

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD 12TH MARCH 2015

PRESENT	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillor J Cornell (Vice chairman) Councillors, J Chambers, E Dickenson, J Edwards, T. Eatough, L Gill, T Gill and M Jones.
APOLOGIES	Councillors J Chamberlain and P Grant.
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillor J Clowes Councillor J Hammond 3 Local Residents

122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

123. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12th FEBRUARY 2015

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held 12th February 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

124. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Maintenance of Road signs.

The Borough Council had been requested to carry out the necessary work and it had been included in the programme.

(b) School Transport Questionnaire-Wychwood Village

Councillor J Clowes reported on the results of the questionnaire which indicated that no children walked to school but joined a number of school buses at various points.

There was no permanent coach turning point and concerns had been expressed at the long-term solution and dangers posed by the movement of coaches at Wychwood Village.

(c) Household Parking

Councillor J Clowes reported on the results of this survey which suggested that:-

there were enough parking places allocated throughout the village, and allocated to each household to accommodate the numbers of cars owned by residents.

a significant number of garage spaces were not used for parking.

some garages may be too narrow for vehicles owned OR too narrow for easy access.

this suggested that there was no necessity for on-road parking.

on-road parking was identified as a potential hazard for pedestrians and access for emergency vehicles.

125. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) 14/5671N Haddon Development

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that the Parish Council's observations had been submitted and that the application was now awaiting determination

(b) 14/0841N Spinney Drive

This application was now subject to appeal based on written representations. A site inspection would take place and the Inspector would only be able to view the site from the rear of adjacent properties by invitation of the residents

(c) Basford East-MUSE Proposal

An exhibition of these proposals had been held and the Developers advised on the need to consult with Cheshire East Council on the master plan for the whole site.

(d) ChALC Crewe and Nantwich Area Meeting – Local Plan representations

Copies of a letter sent to Cheshire East Council were submitted for members' information.

(e) Cheshire Community Action Workshop.

Members reported on their attendance at this event.

(f) Neighbourhood Plan

The Planning Chairman reported on discussions at the Steering Group regarding the questionnaire and on bids for funding. The bank account had been opened.

(g) Minor Highways Schemes 2015/2016-Priority List

RESOLVED: That the following list be submitted to Cheshire East Council:-

7.5 tonne Weight Limit Main Road Weston

Extension of the footway at the junction of Main Road and Cemetery Road adjacent to the White Lion

Warning Sign Back Lane Basford to alert drivers to the lack of footpaths and the use of the lane by horse riders.

Grid protection and gully cleaning Whites Lane/ Weston Lane in the immediate vicinity of the bridge over Basford Brook.

Grid Protection, gully cleaning and resurfacing in Snape Lane in the single lane section opposite Snape Cottage. Also additional signage warning of narrow road, dangerous bends and oncoming traffic.

(h) Other Highway Matters

Councillor J Hammond reported that Weston Lane, Basford had been included in the HGV Management Plan

Work was being undertaken by Network Rail to strengthen the embankment at Casey Lane/Weston Lane where there had been erosion due to rabbit holes.

126. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Hammond reported that work on the Basford West Spine Road would begin on 27th April with 2 way traffic lights in place in use for the first two weeks and full closure from 8th May. A weight restriction would apply to the whole of Main Road and Whites Lane and there would be letters sent to all affected households to alert them to the closure. The work was expected to last for 10/12 weeks.

The owner of land at Mere Road had until 1st May to clear the land and should this not happen legal proceedings would begin.

Snape Lane had been included in the Highways Investment Programme for surface dressing.

Traffic surveys were to take place on Main Road.

Cheshire East Council had held the level of Council Tax unchanged for the 5th year.

Councillor J Clowes reported that Planning Application 15/0556N Part of Basford Old Creamery, Newcastle Road Chorlton had been called in. The Planning Chairman reported that information requested to enable the Parish Council to respond to the proposals had not been provided by Cheshire East Council.

127. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor M Jones reported that road signs in Back lane and Casey Lane had been bent and twisted.

Councillor J Chambers reported on work carried out on the Playing Fields by the Community Payback Team. The footpaths had been resurfaced by the Contractors.

He submitted the website report and would be including a section on the Neighbourhood Plan at the appropriate time.

The laurel hedge at Cemetery Road/Whites was still in need of attention despite having been reported to Cheshire East Council. Concern was expressed that this constituted a traffic hazard.

Councillor T Gill reported that construction work had almost finished at Wychwood Village leaving work on the haul road and planting to be carried out.

Councillor J Edwards reported that the up-graded broadband for properties served by Cabinet 6 had not yet gone live although this was imminent. Cabinet 7 was due to be operational in the summer.

The Chairman reported on work at Croatia Mill allotments which had revealed blocked grids at Basford Brook. The Allotment Group had also asked for signage regarding fly tipping and CCTV on Mill Lane

128. 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.

The dead tree at Snape Lane was in the programme of works to be removed by regarding the Cheshire East Council. Items which had been tipped in the area had also now been removed.

Further discussion took place regarding the various planning proposals in and around the Parish and Members explained that a great deal of work had been done and was continuing to achieve the best possible outcome for the Parish as a whole.

129. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED That the following payments be authorised

D G Owen Salary 1st – 28th February 2015

Stationery and Postages	683.29
D Williamson February Invoice	144.50
Thomson Planning Partnership	314.88
Cllr J Cornell – Computer Inks and Xerox copying	37.43
D G Owen-Ink Cartridges	65.99

130. ELECTIONS

The Clerk reported on the arrangements for the forthcoming Elections to be held on 7th May 2015.

131. DATE OF NEXT MEETING -9th APRIL 2015

FUTURE MEETINGS-

Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 23rd April 2015

May Parish Council Meeting (Annual Meeting) 21st May 2015

CHAIRMAN