

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A MEETING  
HELD 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

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

Councillors J Chambers, T Gill and M Jones

**APOLOGIES** Councillors J Chamberlain, E Dickenson, T Eatough and L Gill

**IN ATTENDANCE** Councillor J Hammond, PC N Moore

**126 COUNCILLOR ALAN E DICKENSON**

The Chairman reported, with regret, the recent death of Councillor Alan Dickenson, a long-serving Member of the Parish Council.  
Members stood in silent tribute to his memory.

**127 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**128 BUS SERVICE**

Mr Chris Williams of Cheshire East Borough Council was in attendance and answered questions regarding the Bus Service to the Parish.  
95% of routes were operated by independent companies in accordance with routes agreed by the Traffic Commissioners and were not controlled by the Borough Council.  
The Flexible Transport Service was available and free to Bus Pass holders to provide a pre-booked service for residents who were not able to access normal Bus services.  
Plans were in place to provide 'real-time' information at Bus Stations and Bus stops which would keep passengers informed of both arrival times and cancellations.  
Mr Williams said that he would welcome representations from residents on both current services and possible new routes.

**129 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>TH</sup> January 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **130 MATTERS ARISING**

#### **(a) WILDLIFE AMENITY AREA**

Further to Minute Number 118 formal Notice had been given to the Duchy of Lancaster to terminate the Lease of this land with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

#### **(b) SNAPE LANE**

Further to Minute Number 123 a site meeting had been held with Cheshire East Highways and the necessary work to clear the footpath had been completed.

### **131 CASUAL VACANCY WYCHWOOD VILLAGE WARD**

The Clerk to the Council reported that this vacancy, caused by the resignation of former Councillor Paul Latham, had been advertised and that no request for an Election had been received. The Parish Council was now able to fill the vacancy by co-option.

### **132 COUNCILLOR T EATOUGH**

The Chairman reported that Councillor Eatough was unwell and unable to attend meetings at present.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Eatough be granted leave of absence for 6 months.

### **133 POLICE MATTERS**

Pc N Moore reported that there had been 6 incidents of crime and 4 incidents of anti-social behaviour in the Parish in December and no incidents of crime and 4 of anti-social behaviour in January.

Parking problems at the School and in Cemetery Road were being kept under review and a complaint of a van parking on the footpath adjacent to the White Lion would be investigated.

There had been no progress with the proposed new footway, A531 Newcastle Road/ Wychwood Park and this would be raised with the Highways department.

### **134 SPEEDWATCH SCHEME**

Mr A. Jeffrey and M/s J Gordon had held 2 Speedwatch sessions outside the White Lion Inn.

### **135 PLANNING MATTERS**

#### **(a) Local Plan and Basford East Consultation**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on meetings held with Mr A Fisher and Councillor J Hammond. The Strategic Planning Board was to consider the draft Local Plan prior

to its submission to full Council on 26th February 2014. A six week period for representations would be allowed with any comments being passed to the Secretary of State. It was anticipated that an Examination in Public would be held around September time. Negotiations regarding Village A were ongoing and the area of search would be defined in the Local Plan.

A Public Consultation on Basford East had been organised in the Church Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February from 3pm to 7pm. A display board would be included in the Exhibition giving the Parish Council's stated position on Basford East.

(b) Update on HS2 Submission

The Parish Council's comments on the HS2 proposals had been submitted. The Local Plan would not reflect these proposals with any necessary adjustments to allow for the HS2 route being made later.

**136 REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR**

Councillor J Hammond reported that the 5 year supply of Housing development land now been agreed by Cheshire East Borough Council.

A drop-in session was to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> February from 4pm to 8pm at Wrenbury Village Hall when BT representatives would demonstrate the benefit of switching to high speed broadband for home or business use. Details of the Superfast Business support programme and information and maps to illustrate where and when the new services would be available would also be given.

The Borough Council was to hold its Budget Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February. Efforts to secure the improvement works at 11 Cemetery Road were continuing and the Owner was now required to carry out work in the garden by 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The recent adverse weather had resulted in 200 calls for assistance and Councillor Hammond congratulated the Boroughs Council's staff on their prompt response.

Councillor Hammond was thanked for his assistance in obtaining an additional Grit Bin in Poppy Close.

**137 PARISH COUNCILLORS 'REPORTS**

Councillor T Gill reported that the new Superfast Broadband service would be available at Wychwood Village at the end of March 2014.

Councillor M Jones reported on the need to replace kerbstones in Back Lane / Weston Lane and that a bollard was also required in this location. It was agreed that the Borough Council be asked to include these items in the Whites Lane/Weston Lane improvement works.

The owner of Larch Farm had complained of a large pot hole in the carriageway outside his drive.

Councillor J Chambers reported on the number of visits to the web-site.

The Community Resilience Plan update was to be submitted by 18<sup>th</sup> March and Members were asked to review aspects of the Plan which were now out of date.

Councillor J Cornell expressed the need for the operation of the Plan to be tested to ensure that all those with responsibilities for its implementation had the necessary experience.

Councillor J Cornell reported on his latest regular progress meeting with Mr T Sandry of the Wychwood Community Group. The Group was concerned that the Golf Club site, particularly paths and greens, should be maintained and had requested the Parish Council to raise this with Haddon Properties.

There was a proposal to establish a to establish a group for children of 8-12 years based on the Country Park and supported by the Wildlife Trust which would require the consent of the Land-owners and the Parish Council had been asked to approach Haddon for their permission on behalf of the residents.

The Chairman reported that Mr G Witter had raised £1000 for the Donna Louise Trust with a display of Christmas Lights. It was intended to increase the display in future years to maximise the fund-raising potential. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Witter to congratulate him on his efforts.

### **138 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 a large pothole, possibly due to a water main burst, at the entrance to Yew Tree Farm was presenting a hazard.

### **139 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

D G Owen Salary 1 <sup>st</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2014		
Stationery and Office Allowances		568.87
D Williamson January Invoice	85.00	
Repairs to Kissing Gates	265.00	350.00
White Lion Weston – Room Hire		25.00
Councillor J Chambers-ink cartridges		31.49
Duchy of Lancaster-final rental Wildlife Area		15.00

ITEMS TO BE REIMBURSED BY WYCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Croppers Grounds Maintenance (October- December)	180.00
Croppers Grounds Maintenance (January-March)	180.00

**140 DATE OF NEXT MEETING-13<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

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CHAIRMAN