading of Broadband at Wychwood Village.

The Chairman gave details of WW1 commemorative events in the Village over the weekend of 13/14<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **49. 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 Main Road needed to be swept to remove grass in the kerbs.

Two tyres had been left by the dog bin in Back Lane.

The sign in Cemetery Lane was still obscured by an overgrown hedge. This had been brought to the attention of Cheshire East Council but had yet to receive attention.

Two Speedwatch sessions had been held adjacent to the White Lion and several at Shavington/Basford in conjunction with Shavington volunteers.

A dip in the road at Spinney Drive was reported and PC Moore offered to investigate this.

## **50. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **Authorisation of Payments**

#### **(a) Payments made since July Meeting**

D G Owen Salary 1 <sup>st</sup> to 31st July 2014	
Stationery and Office Allowances	652.25
D Williamson July Invoice	174.25
Johnsons Printers-Resilience Plan	175.00
D G Owen-Postages/Envelopes for Resilience Plan	34.91

#### **(b) Payments now due**

D G Owen Salary 1 <sup>st</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2014	
Stationery and Office Allowances	632.36
D Williamson August Invoice	153.00
Councillor J Cornell-Computer inks	19.99

**RESOLVED:** That the payments be authorised.

#### **(c) Income**

The second instalment of the Parish Precept, £9250.00, had been received from the Borough Council.

## **51. DATE OF NEXT MEETING- 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

## **52. 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 items 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.

## **53. WYCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL –LAND**

The Chairman reported on the Phase 2 land acquisition.

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CHAIRMAN