

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**HELD 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2014**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillors J Cornell (Vice-Chairman) in the Chair Councillors J Chamberlain, J Chambers, E Dickenson, T. Eatough, L Gill, T Gill and M Jones
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Councillors J Densem and J Edwards
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Councillors J Clowes and J Hammond PC N Moore 11 Local Residents

**81. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**82. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**83 .CASUAL VACANCY –BASFORD WARD**

Further to Minute Number 58 the Clerk reported that this vacancy had been advertised in accordance with statutory requirements and could be filled by co-option.

An expression of interest had been received and a report would be submitted to the next meeting.

**84. MATTERS ARISING**

(a) Maintenance of Countryside Park-request for meeting with Cheshire East Officers  
This matter had been raised with the Borough Council and a response was awaited.

(b) Maintenance of Road signs.  
The Borough Council had been requested to carry out the necessary work and it had been included in the programme.

(c) HS2 Safeguarding Consultation  
It was reported that a response to these consultations was required by January 2015.

**RESOLVED:** That the Chairman, in consultation with the Clerk, be authorised to respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

(d) School Transport Questionnaire-Wychwood Village

Councillor J Clowes reported that some replies had not yet been received but that early indications revealed that whilst there was sufficient parking space available it was not being used to best advantage. Some children were having to cross the road to meet the School Bus. A report would be prepared in advance of a Public Meeting in the New Year.

(e) The Maureen Campbell memorial bench had now been installed.

## **85. POLICE MATTERS**

PC. N. Moore reported that there had been 1 incident of crime in the Parish and 7 incidents of anti-social behaviour in November.

He was to meet with Mr D Chan of the Highways Department to review the situation at Cemetery Road/East Avenue.

Thanks were expressed to Mr A Jeffrey for his continuing efforts with the Speedwatch Scheme. The mobile Speed Indication Device (SID) was undergoing repair and once this has been completed it would be deployed in the Parish. Whilst it would be desirable to site the Camera Van in the area this was difficult to arrange as its use was primarily in areas where there had been fatal or serious injury accidents.

## **86. PLANNING MATTERS**

(a) Gladman Developments Consultation

Edward Timpson MP had written to express his support in resisting the proposed development should a formal Planning Application be received.

Cheshire East Council had informed the Company that an Environmental Impact Statement would not be required for their proposals and it was anticipated that a Planning Application would be submitted shortly. Members considered the possibility of a Public Meeting being held should an application be made.

Mr S Edgar reported on the activities of the Action Group established to resist the development.

(b) Local Plan

The Examination in Public had been suspended for 6 months to provide Cheshire East Council with the opportunity to review the Plan. Mr A Thomson, the Council's Planning Consultant, had written to the Cheshire East to restate this Council's concerns regarding Cheshire Growth Village.

The Chairman reported on the development pressures being faced by those Parish Councils forming the crescent around the south and east of Crewe. A joint representation was being prepared to Cheshire East setting out an evidence based justification for a South Cheshire Green Belt. A joint representation was also being prepared to the Secretary of State, Eric Pickles, Cheshire East and Edward Timpson MP urging action to close the loopholes in the National Planning Guidance which was encouraging developers to deluge the area with housing proposals in the absence of an approved Local Plan. This letter would also press for a moratorium on appeal decisions until the Local Plan was in place.

### (c) Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman reported on the desirability of having a Neighbourhood Plan which would afford residents the opportunity to influence the future development of the Parish, particularly regarding residential development, strategic gaps and infrastructure. An expression of interest in having a plan had been lodged with Cheshire East Council.

### **87. MINOR HIGHWAYS SCHEMES**

Further to Minute Number 72 the Vice Chairman had met with Mr D Chan of Cheshire East Council regard the footpath adjacent to the White Lion. The work proposed would provide a protected strip and reduce the angle of the slope. The junction improvements required at Cemetery Road/Main Road did not fall within the scope of Minor Highways Schemes and could possibly be funded by a future S106 Agreement. Mr Chan had been requested to draw up an acceptable scheme to enable it to be implemented at the appropriate time.

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

Councillor J Clowes reported on a meeting to be held at Hough on 18<sup>th</sup> December regarding school buses serving Wychwood Village.

8 additional businesses were using Cabinet 7 increasing the need for the upgrade to superfast broadband.

There were issues at Chorlton regarding the Safeguarding HS2 proposals.

Councillor Clowes expressed support for the Council's intention to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor J Hammond reported that the service 39 bus serving the Parish did not have established stops on Cemetery Road but operated on a Hail and Ride basis.

Cheshire East Council was encouraging Parish Councils to formulate Neighbourhood Plans. The Local Plan Examination had been suspended for 6 months to allow the Council to review certain areas. 41 Local Plans had been prepared across the Country but only 19 had been adopted.

### **89. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor E Dickenson reported that on occasions the Hail and Ride Bus service on route 39 was not allowing passengers to alight along Cemetery Road. The Clerk undertook to raise this matter with Cheshire East Council.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported on the flooding problems between Englesea Brook and Barthomley. This had been brought to the attention of Cheshire East Council.

Councillor M Jones reported that potholes had been repaired in Casey Lane and the 40mph sign had been replaced.

Councillor T Gill reported that due to a shortage of Bricklayers delays in completing the Wychwood Village development were likely. The landscaping works were progressing.

Councillor J Cornell reported that there had been no response to the report of tipping in Englesea Brook. The Clerk undertook to pursue this with Cheshire East Council.

#### **90. 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.

There had been reports of Travellers in the Wychwood Village area which had been investigated by PC N Moore. No problems had been found and the Car Park was secure.

The gate to the Village Hall Car Park had been left open which could present problems in the future.

There was a possibility of the former Golf Course being declared a 'common asset' and Councillor J Clowes offered to provide a link to the Cheshire East website to assist with this.

It was reported that there had been incidences of tipping at Snape Lane which had been dealt with by the Borough Council.

#### **91. FINANCIAL MATTERS-Authorisation of Payments**

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen Salary 1st November 2014 to 30th November 2014	649.98
Stationery and Postages	
D Williamson November Invoice	127.50
R J Shaw-fitting of Maureen Campbell bench	86.88

#### **92. DATE OF NEXT MEETING -8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015**

#### **93. 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.

#### **94. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

A full discussion took place on the implications of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan including associated costs.

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That a Neighbourhood Plan be prepared for the whole of the Parish of Weston & Basford based on the existing Parish Boundaries.

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CHAIRMAN