

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING  
HELD 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014**

**PRESENT** Councillor J Densem (Chairman)  
Councillor J Cornell (Vice Chairman)

Councillors J Chamberlain, G Cook, E Dickenson, J. Edwards, L. Gill,  
T.Gill and M Jones

**APOLOGIES** Councillors J Chambers and T. Eatough

**IN ATTENDANCE** Councillor J Hammond and PC N Moore  
5 Local Residents

**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 to the office of Chairman to serve until the next Annual Meeting.

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

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

\*NOTE –The Clerk to the Council assumed the Chair for these items

**4. CASUAL VACANCY-WYCHWOOD VILLAGE WARD**

The Clerk to the Council reported that this vacancy had been duly advertised and that it could now be filled by co-option.

Mr Jeremy Edwards had expressed an interest and had submitted a statement in support of his candidacy.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr J Edwards be co-opted to fill the vacancy in the Wychwood Village Ward. Councillor Edwards made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his seat.

## **5. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES.**

**RESOLVED:** That Members be appointed to serve on Committees and outside bodies as detailed in the Appendix to these Minutes.

## **6. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS**

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

## **7. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2014**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of this meeting be approved as a correct record subject to the amendment of Minute Number 165 to read:-

'Councillor J Chamberlain drew the Members' attention to the upcoming work to widen the A500 on its approach to the M6 Junction 16. This work was due to commence later this year and could lead to an increase in traffic on the local roads due to diversions. Councillor J Hammond confirmed that Cheshire East would keep the Council informed of developments.'

## **8. MATTERS ARISING.**

### **(a) Whites Lane – Road markings**

Discussions with the Borough Council had continued and a meeting on site had been arranged to resolve this matter.

### **(b) Wybunbury United Charities**

Further to Minute Number 161 the Secretary to the Charities had been informed of Councillor E Dickenson's appointment.

### **(c) Haddon Properties**

The Clerk reported that the Company had refused permission for the Car Park of the former Golf Club to be used to accommodate stalls on the Fun Day.

### **(d) Proposed Footpath**

Councillor T Gill reported that the construction of the footpath from the Bus Stop to Wychwood Village had now commenced.

(e) Drain Cover-Main Road Weston  
Councillor G Cook reported that this missing drain cover had been replaced.

## **9. FINGER POSTS/MILE MARKERS**

The Chairman reported an offer of M/s Louise Cartwright to carry out restoration of the Finger Posts and Mile Markers in the Parish. The Borough Council had agreed to supply the necessary paint and brushes.

**RESOLVED:** That M/s Cartwright be thanked for her kind offer and the necessary arrangements be made.

## **10. POLICE MATTERS**

PC. N. Moore reported that there had been 2 incidents of crime in the Parish in April and no incidents of anti-social behaviour.

The missing cover from the drain in Main Road had been replaced and the gullies in Back Lane had been reported.

The complaint of access to the Car Boot Sale at the Cricket Club had been investigated and the Organisers advised to use the second gate as an entrance rather than an exit.

## **11. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR**

Councillor J Hammond apologised on behalf of Councillor J Clowes who was unable to attend.

A meeting to discuss the white lining work required at Whites Lane had been arranged for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

The Highways Community Gang was now operational and would be carrying out small highway operations to provide an early response to complaints of a minor nature.

Most of the necessary works at 11 Cemetery Road had been carried out although not all of the work was to a satisfactory standard. The period for compliance with the Enforcement Notice had been extended to the end of June.

Several new companies had been established to provide Council services and others were expected to be approved shortly.

Plans for the new Lifestyle Centre in Crewe were proceeding with planning permission now granted.

The Chairman reported on the on the Town and Parish Council Conference held on 1<sup>st</sup> May which he and the Vice Chairman had attended.

## 12. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that the Parish Council's submission on the Local Plan had been circulated to members and that a meeting with the Borough Council prior to the Examination in Public had been requested.

Application Number 14/0841N –Dwellings at Spinney Drive, was to be discussed at the Southern Area Planning Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> June when the Parish Council and local residents would be making representations.

## 13. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor G Cook reported that 1873 representations on the Local Plan were currently listed on the Cheshire East web-site. It was anticipated that 3000 comments would be received. The grass at the corner of Main Road and Smithy Lane had been cut by a local resident.

Councillor E Dickenson enquired as to the frequency of the maintenance of the gullies on Main Road.

Councillor M Jones reported that a Brown Bin was obstructing the footpath at the rear of 2 Larch Avenue, Basford and asked for this to be removed.

Councillor T Gill reported that the building programme on Wychwood Village was proceeding prior to the roads being adopted although it would be necessary to re-site a lamp column.

## 14. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be authorised:-

Mr D G Owen Salary 1 <sup>st</sup> to 30 <sup>TH</sup> April Including office expenses, telephone and internet	637.26
Mr D Williamson Lengthsman	153.00
Chairman's allowance	250.00
Vice Chairman's allowance	250.00
J Cornell – copying	7.20
M Jones-refreshments Parish Meeting	41.11
R J Shaw- Weston Notice Board	170.00
Thomson Planning Partnership Ltd	600.00

S Clough- Internal Audit Fee	250.00
CVS Cheshire East-Payroll 2014/2015	96.00
All Saints Church Weston-Hall Hire	330.00
All Saints Church Weston-Contribution to internet	89.40
Mrs Witter-Allotment Rent	1000.00
R J Shaw-Repairs Basford Bus Shelter	210.00

(b) 2013/2014 ACCOUNTS AUDIT

The Clerk to the Council submitted the Internal Auditor's report and Accounts for 2013/2014.

The Audit documents would be available for public inspection from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 27 June 2014 and a public notice of this was to be displayed from 19th May 2014.

**RESOLVED:** That the Internal Audit report and statement of Accounts as now submitted be approved

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING-12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014**

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CHAIRMAN