

# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## HELD 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2012

PRESENT	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillor J Cornell (Vice Chairman)
	Councillors M J Chambers, A E Dickenson, E Dickenson, T Eatough, T Gill, M Jones, D Sandry
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillor J Hammond, Mr D Fanstone, Parish Plan
APOLOGIES	Councillors S Chambers, P Latham

### 145 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.

### 146 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012 be approved as a correct record subject to:-

- (i) Minute Number 134 being amended to refer to 16 crimes in the area during December.
- (ii) The inclusion of an additional Minute No. 138(a)

### PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Members reported various matters relating to the Parish including the seat at Basford, rubbish, tyres and glass in need of removal, an overgrown hedge at Snape Lane and flooding at Mere Road.

Councillor J Chambers requested a volunteer to maintain the Website and Members briefly discussed the Diamond Jubilee of HM the Queen.

### 147 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Councillor A E Dickenson reported that further information had been requested by the Yorkshire Bank regarding the Wybunbury United Charities to enable the financial arrangements to be finalised.

(ii) The Clerk reported that Network Rail had been asked to indicate when the coping stones missing from the Casey Lane Bridge would be re-fixed but that no response had been received.

148 PUBLIC FORUM-QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

It was reported that the Conifer Hedge in Snape Lane had not been cut back but that this work was to be carried out shortly.

149 POLICE MATTERS

PC N Moore was unable to attend the Meeting and had submitted a written report. There had been 2 incidents of crime in the Parish in January, both in Wychwood Village. Fencing had been damaged in St. Augustines Drive and the doorbell on an empty property had been damaged.

There had been 3 instances of anti-social behaviour-1 neighbour related, 1 alcohol related and 1 relating to malicious calls.

150 SPEEDWATCH SCHEME

Mr T Longstaff was unable to attend the meeting and had submitted a written report setting out the position as at 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012.

8 Speedwatch sessions had been held and 316 offending vehicles had been noted of which 166 had been referred to the Police for warning letters.

Following the recent introduction of the 30mph limit in Englesea Brook 4 sessions had been held there recording 127 vehicles exceeding the speed limit of which 54 had been referred to the Police. 3 vehicles had been noted on 2 separate occasions. A further location in Englesea Brook had been approved.

The Scheme was approaching its 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary and during that time 260 sessions had been held, 15,297 speeding vehicles noted and 3,874 of them reported to the Police.

151 PARISH PLAN

Mr D Fanstone reported on progress made by the Parish Plan Implementation Group with particular reference to the proposed Voluntary Litter Picking Scheme which would complement the work of the Lengthsman. The Clerk reported that the Council's insurers had confirmed that the Scheme, as proposed, would be covered by the existing policy with no increase in premium

RESOLVED: That the Litter Picking Scheme be implemented.

152 DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

It was reported that application had been made to Cheshire East Borough Council for a £100 grant to assist with the cost of holding events in the Village.

RESOLVED: That a Public Meeting be held on Thursday 23rd February to provide an opportunity for residents to consider possible events to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of HM The Queen in June 2012.

153 PARISH NOTICE BOARDS

It was reported the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk had carried out an inspection of the Notice Boards and found that those in Englesea Brook and Wychwood Village were in need of remedial works.

RESOLVED:-

- i) That Mr D Williamson be requested to prepare a schedule of necessary work and submit an estimate to the Council.
- ii) That responsibility for displaying the appropriate notices and reporting on any necessary remedial works be undertaken as follows

Basford	Councillor M. Jones
Wychwood Village	Councillor T. Gill
Weston Village	Councillor J. Densem
Englesea Brook	Councillor J. Cornell

154 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(i) Cheshire East Councillor J Clowes was unable to attend the Meeting and submitted a written report regarding issues at Wychwood Village.

Mr R Welch (Highways Engineer) had confirmed that the 30mph signs were on order and would be erected shortly. It was confirmed that these were now in position.

To ensure that footpath access was available to the bus stops on the A531 at this point the two bus stops would have to be relocated on the other side of the roundabout. Whilst it was unlikely that the Borough Council would be able to fund this work in the immediate future, costings had been requested.

(ii) Main Road Weston –Cheshire East Councillor J Hammond reported that as a result of the recent inclement weather there had been no progress with this scheme.

(iii) 2012/2013 Bidding Round for Minor Highways Schemes

This had been rescheduled for late February and a report would be submitted to the next meeting.

155 REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Cheshire East Councillor J Hammond reported that all Parish Councils in the Borough would receive a grant in 2012/2013 to overcome the problem of double taxation which arises as a result of certain areas of the Borough not being served by a Parish or Town Council.

Councillor Hammond reported that an extension of the planning permission had been granted in relation to the proposed extension to Weston Cemetery.

The street light in Snape Lane which had been reported as not working could not be repaired until the mains electricity had been disconnected.

156 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor E Dickenson reported that a length of fencing in Weston Lane was down. The Chairman said that he would speak to the owner of the property.

Councillor M Jones expressed her thanks to Mr A Jeffrey for his excellent work in restoring the public seat in Back Lane.

Members discussed parking problems at Wychwood Park which would be kept under review.

Councillor J Cornell referred to flooding problems in Mere Road and requested that this be brought to the attention of the Borough Council.

The Chairman reported that complaints of dog fouling and flooding of pathways within the Country Park at Wychwood Village were beyond the jurisdiction of the Local Authority and would be raised at a meeting with Countryside Properties.

Councillor T Eatough requested that the condition of some of the older litter bins be brought to the attention of the Borough Council with a view to these being replaced.

157 PARISH WEBSITE

Councillor J Chambers reported on matters affecting the website and the desirability of acquiring a new address. If this was to be done it may be necessary to set up a Direct Debit to meet the cost of £5.98 every two years. Members who had not already done so were requested to supply photographs of themselves for the website.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk investigate the setting up of a Direct Debit.  
(ii) That the website address [www.weston-basford.co.uk](http://www.weston-basford.co.uk) be approved  
(iii) That the Parish Council record its thanks to Councillor Chambers for his work on this project.

158 PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council received, for information, the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011 and 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

159 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Mr D Williamson	December 2011	124.00
	January 2012	144.00
Mr W Witter	Allotment rent	800.00

Mr D G Owen	Net salary January	216.54
	Travel	4.50
	Stationery	9.47
Holdfast Security	Wychwood Village	
	Hall fire doors	1254.00
Mr A Jeffrey	Refurbishment of	
	Seat at Back Lane	23.32
Councillor J Cornell	Keys for Notice Boards	14.50

(ii) That the Yorkshire Bank, Victoria Street, Crewe be requested to send all future correspondence relating to the Parish Council's Bank Accounts to the Clerk at his home address.

160 DATE OF NEXT MEETING-8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2012 AT ENGLESEA BROOK CHAPEL.

The Agenda for this meeting was to include a presentation on 'The Two Saints' Way'.

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CHAIRMAN