

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
11th JUNE 2015

- PRESENT** Councillor J Densem (Chairman)
- Councillor J Cornell (Vice chairman)
- Councillors, J Chamberlain, E Dickenson, S Edgar,
T. Eatough.
- APOLOGIES** Councillors J Chambers, J Edwards, L Gill, T Gill
and P Grant.
- IN ATTENDANCE** Councillors J Clowes, J Hammond and D Marren
4 Local Residents

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

16. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 21ST MAY 2015

RESOLVED That the minutes of this meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by
the Chairman.

17. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Wychwood Village Meeting 2nd June 2015.

Councillor J Clowes reported on this meeting which had been attended Cheshire East
Officers and PC N Moore.

The results of the questionnaire had been reported and future action agreed. The required
signage was not in place and an update on the adoption of roads had been requested.

The use of smaller buses for school transport was to be investigated.

The Borough Council was urged to prepare plans for traffic management in advance of the
road adoptions.

(b) Countryside Park Maintenance

There was no further information at this stage. Councillor Clowes undertook to raise it again
with the Officers

(c) Mere Road Tipping

Little progress had been made with this complex matter which required legal action. No
further tipping had taken place.

(d) Snape Lane

Members reported that the resurfacing work had been done to a high standard

18. POLICE MATTERS

PC N Moore was still on sick leave and had sent his apologies.

PCSO J Raynor who had left the Constabulary had been replaced by PCSO A Burn.

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

19. PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(a) Spinney Drive Planning Appeal

This had been allowed by the Inspector.

(b) Local Plan

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on his attendance at workshops in Macclesfield and a meeting with Arup held in Manchester.

A South Cheshire Green Belt was unlikely to meet with the Inspector's approval. The alternative was to strengthen the Green Gap policies.

A letter had been sent to Cheshire East seeking special planning policies in respect of areas South and East of Crewe where the Green Gap needed to be strengthened to protect the Parish. The need for such protection around Hough and Shavington had been acknowledged and similar action was needed around Weston.

A meeting with Councillor Rachel Bailey, who was now overseeing progress on the Local Plan, had been requested before the Plan was referred back to the Inspector in July.

(c) Neighbourhood Plan

An article focusing on the Weston & Basford Neighbourhood Plan had featured in the Crewe Chronicle and 1200 leaflets had been printed for circulation in the Parish.

A meeting had been held with the Council's Planning Consultant to discuss funding sources and following discussions with Mr T Evans (Cheshire East) formal applications for grant aid were being prepared.

A questionnaire was being prepared.

Whilst the Examination in Public could possibly resume in summer/early autumn the Neighbourhood Plan would be a vital tool in resisting planning proposals should the Local Plan be delayed.

2 additional work areas had been identified - Local Housing Need and Spatial Separation / landscape which would require additional independent professional input with the corresponding financial implications.

(d) Planning Committee

In the light of the considerable workload of the Planning Committee members considered it necessary to enhance its membership.

RESOLVED That Councillor E Dickenson be appointed to serve on the Planning Committee.

20. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Hammond reported that efforts to ensure the renovation of 11 Cemetery Road were continuing with additional legal action being taken.

An order had been place to replace the broken hand rail on the South Cheshire Way (Minute Number 11 refers)

The additional blue signs at the entrance to Crewe Hall referred to at the previous meeting were part of the Smarter Ways to Travel programme but the number of signs in place was being reviewed.

The effect of the temporary weight restrictions in the area was being monitored and Members asked whether the signage of the restrictions could be improved, possibly on the green direction signs, to give an early warning to drivers.

The gullies in Englesea Brook Lane had been cleared and the remaining work would be done shortly.

The absence of Cheshire East Officers at the Spinney Drive planning inspection had been caused by confusion as to the time of the Inspector's visit.

Councillor J Clowes reported that there was no further news regarding the proposed development at the former Golf Club.

There had been a legal challenge to the Right to Bid application with various objections being raised. This matter would be dealt with by Cheshire East Council.

Further to Minute Number 7(f) the construction of this footpath had been delayed due to a review of the process involved.

A meeting of the Steering Group looking at Neighbourhood Plan for other Parishes in the Wybunbury Ward would be held on 22nd June. Councillor Cornell was asked to attend and advise on Weston and Basford Parish Council' experience.

Councillor D Marren said that whilst he did not intend to attend on a regular basis he would be pleased to attend any meeting to which he was invited and to assist where possible.

21. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor S Edgar reported that there had been litter picking in the woods beyond the end of East Avenue.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported on the Flower Festival at Englesea Brook Chapel and urged members to attend.

The Chairman reported that a 'Weston's Got Talent' evening would be held in the Church Hall on 19th June and a Garden Party would be held at Ashleigh, Main Road on 11th July.

Mr P Reeve of Cheshire East Council would be inspecting drainage problems on the Allotment site which were causing flooding in Millbeck Close and would also be asked to visit Mere Road to inspect the tipping problems.

22. 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 there was grass growing in the highway gutters and this would be reported to Cheshire East. There was a programme of areas to be sprayed to prevent weeds growing.

There were nettles growing over the footpath at Whites Lane from the adjacent Duchy land (former Conservation Area) and the footpath in Snape Lane needed to be cleared.

Problems had been experienced where buses had been retimed or re-routed and this information was not displayed in bus shelters.

Councillor S Edgar undertook to enquire about the possibility of a Kissing Gate to prevent motorcycles accessing the path from Snape Lane adjacent to the bridge over the A531 to Wychwood Village.

23. FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen Salary May 2015	
Stationery and Postages	694.58
D Williamson May Invoice	136.00
CVS Cheshire East Payroll services	96.00
D G Owen Stationery	35.96
Weston and Basford Neighbourhood Plan	600.00
Transfer of budget provision	
Thomson Planning Partnership May Invoice	677.82
Including attendance at meeting with Arup in Manchester and workshop in Macclesfield.	
Johnsons Printers Newsletters	127.00

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9TH JULY 2015

CHAIRMAN