

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD 11th APRIL 2013

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

164. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

165. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14th MARCH 2013

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th March 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

166. MATTERS ARISING

(i) A500/A531 Roundabout-New signs to replace the damaged signage had been fitted.

(ii) Passing Place signs Casey Lane –New signs had been ordered and were scheduled to be fitted during the first week in April. To date this work had not been completed.

(iii) Roundabouts-A531 (Weston Hall) and Wychwood Village/Wychwood Park-damaged lamp posts –this matter had been scheduled to be dealt with on 18/19 March. To date this work had not been carried out.

(iv) Further to Minute Number 155 the Minutes of the Crewe and Nantwich Area Meeting (ChALC) had been circulated.

167. POLICE MATTERS

Pc N Moore reported that there had been 2 incidents of crime and 2 of anti-social behaviour in the Parish in March. There had also been a Road Traffic accident at Weston Lane, Basford.

168. SPEEDWATCH

The Chairman reported that Mr T Longstaff had not yet been replaced as Co-Ordinator of the Scheme and Mr D Fanstone undertook to prepare a rota of volunteers for Englesea Brook and Mr A Jeffrey for Basford.

Councillor T Gill offered to provide any computer support which may be required to compile the statistics. The value of these schemes had been the subject of discussions at the recent ChALC meeting attended by John Dwyer, the newly elected Police Commissioner.

The Chairman appealed for volunteers to join the Scheme and asked for this to be included on the Parish web-site.

169. PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Cheshire East Local Plan and current Development Issues

The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor J Cornell, reported on a meeting held with Councillor M Jones, Leader of the Borough Council. The Parish Council had been represented by the Working Group established in accordance with Minute Number 110 and had expressed this Council's views on the draft Local Plan and issues regarding the proposed High Speed Link(HS2).

(ii) Wychwood Community Group-Proposed Development of Gorsty Hill Golf Club.

Further to Minute Number 151 and the exhibition and consultation exercise carried out by Haddon Property Development Ltd. It was reported that the Golf Club had closed and that the Community Group had held a Public Meeting on Sunday 7th April. The Chairman of the Planning Committee was acting as informal liaison officer between the Council and the Community Group. There was, at this stage, no formal Planning Application. Concern was expressed regarding the security of the site and PC Moore said that he had visited the area and that the car park entrance had been blocked to prevent unauthorised access.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to Haddon Property Development Ltd to express the Parish Council's concerns regarding the closure of the Golf Club and security of the site.

170. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Hammond reported that the Borough was inviting suggestions for Brown Field sites which could be possibly considered for housing development.

The Crewe Branch of the Royal British Legion had established a drop in centre at Crewe Market to assist ex service personnel.

The Borough Council was continuing with its management restructuring, 10 posts had been filled and it was anticipated that a new permanent Chief Executive would be appointed shortly.

Councillor J Clowes reported on action needed to improve the condition of the road surface from the A531 roundabout to the Broughton Arms. Options were being considered to improve the arrangements for the school buses collecting children at Wychwood Park/Village.

171. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor T Gill reported that the aeration system which served the large pond on the Golf Course had been switched off and the Clerk was requested to raise this matter with the Borough Council's Ecology Officer

Councillor J Chamberlain reported concerns regarding the electricity box at East Avenue/Poppy Close which was becoming a meeting point for local youths .PC Moore said that he had spoken with the youths in an effort to avoid further problems.

The condition of the road surface at Snape Lane continued to present a danger and Councillor J Hammond undertook to seek the urgent resurfacing of this road.

Complaints had been received from resident of Englesea Brook regarding the use of an area of land at the rear of Clonbrin and it was agreed that this matter be raised with the Borough Council. It was also alleged that a power cable had been re-routed and agreed that this matter be investigated with the Electricity Company.

The Chairman reported that a request had been received from the Allotments Group for the Parish Council to intervene to resolve the on-going situation regarding the charges applied in respect of the water supply to the Allotments.

This matter had been raised with Mr W Witter, owner of the land, who had now instructed Agents to handle all matters relating to the Allotment land on his behalf.

172. 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.

Further to the discussions at the previous meeting it was reported that the road markings indicating the 30mph speed limit were fully compliant with the requirements of the legislation and therefore no further action should be taken.

A question was asked about the Allotment tenancy regulations regarding the letting of plots to tenants residing outside the Parish and the circumstances where a tenancy may continue following the relocation of the tenant to another area. The Chairman explained that this was a matter for consideration and determination by the Allotments Group.

It was reported that the Wildlife Conservation Area was being used as a meeting place by local youths and PC Moore undertook to deal with the matter.

173. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) CVS Payroll Services

RESOLVED: That CVS Cheshire East be re-appointed to undertake payroll services on behalf of the Parish Council for 2013/2014

(b) Authorisation of Payments

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

Mr D Williamson Lengthsman	152.00
Mr D G Owen Salary 1 st March to 31 st March 2013	521.17
HMRC Tax collected	298.20
ChALC Affiliation Fee 2013/14	488.10
Cheshire Playing Fields Association Affiliation Fee 2013/2014	20.00
J. Cornell – colour inks for printer	28.99
All Saints Church Weston- Hall Hire April 2012-March 2013	345.00
CVS Cheshire East-payroll services April-September	48.00

(c) Income

The Clerk reported that notification had been received that the Borough Council had approved the payment of the Parish Compact for 2013/2014 in the sum of £1680.

The 1st half of the 2013/2014 precept, £6980, had now been credited to the Parish Council's Bank account.

174. ANNUAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk submitted the Statement of Accounts and associated documents for 2012/2013.

RESOLVED: That the 2012/2013 Statement of Accounts be approved.

175. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING-25TH APRIL 2013

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING-TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2013

CHAIRMAN