

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD 14th FEBRUARY 2013

PRESENT Councillor J Densem (Chairman)
Councillor J Cornell (Vice Chairman)
Councillors, J Chambers, A E Dickenson, E Dickenson, L Gill, T Gill, P Latham
and M Jones

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors J Clowes, J Hammond, Mr D Fanstone (Parish Plan) and
PC N Moore

APOLOGIES Councillors J Chamberlain and T Eatough

138. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

139. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10TH JANUARY 2013

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments:-

Minute Number 118(iii) to refer to the damaged lamp posts awaiting repair.

Minute Number 119 to refer to the site of the accident at the junction of Cemetery Road and Main Road, Weston.

Minute Number 121 to read 'Potholes continued to present a problem particularly in Snape Lane where there had been damage to vehicles and on the A531 towards the Broughton Arms.'

140. MATTERS ARISING

(i) A500/A531 Roundabout-New signs to replace the damaged signage were on order and the general untidy condition of this roundabout was to be dealt with as soon as possible.

(ii) Passing Place signs Casey Lane –New signs had been ordered and would be included in the programme for fitting.

(iii) Roundabouts-A531 (Weston Hall) and Wychwood Village/Wychwood Park-damaged lamp posts –this matter had again been brought to the attention of the Borough Council.

(iv) Overhanging branches Snape Lane –the Borough Council had confirmed that an inspection of the problem at Snape Lane would be carried out and the necessary action taken.

(v) Potholes – There had been some patching of the carriageway at Snape Lane and the Borough Councillors present explained that whilst the flooding problems had taken priority the necessary road repairs would receive urgent attention.

141. POLICE MATTERS

Pc N Moore reported that there had been 2 incidents of crime and 3 of anti-social behaviour in the Parish in January.

The Play-park at Mere Road continued to be visited following complaints of Youths causing problems and visit further visits would be made.

Councillor J Chambers reported on the unauthorised removal of the Litter Bin from the area. It was reported that there had been anti-social behaviour and damage to cycle racks at Wychwood Village Hall. PC Moore asked Members to supply him with any information regarding these incidents.

142. SPEEDWATCH SCHEME

It was reported that 2 further sessions had been held and 47 vehicles had been noted exceeding the speed limit. 21 of these had been reported to the Police for warning letters.

Since the inception of the Scheme 331 sessions had been held with 17,721 vehicles travelling in excess of the speed limit and 4,641 reported to the Police.

Following Mr Longstaff's decision to step down from his role as Co-Ordinator enquiries had been made amongst the Volunteers with a view to recruiting a successor this had not resulted in a replacement being found.

Mr D Fanstone reported on data received comparing traffic flows in February 2011 and September/October 2012 at Whites Lane and in the vicinity of the White Lion Hotel. Whilst the incidences of speeding at Whites Lane remained reasonably static there had been a marked reduction in the White Lion area since the engineering work had been carried out. It was proposed to carry out a further survey over a 5/6 day period in March 2013.

The Chairman reported that he had the Speedwatch equipment and invited volunteers for the role of Co-Ordinator.

143. HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was reported that the Borough Council had not yet responded to the request for a Road Traffic Order to prohibit vehicles from turning right into Main Road adjacent to the Church.

A site meeting was to be held on 22nd February to consider alternative arrangements to ensure the safety of children waiting for the school buses at Wychwood Park/Village.

144. PLANNING MATTERS

(i) The Parish Council received, for information, the Minutes of Planning Committee held 8th November 2012.

(ii) The Parish Council considered its response to the Consultation on the Draft Local Plan in the light of discussions at the Special Meeting held on 31st January 2013 and received an up-dated report on the proposals for the High Speed Link (HS2).

RESOLVED: (a) That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held 31st January 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(b) That the Chairman and Vice Chairman, in consultation with the Clerk, prepare a formal response to Cheshire East Council on the Local Plan based on the discussions and comments at the Special Public Meeting held on 31 January.

(c) That the Working Group established in accordance with Minute Number 110 be authorised to formulate the Parish Council's response to the HS2 proposals and to meet with the Leader of the Borough Council, Councillor M Jones .

145. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported that the Borough Council's Communication Team had issued a warning to residents regarding lone female drivers being flagged down on country lanes and money being demanded.

The Health and Wellbeing Board was to come into effect on 1st April 2013 and would bring together a range of people from the Borough Council, the NHS and other key partners in the voluntary community and faith sector to discuss ways in which they can work better as a partnership to improve health and the provision of Health Services.

Volunteers would be sought for the new body in March 2013.

Councillor J Hammond reported on the Borough Council's review of its management structure. The Strategic Land Availability Assessment had revealed that sufficient land had been identified to satisfy the requirement for land for housing development.

Community Mapping was being used to identify strengths and needs in communities and would be helpful in finding and planning for the future needs in particular areas.

146. PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor P Latham reported on the Energy Share Scheme which was intended to assist residents to reduce the cost of fuel.

Councillor J Chambers reported on the number of visits to the web-site and circulated a summary of the pages visited and the frequency of visits.

The Grit bins were empty and the Clerk undertook to raise this matter with the Borough Council.

The Vice-Chairman, Councillor J Cornell, expressed his concern at the severe flooding problems at Englesea Brook and the need for urgent remedial action.

147. 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.

The condition of the Wildlife Conservation Area at the junction of Whites Lane and Main Road was discussed. This was to be the subject of a report to the March meeting.

Concern was expressed at the increased frequency of Heavy Goods Vehicles passing through the Village. The Vice-Chairman explained that the planning permission for development in the area did not preclude such journeys. Members undertook to raise the matter with the Developers.

148. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Mr D Williamson Lengthsman	140.00
Mr D G Owen Salary 1 st January r to 31 st January 2013 Including stationery	366.51
Cropper Grounds Maintenance January 2013	60.00
Duchy of Lancaster rent of former tip site 25 th December 2012 to 24 th December 2013	60.00
British Gas-Service Contract, Wychwood Village Hall	372.48

149. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Ordinary Meeting-14th March 2013

Annual Parish Meeting-25th April 2013

CHAIRMAN