

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

PRESENT	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillor J Cornell (Vice Chairman) Councillors J Chamberlain, A E Dickenson, E Dickenson, L Gill, T Gill, P Latham and M Jones
APOLOGIES	Councillors J Chambers and T Eatough
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillors J Clowes, J Hammond, Mr D Fanstone (Parish Plan), PC N Moore and over 70 residents

150. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

151. PLANNING MATTERS

(i) The Parish Council received, for information, the Minutes of Planning Committee held 12th March 2013

(ii) Update on Parish Council's Local Plan Submission

Further to Minute Number 144(b) Councillor J Cornell, Chairman of the Planning Committee, reported that the Council's formal response, based on discussions and comments at the Special Meeting held 31st January 2013, had been submitted to the Borough Council.

(iii) Local Plan Consultation response from local land-owners

It was reported that a Public Consultation and Exhibition by Haddon Property Development Ltd was to be held at Wychwood Village Hall to seek the views of local residents on a proposed extension of Wychwood Village. The Chairman of the Planning Committee explained that at present no Planning Application had been lodged with the Local Planning Authority - Cheshire East Borough Council - but that should an application be submitted the Parish Council would be invited to comment although the determination of the application would rest with the Borough Council. Residents were urged to attend the Exhibition and to forward their views to the Borough Council. This advice was supported by Borough Councillors J Clowes and J Hammond. It was also reported that the Co-op had made a bid to develop the land in their ownership around Snape Farm and that the Duchy had presented further justification to substantiate their proposals along the A500 corridor, including Village A.

(iv) Update on High Speed Rail Link Proposals (HS2)

Further to minute Number 144(c) it was reported that the Working Group established in accordance with Minute Number 110 would shortly meet with the Leader of the Borough Council, Councillor M Jones, to present the Council's concerns in relation to the impact of the HS2 proposals on the Parish, in particular the road network and the adverse visual affect of the high viaduct required to accommodate the new rail link.

The Chairman expressed his appreciation of the extensive work which the Chairman of the Planning Committee had undertaken in respect of the numerous planning matters currently affecting the Parish.

152. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14TH FEBRUARY 2013

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th February 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment:-

Minute Number 145 to read 'The Strategic Land Availability Assessment had revealed that sufficient land had been identified to satisfy the requirement for land for housing development for the next 5 years'

153. MATTERS ARISING

(i) A500/A531 Roundabout-New signs to replace the damaged signage were on order and would be fitted on 23rd March. 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 fitted during the first week in April.

(iii) Roundabouts-A531 (Weston Hall) and Wychwood Village/Wychwood Park-damaged lamp posts –this matter had been brought to the attention of the Borough Council and was scheduled to be dealt with on 18/19 March.

(iv) Grit Bins-The Clerk reported that the Borough Council's policy was to fill Grit Bins in October and on one other occasion if necessary each year. The Bins would not now be refilled until October.

(v) Wildlife Conservation Area-A report on this area was currently being prepared for submission to a future Meeting.

(vi) Heavy Goods Vehicles in Weston.

This matter had been raised with the Developers who had requested sub-contractors to use alternative routes.

154. POLICE MATTERS

Pc N Moore reported that there had been 3 incidents of crime and 1 of anti-social behaviour in the Parish in February. There had also been a Road Traffic accident at Main Road.

155. REPORT ON CREWE AND NANTWICH AREA MEETING (CHALC)

Councillor J Cornell reported on this meeting which had been attended by John Dwyer the County Police Commissioner, the Minutes of which would be circulated to Members in due course.

156. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Hammond reported that the Borough Council had set its budget and that there would be no increase for the following 2 years. The Energy Switch Campaign provided an opportunity for residents to take advantage of lower energy prices by signing up to the scheme which would be publicised in Libraries from 18th March.

The Borough Council had launched its consultation exercise to seek views on the HS2 proposals and Elections for the new Crewe Parish Council were to be held on Thursday 4th April.

Road resurfacing would be taking place on the Shavington by-pass necessitating some closures of the road during the work.

Cheshire East Direct was a new digital publication giving weekly news about the Borough Council and could be accessed via the web-site.

A meeting of the Crewe LAP was to be held on 9th April and Councillor T Gill indicated that he would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor Hammond reported on the continuing efforts to bring 11 Cemetery Road into a habitable condition.

Councillor J Clowes reported on the on-going problems with the School Buses and parking at Wychwood Village. There was a possibility of creating a turning circle or a lay-by and discussions were continuing. Paving slabs had been laid to provide an improved surface for passengers to board the bus.

The necessary works to the Weston Hall roundabout had been raised at a meeting of the Nantwich LAP and the work to improve the surface of the A531 had been included in the programme of major highways works.

157. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor P Latham reported that there was a quantity of rubbish in the fields at the end of Mere Road.

Councillor M Jones asked whether it would be possible to have a bin provided in Casey Lane. A lamppost had been left on the Casey Lane to Weston footpath.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported that the Speedwatch sign on Main Road was being activated by vehicles travelling below the speed limit and Councillor T Gill asked to be supplied with information regarding the types of Speedwatch signs available.

Councillor J Cornell expressed concern that the necessary resurfacing work on the A531 had not yet been carried out.

158. 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 requested that a Speedwatch report be prepared for the next meeting

A 30mph sign needed painting on the road surface at Smithy Lane.

Residents were concerned that wild flowers were being destroyed during grass cutting and the Chairman undertook to speak to the Contractors.

Concern was expressed regarding the necessary relocation of Newts to facilitate the Basford East development. Councillor J Hammond explained that this matter would be dealt with by the Borough Council's Ecology Officer who would ensure that the Newts would be safeguarded.

The damaged road surface at Snape Lane continued to give rise to concern for vehicle safety and the procedure for dealing with compensation claims for damaged vehicles was proving to be protracted.

159. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Mr D Williamson Lengthsman	132.00
Mr D G Owen Salary 1 st February to 28 th February 2013 Including postages	526.88
Cropper Grounds Maintenance February 2013 plus May/August 2012 (previously unclaimed)	180.00
CD Curtain Contracts Ltd.-supply and fitting of 6 pairs of curtains to Wychwood Village Hall. This expenditure will be reimbursed by the Village Hall Committee.	1749.60
J Densem - purchase of community projector for the Church Hall 50% of this expenditure will be met by All Saints Church and the Balance charged to the Parish Plan Fund.	237.58
Councillor J Cornell Ink Cartridges/Stationery	23.78

160. RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT

The Council reviewed its Risk Assessment and Management arrangements.

RESOLVED That the Risk Management document as appended to these Minutes be approved.

161. COMMUNITY PRIDE COMPETITION 2013

The Council considered the details of this competition.

RESOLVED That no entry be made for the 2013 Competition and that this matter be referred to the Parish Plan Steering Group for future consideration.

162. TOWN AND PARISH CONFERENCE

It was reported that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would be attending this Conference on 20th March 2013.

163. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

ORDINARY MEETING -11TH APRIL 2013

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING-25TH APRIL 2013

CHAIRMAN