

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD 12th JUNE 2014**

PRESENT Councillor J Densem (Chairman)

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

APOLOGIES Councillor J Cornell

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors J Clowes and J Hammond
PC N Moore
2 Local Residents

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

17. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8TH MAY 2014

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held 8th May 2014 be approved as a correct record subject to the amendment of Minute Number 13 to refer to Weston Lane rather than Main Road.

18. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Whites Lane Weston – Road marking

It was reported that this work was scheduled for completion by early July 2014.

(b) World War 1 Commemorations- Poppy seeds

Enquiries had been made with a view to the purchase of Poppy seeds but Members felt that the use of pre-seeded mats would be more suitable.

The suggestion of a Poppy Cross for the Church had been welcomed and the possible acquisition of artificial poppies would now be investigated.

(c) Proposed Footpath Wychwood Village-Progress

This project had now been completed and Members considered the need for a warning sign to alert drivers turning off the main road. This could either be funded from the current Minor Highways budget or be included in the 2015/2016 bid.

19. POLICE MATTERS

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

20. PLANNING MATTERS

It was reported that Application Number 14/0841N for 4 detached houses at Spinney Drive had not yet been considered by the Borough Council's Strategic Planning Committee.

A Planning Committee meeting was to be arranged prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

21. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Hammond reminded Members that the 2015/2016 Minor Highways Scheme bids would need to be agreed at the July meeting.

Councillor Wesley Fitzgerald had been appointed to the Office of Mayor, with Councillor Hilda Gaddum as Deputy, on 14th May 2014.

The Local Plan had been submitted to the Secretary Of State for approval with some 40,000 comments having been received.

A selection of events had been arranged to commemorate World War 1 and full details were available on the Cheshire East web-site.

The Brown Bin obstructing the footpath at the rear of 2 Larch Avenue, Basford had now been removed. (Minute Number 12 refers).

A briefing note regarding the A500 widening had been issued and the Clerk had circulated this to all Members. A meeting with affected Parish Councils was to be arranged shortly.

A survey on the Garden Waste service was being conducted on the Cheshire East web-site from 11th to 23rd July.

Hosts were being sought for international students studying for 1 month from September and Volunteers were being invited to take part in local workshops to discuss meres and mosses.

Councillor J Clowes reported that 2 treatments were to be carried out on the carriageway from the roundabout to the site of the former Gorsty Hall Hotel.

There had been no response from the land-owners regarding the proposed school bus turning circle at Wychwood Village and alternative schemes were being considered.

Expressions of interest in preparing Neighbourhood Plans had been invited. The Parish Council was to register an initial interest prior to the matter being considered by the Planning Committee.

22. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor M Jones reported, on behalf of Mr A Jeffrey, that 6 Speedwatch sessions had been held. Grids in Weston Lane, Back Lane and Casey Lane needed to be cleared.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported that recent heavy rain had resulted in flooding between Englesea Brook and Barthomley which had taken 2/3 days to clear. Whilst the verges in Snape Lane had been cut the hedges and bushes required trimming although this could not be done before 1st July due to nesting.

Councillor J Chambers reported that the Community Resilience Plan had been signed off and was ready for printing and distribution. 40 copies were required together with 16 laminated copies of the telephone tree.

Complaints had been received regarding the parking of a caravan at Millbeck Close and the Clerk was requested to pursue this matter with the Borough Council. Members received the web-site report.

The Chairman reported that arrangements were in hand for the renovation of the Finger Posts and Mile Posts. The memorial bench to be donated by Mr G Witter would be in position before the end of the summer.

Renovation of the commemorative benches on the Playing Fields and in the Country Park was to be arranged.

Members reported on a programme of World War 1 commemoration events being arranged.

23. 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.

It was reported that the Finger Post at the corner of Snape Lane needed to be returned to its correct position.

The hedges and footpath overgrowth around the former conservation area were in need of attention and were now the responsibility of the Duchy of Lancaster.

A Family Fun Day was to be held at Wychwood Village Hall on Saturday 29th June from 11am to 4pm.

Hedge cutting was required on the A531 as road signs were being obscured and the traffic signs in the Parish also needed to be cleaned.

The speed sign on Main Road was not functioning correctly.

24. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen Salary 1 st to 31 st May 2014	
Stationery, Office Allowances and Postage	660.70

D Williamson May Invoice	182.75
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Zurich Municipal – Insurance 22/7/14 to 21/07/15	557.19
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ITEM TO BE REIMBURSED BY WYCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Croppers Grounds Maintenance	
April/May/June	180.00

Note: This was to be the final payment to Croppers as the future maintenance would be carried out by GDM Gardening Services as part of their existing contract.

(b) Income

A cheque in the sum of £1680 had been received from the Borough Council for the Parish Compact.

(c) Cheque Signatory

RESOLVED: That Councillor G Cook be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Parish Council and that the Yorkshire Bank be authorised to carry out any necessary financial investigations to implement the revised mandate.

25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING-10TH JULY 2014

CHAIRMAN