

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
21ST MAY 2015

PRESENT

Councillor J Densem (Chairman)
Councillor J Cornell (Vice chairman)

Councillors, J Chamberlain, J Chambers, E Dickenson, S Edgar,
J Edwards, T. Eatough, L Gill, T Gill and P Grant.

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor J Clowes
Councillor J Hammond
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. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES.

RESOLVED That members be appointed to serve in accordance with the appendix to these Minutes.

5. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED That Parish Council meetings are 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 and when required.

6. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9th APRIL 2015

RESOLVED That the minutes of this meeting be approved subject to the amendment of Minute Number 137 to read:-
Councillor M Jones requested signage to warn drivers of the narrow carriageway along Weston Lane between Holly Mount/Back Lane.

7. MATTERS ARISING.

- (a) Drains-Piggins Bank-this matter had been referred to Cheshire East Council.
- (b) Neighbourhood Plan-The preparation of the Neighbourhood plan was progressing.
- (c) Closure of Snape Lane-this road would be closed on 30th May for highway works.
- (d) Street Lights-all necessary work had been carried out
- (e) Countryside Park Maintenance-there had been no report from Cheshire East Council and it was reported that the Officer dealing with the matter would shortly be moving to another area of work.
- (f) Footpath Wychwood Park entrance to Bus stop-Councillor J Clowes reported that a request would be made for this to be included in the programme of work to be carried out.
- (g) Tipping at Mere Road-Councillor J Hammond reported that he had discussed this with the Officers and there were legal issues to be resolved.

8. POLICE MATTERS

Members were pleased to welcome PC N Moore who was currently on sick leave and wished him a speedy recovery.

PCSO J Raynor had now left the Constabulary and had not yet been replaced.

There had been 3 incidents of crime in the Parish in April and 1 of anti-social behaviour.

To date there had been 1 crime in May.

9. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported that there would be an exercise, involving Parish Councils, to test Resilience Plans.

Haddon had been approached regarding the S106 Agreement on the maintenance of the Countryside Park and this would be pursued.

A public meeting would be held on 2nd June 2015 at 7.00pm at Wychwood Village Hall when Cheshire East Officers would attend to answer Residents' questions regarding road adoption and other matters.

Councillor J Hammond reported on the surface dressing at Snape Lane on 30th May.

The CCTV sign had been temporarily relocated by Cheshire East and would be replaced.

Following the May Elections Cheshire East now had 53 Conservative, 16 Labour, 11 Independent and 2 Liberal Democrat Councillors.

The Local Plan was now to include 36,000 dwellings (an increase of 7,000) of which 33,000 had been identified.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that the Parish Council's observations on the Gladman application had been submitted.

The Planning Committee had considered the application by MUSE for the development at Basford East (15/1537N) and their observations would now be submitted.

ChALC - There had been a meeting regarding the South Cheshire Green Belt with Arup, Cheshire East's consultants. The view was that a South Cheshire Green Belt would not meet with Central Government's approval and the advice to Cheshire East was to pursue a Green Gap Policy. Apart from re-affirming the existing Green Gaps around Crewe the need for Green Gap around Hough and Shavington had been acknowledged. The ChALC representatives pushed hard for consideration of an additional Green Gap around Weston. Special Polices were necessary to protect Weston and Basford and a letter seeking these was being prepared.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee along with our consultant Andrew Thomson had attended a Local Plan Workshop at Macclesfield.

Cheshire East were targeting to submit the additional work on the Local Plan requested by the Inspector by July, following which it was hoped that the Examination in Public would be resumed.

11. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor T Gill reported that work to complete the Wychwood Village development was progressing.

Councillor T Eatough drew Members' attention to the public footpath crossing the Basford East site which may need to be diverted to accommodate the development.

Councillor J Edwards raised the question of the disused former Clubhouse at Wychwood Village which could be considered at the Meeting on 2nd June.

Councillor J Chambers reported on the number of visits to the website.

Councillor P Grant undertook to raise again the drainage at Piggins Bank with Cheshire East. The Planning Inspector had visited Spinney Drive and a decision was expected at the end of June. Concern was expressed regarding the lack of Cheshire East officers at the inspection. Councillor J Chamberlain reported on problems at Snape Lane due to drainage problems and overhanging branches.

Councillor S Edgar reported a broken hand rail on the South Cheshire Way between Hough and West Avenue.

The Chairman reported on work to be undertaken by the Contractors constructing the Spine Road which would include the painting of finger posts and mile posts, fencing at the Playing Fields and work at All Saints Church.

Signs outside Crewe Hall had been struck by a vehicle and Councillor Hammond was dealing with the matter.

A channel had been dug to alleviate flooding problems on the Allotment site and rubbish was now blocking the drain causing problems of flooding at Millbeck Close.

12. 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 rubbish tipped at Mere road was being dealt with by Cheshire East Council and it was suggested that rubbish in the wood could perhaps be dealt with by the Community Payback Team.

Volunteers were urgently needed for the Speedwatch Scheme and 2 sessions had been held. The sum of £119 had been raised by raffles organised by Mr D Fanstone and tis would be used to assist in the funding of the Neighbourhood Plan.

A list of outstanding matters was submitted and these would be investigated.

13. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED That the following payments be authorised:-

Mr D G Owen Salary 1st to 30TH April Including office expenses, telephone, internet and Stationery	723.60
Mr D Williamson Lengthsman	127.50
Chairman's allowance	250.00
Vice Chairman's allowance	250.00
M Jones-refreshments Parish Meeting	18.55
J Cornell Ink Cartridges/Expenses Incurred at attendance at Planning Meetings	107.33
ChALC Fees 2015/2016	520.64
Cheshire Playing Fields Association	22.00
S Clough Internal Audit Fee	250.00
J Chambers-Ink Cartridges/stationery	40.47

(b) ACCOUNTS 2014/2015

The Clerk submitted the accounts for 2014/2015 which had now been inspected by the Internal Auditor and were ready for submission to the external Auditor.

RESOLVED that the 2014/2015 Accounts be approved and Mr S Clough be appointed Internal Auditor for future years.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11TH JUNE 2015

CHAIRMAN