

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING  
HELD 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillor J Cornell (Vice Chairman)  Councillors J Chambers, J Chamberlain, A E Dickenson, L Gill, T.Gill, M Jones and P Latham
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Councillors E Dickenson and T Eatough
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Councillors J Clowes, J Hammond and PC N Moore

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN\***

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor J Densem be appointed Chairman to serve until the next Annual Meeting.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN\***

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor J Cornell be appointed Vice Chairman to serve until the next Annual Meeting.

NOTE: The Clerk to the Council assumed the Chair for these items.

**4. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

**RESOLVED:** That Members be appointed to serve on Committees and outside bodies in accordance with the Schedule to these Minutes.

**5. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:** That Parish Council meetings be held on the second Thursday of each month (except August unless the urgency of business dictates) and that, subject to there being sufficient business, the Planning Committee meet immediately prior to the Parish Council meeting.

**6. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the amendment of Minute Number 171 to read:-

Councillor J Cornell 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.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported that 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.

## **7. MATTERS ARISING**

(i) Passing Place signs Casey Lane –New signs had been ordered and were scheduled to be fitted during the following two weeks.

(ii) Roundabouts-A531 (Weston Hall) and Wychwood Village/Wychwood Park-damaged lamp posts – work was scheduled to be commenced during week ending 17<sup>th</sup> May and the installation of a new 10 metre lighting column on the splitter island A531 was to be included in schedules as soon as possible .

## **8. WYCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL**

The Chairman reported on a Meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee held 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

New joint Treasurers had been appointed and the arrangements for the payment of utility bills had been discussed. As owners of the building the Parish Council would settle the bills and the Management Committee would reimburse the Council.

Councillor J Chambers reported that all necessary preparatory work had been completed and an application had been submitted to the Charity Commissioners.

## **9. POLICE MATTERS**

PC N Moore reported that there had been 2 incidents of crime and 5 of anti-social behaviour in the Parish in April

Further to Minute Number 171 it was reported that work was to be carried out to the electricity box and wall at East Avenue/Poppy Close. Councillor P Latham undertook to make representations with a view to the electricity box being removed and the wall being replaced with a trip rail.

Complaints of motorcycle noise had been received and PC Moore had spoken to local youths and had the situation under review.

## **10. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor A E Dickenson reported that a Holly bush in the verge outside 1A Hollymount was overgrown and causing a hazard to high vehicles. It was agreed that the Lengthsman be requested to trim the bush as necessary.

Councillor M Jones reported that a substantial quantity of rubbish had been deposited on land at Casey Lane .The Clerk undertook to approach the site owner's agents with a view to having the land cleared.

Councillor J Chambers reported on the increased number of visits to the web site. 434 visits had been made in March with particular interest being shown in the Parish Council's Agenda and Minutes.

Councillor P Latham reported that rubbish had been deposited on land at Mere Road and that oil drums were in the stream. This matter was to be raised with the Borough Council's Environmental Health Officers and United Utilities

## **11. PLANNING MATTERS**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor J Cornell, reported receipt of a letter from Haddon Property Developments in response to representations made regarding the closure of the Golf Club and security of the site.

The fairways and greens at the Club were being cut and the Country Park was being maintained.

PC Moore reported that buses were using the new arrangements for picking up and setting down passengers at Wychwood Village and a key to the Village Hall gate was to be made available to allow vehicles to use the car park to ease congestion.

A surgery had been held to inform residents of the High Speed Rail Link (HS2) proposals and the extension of the period for claims to be submitted under the Exceptional Hardship Scheme. Around 50 residents had attended.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on his attendance at the Borough Council's Strategic Planning Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013.

A number of additional sites were being considered for inclusion in the Local Plan and a further consultation period was being held to allow comments to be submitted. Three of these sites were in the Parish and a leaflet was being prepared for distribution to all households to inform residents of the urgent need to submit their comments to the Borough Council.

A meeting of the Planning Committee and the Local Plan Working Group would be held to enable the Council to formulate its response to the proposals.

Councillor M Jones, Leader of Cheshire East Borough Council, had been requested to provide a progress report on the development of Basford East and to comment on the lack of consultation on the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.

## **12. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS**

Councillor J Hammond reported that the Crewe LAP Programme for 2013/14 would be circulated on 24<sup>th</sup> May and Parishes would be invited to submit their requests for schemes by 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Councillor J Clowes reported that patching had been carried out to reduce problems on Main Road and that surface dressing would be included in the Highways works programme.

The Borough Council had launched Fostering Fortnight to encourage more people to foster children and details of this initiative were available on the web site.

Mr M Suarez had been appointed as the new Chief Executive of Cheshire East Borough Council. Councillor Dorothy Flude of Crewe was to be Mayor of the Borough for 2013/2014 with Councillor W Fitzpatrick as her Deputy.

### 13. 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 there were proposals to exchange areas of Green Gap to create a separation between Crewe and Nantwich. An on-line petition was being organised to enable residents to express their views. The closing date was 30th May and a link to the site was to be found on the Parish web site.

Residents expressed their concerns that there should be no development south of the by-pass and that Leighton Hospital did not have sufficient capacity, either in terms of medical facilities or parking, to cater for the number of additional patients which large scale development would generate. Councillor J Clowes explained that every development proposal must be accompanied by a Health Impact Assessment to ensure that these matters were taken into account.

The Leader of the Borough Council had invited residents to organise and submit petitions regarding development sites which would be used to strengthen the Borough Council's position in resisting applications.

### 14. FINANCIAL MATTERS

#### (a) Authorisation of Payments

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

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To authorise the following payments:-

Mr D Williamson Lengthsman	196.00
Mr D G Owen Salary 1 <sup>st</sup> to 30 <sup>TH</sup> April Including office expenses, telephone, internet and Stationery	567.65
D G Owen Refreshments Parish Meeting	20.40
CLlr M Jones Refreshments Parish Meeting	12.40
CLlr J Densem Refreshments Parish Meeting	17.38
CLlr T Gill Refreshments Parish Meeting	25.71
Chairman's allowance	250.00
Vice Chairman's allowance	200.00
CLlr J Densem Stationery	15.96

WYCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL-TO BE REIMBURSED BY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Cropper Grounds Maintenance  
APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2013 180.00

United Utilities Water Charges January-April 2013 31.47

**(b) Council Tax Support Grant**

The Clerk reported that £450.00 had been received from the Borough Council.

**(c) Accounts 2012/2013 Audit**

The Accounts had been deposited with the Auditor and would be available for Public Inspection, by appointment from 3<sup>rd</sup> June to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

A public notice to this effect would be displayed from 20<sup>th</sup> May until 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013**

**16. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business on the grounds that the business to be transacted is of a confidential nature and the

**17. CONTRACTED SERVICES**

The Chairman reported on the arrangements for contracting the services of the Lengthsman and the Clerk confirmed that the documentation required regarding his self-employed status had been received.

RESOLVED: That the revised hourly rate to be applied to the Lengthsman's Invoice be approved.

**18. ALLOTMENTS**

NOTE Councillor P Latham declared an interest in this item and left the room, taking no part in the discussions nor voting thereon.

The Chairman reported on on-going discussions regarding the water supply to the Allotments and to the rent review currently being carried out by Smiths Gore, agents for the land owner.

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CHAIRMAN