

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD 13th JUNE 2013**

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

Councillors J Chambers, A E Dickenson, E Dickenson, L Gill,
T.Gill and M Jones

APOLOGIES Councillors J Chamberlain, T Eatough and P Latham

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Clowes

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

20. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 7th MAY 2013

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th May 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to:-

The amendment of Minute Number 8 to read:-

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

The amendment of Minute Number 12 to refer to the new Deputy Mayor, Councillor W Fitzgerald.

21. MATTERS ARISING

(i) Land at Casey Lane, Weston

Further to Minute Number 10 a letter had been received from Strutt and Parker, agents for the Co-Operative Group Ltd undertaking to arrange for the removal of rubbish from this land. This work had not yet been carried out.

(ii) Passing Place signs Casey Lane- whilst this work was included in the Borough Council's programme it had not yet been done.

(iii) Damaged lamp posts Weston Hall and Wychwood Park/Village roundabouts.

Work on two of the lamp posts had been carried out but further work was still necessary.

(iv) Tipping on land off Mere Road, Weston

It was reported that a quantity of rubbish had been deposited on private land at Mere Road. The Clerk was requested to take appropriate action to have the rubbish removed.

22. WILDLIFE AMENITY AREA

A letter had been received from Mrs B Bourne expressing her concern at both the condition of the area and the general lack of planned maintenance,

The Chairman reported that a report was currently being prepared on the future maintenance of the area and that enquires would be made regarding work being undertaken by the Community Payback Team.

23. POLICE MATTERS

Pc N Moore was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted his report.

There had been 1 incident of crime and 6 of anti-social behaviour in the Parish in May.

There had been complaints of motorcycles on the Golf Course and PC Moore had identified the Rider and was dealing with the matter.

Parking problems at Wychwood Village were being addressed and complaints regarding the Caravan in Main Road had been dealt with.

The situation regarding nuisance at Mere Road near the Grit Bin was under review.

24. SPEEDWATCH

It was reported that 1 session had been held in Weston and 1 in Basford. 9 vehicles were reported in Weston and a further 14 in Basford.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Mr Jeffries and Mr Longstaff for their continued efforts and appealed for further volunteers to come forward to enable more sessions to be held.

25. HIGHWAYS MATTERS-MINOR HIGHWAY SCHEMES 2014/2015

The Parish Council considered schemes for inclusion in the 2014/2015 programme. The schemes for possible inclusion were:-

Increased financial provision for Whites Lane/Weston Lane

Bus turning area on Wychwood Village (£10,000 was included in the 2013/2014 programme to provide the footpath link to the bus stop)

7.5 tonne weight limit Main Road Weston

20 mph speed limit Snape Lane Englesea Brook.

Speed humps at Cemetery Road

Posts for interactive speed warning signs.

RESOLVED: That an item be included on the Agenda of the July meeting to finalise the submission.

26. PLANNING MATTERS

(i) The Parish Council received, for information, the Minutes of Planning Committee at its meeting held 11th April 2013

(ii) Local Plan Consultation response.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that the response to the Local Plan Consultation had been submitted to the Borough Council and circulated to all Members.

The Local Plan would be likely to be published during the summer months and there would then be a 6 week period to allow for formal representations to be made. These would be passed by Cheshire East to Central Government if it was considered they were irresolvable locally.

27. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor J Hammond was unable to attend the Meeting and had sent his apologies. Councillor J Clowes reported that the Borough Council was undertaking a review of Winter

Planning in rural areas and seeking to identify vulnerable residents who may require special assistance in the winter months. The Wybunbury Ward was to be used as a pilot scheme and the Parish Council's Resilience Plan would be of considerable value in this exercise. Training would be required for the scheme to operate effectively and this would be provided. The Parish Council agreed to participate.

28. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor M Jones expressed her appreciation to Mr A Jeffries for repainting the bench and requested assistance to relocate the Grit Bin at Back Lane.

Councillor J Chambers reported that the Charity Commission had now approved the application for Wychwood Village Hall to become a Registered Charity. Members expressed their thanks to Councillor Chambers for his work in achieving the registration.

The Chairman requested that the Grit Bin at Poppy Close be re-sited at the opposite end of the Close. An over-grown tree was causing an obstruction on the footpath outside 43 Main Road and an over-grown hedge at Weston House needed to be trimmed.

29. 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 the over-grown hedge at Snape Lane was causing a danger to both pedestrians and traffic.

Efforts were being made to locate the litter-picking equipment used at Wychwood Village Hall following the recent Fun Day and volunteers were needed for the Litter Picking Scheme.

30. FINANCIAL MATTERS - Authorisation of Payments

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

Mr D Williamson Lengthsman	165.75
Mr D G Owen Salary 1 st to 31 st May Expenses/Stationery/postage	531.45
JDH Business Services-2012/2013 Audit	149.76
Councillor J Chambers-Stationery	32.99
Wychwood Village Hall Accounts (to be reimbursed by Village Hall Committee	
United Utilities (Water)	112.82

31. CHESHIRE COMMUNITY ACTION WORKSHOP

The Vice-Chairman reported that a work-shop would be held on 9th July to discuss Parish and Neighbourhood Plans.

RESOLVED That the Vice-Chairman be authorised to attend.

32. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11TH JULY 2013

33. 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 public interest would not be served by the disclosure of the information to be presented

34. ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported on continuing discussions regarding the water supply and rent review and on a meeting held with Smiths Gore, agents for the land owner

It was proposed that the terms of settlement as now reported be recommended to the Allotments Group for approval.

RESOLVED: That payment of the Allotment rent be authorised as follows:-

W Witter Allotment Rent	£800.00
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CHAIRMAN