

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
HELD 11th JULY 2013**

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

Councillors J Chamberlain, A E Dickenson, E Dickenson, T Eatough and T.Gill

**APOLOGIES** Councillors, J Chambers, L Gill and P Latham and M Jones

**IN ATTENDANCE** Councillor J Hammond

**35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**36. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2013**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**37. MATTERS ARISING**

(i) Land at Casey Lane, Weston  
The rubbish deposited on this land had now been removed

(ii) Passing Place signs Casey Lane  
The passing place signs had now been erected

(iii) Damaged lamp posts Weston Hall and Wychwood Park/Village roundabouts.  
The Borough Council had carried out some work on the Roundabouts and would be finalising the necessary work in the near future.

(iv) Grit Bin Poppy Close. A request for this bin to be relocated to the other end of the Close had been made and the bin at Mere Road was also to be moved.

**38. POLICE MATTERS**

Pc N Moore was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted his report.  
There had been 1 incident of crime and 2 of anti-social behaviour in the Parish in June.  
It was also reported that a fatal accident had occurred on Weston Road near to Crewe Hall.

**39. SPEEDWATCH**

It was reported that no sessions had been held since the previous meeting and that the interactive sign needed to be cleaned and adjusted.

#### **40. WILDLIFE AMENITY AREA**

The Chairman reported that a report was currently being prepared on the future maintenance of the area.

Enquires had been made regarding work being undertaken by the Community Payback Team and a further report would be submitted.

#### **41. HIGHWAYS MATTERS-MINOR HIGHWAY SCHEMES 2014/2015**

Further to Minute Number 25 the Parish Council considered schemes for inclusion in the 2014/2015 programme.

**RESOLVED:** That the following schemes be recommended for inclusion in the 2014/2015 programme:-

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.

Posts for interactive speed warning signs.

A meeting was to be held in Crewe Library on 30<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm when the various bids would be considered.

#### **42. PLANNING MATTERS**

##### **(i) Local Plan**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on the timetable for the finalisation of the Local Plan.

During discussions at the Planning Committee, held prior to the Parish Council meeting, Members had recommended that a questionnaire be issued to all houses in the Parish informing residents of the representations made regarding development proposals and inviting views on the current and future approach to such proposals.

**RESOLVED:** That the Chairman of the Planning Committee, in consultation with the Clerk to the Council, be authorised to take all necessary steps to produce and circulate the questionnaire to all properties in the Parish.

##### **(ii) Potential Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showmen**

Sites in Cheshire East

The Borough Council was assessing the need for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showmen Sites in Cheshire East and was seeking comments on the methodology of the consultation exercise and suggestions for possible sites.

**RESOLVED:** That no sites be identified in the Parish.

#### **43. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Councillor J Hammond reported that he and Councillor D Marren had supported the Compulsory Purchase Order required to assemble the land for the Crewe Green Link Road.

The consultation on additional sites for inclusion in the Local Plan had resulted in a further 4700 representations being made.

Councillors Hammond and Marren had been involved with discussions regarding the use of the White Lion Car Park by the school and a meeting was to be held in an attempt to resolve the situation. The Chairman indicated that he would be attending.

Efforts were continuing to bring 11 Cemetery Road into an habitable condition.

#### **44. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor AE Dickenson reported that advertising signs had been placed on the grass verges adjacent to the Weston Hall roundabout. The Clerk undertook to bring this to the attention of the Borough Council.

The Chairman reported that the central area of the roundabout was overgrown and in need of mowing.

Councillor E Dickenson reported that the sign to Wychwood Village was obscured and needed to be cleared.

The footpath at the rear of 4 Larch Avenue Basford was obstructed by over-hanging trees on the adjacent vacant farm.

Councillor T Gill reported on a letter sent by Bovis to residents reminding them of the parking restrictions at Wychwood Village. Copies of complaints received by Bovis were to be sent to Councillor Gill.

#### **45. 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.

Further to earlier discussions regarding Gypsy / Traveller sites concern was expressed that should there be inadequate provision problems could arise with unauthorised occupation of land.

Over-grown trees in Snape Lane were presenting a hazard to pedestrians and rubbish had been left in the area.

The hedge at Weston House needed to be cut back and a dead tree in the verge at Snape Lane needed to be removed.

It was reported that the gates at Wychwood Village Hall were being left open following use of the car park by parents dropping/collecting children at the bus stop. The Chairman undertook to raise this with the Management Committee.

#### 46. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Mr D Williamson Lengthsman	165.75
Mr D G Owen Salary 1 <sup>st</sup> to 30 <sup>st</sup> June 2013	
Stationery/Office expenses	568.17
HMRC Tax collected	374.40
Zurich Mutual- Annual Insurance	550.63
NB The insurance cover now includes the Jubilee Bench and tables at Wychwood Village Hall	
Mr D Fanstone-Easter Gifts Friendship Club	44.91

(Note Mr Fanstone presented a cheque in the sum of 34.00, income from this event)

E.on Electricity Wychwood Village Hall	46.72
(Note-this will be reimbursed by the Village Hall Committee)	

#### 47. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013

#### 48. 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

#### 49. ALLOTMENTS

Further to Minute Number 18 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

The terms of the proposed settlement had been recommended to the Allotments Group for approval and their response was awaited.

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CHAIRMAN