

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD 10th APRIL 2014**

PRESENT	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillor J Cornell (Vice Chairman) Councillors J Chamberlain J Chambers, G Cook, E Dickenson, T.Gill and M Jones
APOLOGIES	Councillors T. Eatough and L. Gill
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillors J Clowes and J Hammond, PC N Moore

157. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

158. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13TH MARCH 2014

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held 13th March 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

159. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Further to Minute Number 137 letters had been sent to Haddon Properties regarding the maintenance of the former Golf Club and the establishment of a children's group which required the consent of the land-owners. The Company had replied to the enquiry about maintenance stating that this was a private matter and not for public disclosure. There had been no reply to the request for consent to the children's group.

(b) Further to Minute Number 149 Councillor J Chambers reported that he had carried out the necessary amendments to the Community Resilience Plan and that a copy had been sent to the Borough Council and to the Police and that once the Plan had been agreed by them training workshops would be arranged.

(c) The Chairman reported on a site meeting held with the Borough Council to review the highway works at Whites Lane. The cost of marking the edge of the carriageway was considered excessive and Councillor J Hammond undertook to investigate and report to the next meeting. The question of access to the proposed Borrow Pit had also been raised with a view to an alternative access point being used.

(d) Councillor J Clowes reported that the construction of the footpath from the Bus Stop to Wychwood Village would commence as soon as possible and that this would be funded from the 2013/2014 budget.

160. CASUAL VACANCIES- WYCHWOOD VILLAGE & BASFORD WARDS

The Clerk reported on these two Casual Vacancies which could now be filled by co-option. Interest had been expressed in both vacancies but one of the candidates was unable to attend the meeting. Mr G Cook had submitted a statement in support of his candidacy.

RESOLVED: That Mr Gordon Cook be co-opted to fill the vacancy in the Basford Ward.

Councillor Cook made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his seat.

161. WYBUNBURY UNITED CHARITABLE TRUST

RESOLVED: That Councillor E Dickenson be appointed as an Administrative Trustee to the Wybunbury United Charitable Trust.

162. POLICE MATTERS

PC. N. Moore reported that there had been 1 incident of crime in the Parish in March and 3 incidents of anti-social behaviour.

Problems with parking on the un-adopted roads at Wychwood Village continued and Members considered how these might be resolved once the roads had been adopted.

A complaint of access to the Car Boot Sale at the Cricket Club had been received and would be investigated.

163. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) The Parish Council received, for information, the Minutes of the Planning Committee held 11^h March 2014

(b) PLANNING APPEAL- 14 AFFORDABLE DWELLINGS SOUTH OF NEWCASTLE ROAD HOUGH
The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that a local hearing into this appeal would be held at Hough Village Hall on 24th April which he would attend.

(c) FOOTPATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER-BASFORD EAST
This Order would no longer be required due to a revision of plans.

(d) APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING CONSULTANT

Mr Andrew Thomson had been appointed as Planning Consultant to the Parish Council and had, in consultation with the Planning Committee Chairman, prepared and submitted comments on the Local Plan to the Borough Council which would go forward to the Secretary of State. Copies were to be circulated to Members.

(e) CONSULTATION EVENT-BASFORD EAST

A Consultation Event to up-date residents on the Planning Application for Basford East was to be held in Weston Church Hall on Tuesday 22nd April from 3pm to 7pm.

164. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported that the Town and Parish Conference would be held on 1st May 2014.

A computer modelling diagram had been prepared for the proposed turning circle for the School Buses to ensure the feasibility of the scheme and the Schools Transport budget contained £20,000 in the current year for funding. It was possible that Compulsory Purchase may be necessary to assemble the necessary land.

The proposed road re-surfacing was being urged and 2 further applications to remove planning conditions attached to the permission to construct dwelling on the Shavington Triangle had been received. Comments on these applications were required by 30th April 2014.

Councillor J Hammond reported that works on the Newcastle Road/Weston Hall roundabout and Snape Lane had been included in the Highway Improvement Programme.

Two new Companies had been established to provide Waste Disposal and Burial Services and these would be under the Chairmanship of Councillor Hammond and Councillor D Marren respectively.

A new Gully Care Team had been set up with additional resources to improve the Highway drainage service.

Efforts to ensure the improvement of 11 Cemetery Road were continuing. Work at the front of the property was satisfactory and other areas of concern were being addressed.

A consultation exercise was being carried out as a result of the need to relocate the Cheshire Archives.

165. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor M Jones reported that the Bus Shelter at Basford had now been renovated to a high standard. Plans to commemorate the Centenary of the outbreak of World War 1 were considered. In particular the purchase and planting of Poppy seeds was deemed most appropriate. The Chairman undertook to discuss the suggestions with the Church Warden and report to the Parish Council. 7 white edging stones had been removed from the grass verge at Basford and needed to be replaced.

Councillor J Chamberlain drew Members' attention to the closure of the A500 and the possible increase of traffic through the Parish.

Councillor J Cornell reported on damage to the grass verge at Basford and the need for bollards or other measures to deter vehicles from leaving the carriageway.

Fly tipping continued to occur in Snape Lane and this matter was to be investigated by the Borough Council who would be requested to consider erecting signs to warn of the penalties for offenders.

Councillor T Gill reported that the Wychwood Village development was nearing completion and that the contractors were expecting to be off site in June or July.

Councillor J Chambers reported on the number of visitors to the Parish Council web-site.

The Chairman reported that the re-furbished Weston Notice Board would be in place shortly.

Councillor G Cook reported that the drain cover was missing from the drain outside the Bed and Breakfast in Main Road.

166. 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

Consideration was given to the on-going parking problems at Wychwood Village and how these might be resolved following adoption of the highways. It was explained that some minor adjustments to the kerbs etc. may be necessary prior to formal adoption.

The question as to how much of the haul road adjacent to the Village Hall would be included in the curtilage of the Hall was considered and it was reported that Newt Surveys were being carried out in the area although no licence had been issued by Natural England.

The gullies in Back Lane were in need of emptying.

The Speedwatch Scheme was having difficulty in carrying out regular sessions due to a lack of trained volunteers and the Chairman undertook to report on this at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Concern was expressed regarding the need for verge cutting particularly outside Holly Lodge Farm, Main Road, Weston. This should form part of the Borough Council's grass cutting programme and the Clerk was asked to raise the matter.

167. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen Salary 1 st to 31 st March 2014	
Stationery and Office Allowances	608.26
D Williamson March Invoice	153.00

John Harding & Son Ltd-Hedge cutting	87.00
HMRC – Tax Collected	374.40
J Densem -Weston Notice Board	81.38
D G Owen-refreshments- Parish Meeting	36.00
Cheshire Association of Local Councils Annual Fee	488.10
Newbrook Engineering-Wire light guards	100.80

(b) Income

A cheque in the sum of 1207.55 had been received from the Wychwood Village Hall Management Committee to reimburse the Parish Council for accounts paid on its behalf. A cheque for £1000 had also been received as the next instalment of the loan repayment.

168. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

PARISH COUNCIL – 8TH MAY 2014

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING -29TH APRIL 2014

CHAIRMAN