

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
9th JULY 2015

PRESENT Councillor J Densem (Chairman)

Councillor J Cornell (Vice chairman)

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

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Hammond, PC N Moore
9 Local Residents

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

26. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11TH JUNE 2015

RESOLVED That the minutes of this meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the amendment of Minute Number 21 to include :-

‘Councillor Chamberlain noted that there had been little publicity locally for the Englesea Brook flower festival, nor liaison with local residents. Councillor John Cornell undertook to speak to the Chapel to urge them to be more outward looking in relation to the wider community.’

27. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Countryside Park Maintenance

There was no further information at this stage.

The Clerk was requested to write to the Officer seeking a response.

(b) Mere Road Tipping

Little progress had been made with this complex matter which required legal action. No further tipping had taken place and concerns regarding vermin on the site were raised.

(c) Bus turning/signage Wychwood Village

It was reported that it may be necessary to relocate the sign following a complaint from a resident. New posts would be required for this. Some buses were not using the turning facility but using Maureen Campbell drive to reverse. This would be taken up by Cheshire East Schools Transport. Problems were also arising due to vehicles being parked in the turning space and on grass verges.

28. POLICE MATTERS

Members were pleased to welcome PC N Moore who had returned to duty. There had been 3 incidents of crime and 6 incidents of ant-social behaviour in the Parish in June.

A new policing structure was emerging with 19 Neighbourhood Policing Units reduced to 8.

PCSO J Raynor had left the Constabulary had been replaced by PCSO A Burn. PC Moore was Ward Officer for Haslington.

A resident had raised concern at the speed of vehicles in the area of the Cricket Club. Fly tipping continued to be a problem at Snape Lane and the area was also being used by off-road motor cycles. Members were concerned at the problems caused by large agricultural vehicles using the narrow roads around Englesea Brook, particularly at busy periods.

29. PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(a) Local Plan

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that the Examination in Public was scheduled to resume in July and that a meeting with Councillor Rachel Bailey, who was now overseeing progress on the Local Plan, had been requested but not yet arranged.

The situation was to be discussed at a meeting of ChALC on 15th July

There was no further information on the applications made by Gladman or Haddon at this stage.

(b) Neighbourhood Plan

1200 leaflets had been circulated in the Parish and a questionnaire was being prepared and would be distributed shortly.

Data would be required on local housing need and on Spatial Separation and specialist consultants may need to be engaged. A meeting to discuss grant funding had been arranged for 14th July.

RESOLVED: That £1000.00 be transferred from the Parish Council account to that of the Neighbourhood Plan to enable progress to be made on the Neighbourhood Plan in advance of the award of grant aid.

30. CONSTITUTION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that this document would need to be submitted with the Cheshire East grant application.

RESOLVED That the constitution be approved.

31. WYBUNBURY UNITED CHARITIES-APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE

RESOLVED That Councillor J Densem be appointed to this vacancy.

32. CHESHIRE COMMUNITY ACTION

RESOLVED That the Parish Council renew its membership of this organisation at a cost of £75 for the current year.

33. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR

Councillor J Hammond reported that the bids for Minor Highways schemes were going forward for consideration.

The provision of a footpath from Cemetery Road to Main Road would need further discussion and it was recommended that a further site meeting with Mr D Chan be requested.

Patching works would necessitate the closure of Old Park Road on 20/21st July.

Works on the Basford West Spine Road were nearing completion.

34. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor S Edgar reported that the work required to the field footpath footbridge had been completed.

Cheshire East Council did not have any kissing gates available but the Parish Council could, at its own expense, install a stile at Snape Lane. The Chairman undertook to seek a quotation for the work and, if appropriate, authorise the work to be carried out.

A number of street lights and illuminated signs were not lit.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported on the need for the lack of road markings on Snape Lane to be investigated by Cheshire East Council.

Councillor E Dickenson reported the theft of a hedge trimmer from a property in Larch Avenue, Basford and a letter from the Police to alert residents. The seat at Holly Mount/Back Lane was in poor condition and the Clerk was asked to report on the cost of a suitable replacement at the September meeting.

Councillor P Grant reported that the drainage problem at Piggins Bank had been resolved and thanked Members for their assistance with the Spinney Drive Planning application.

Councillor J Chambers expressed his thanks to Councillor J Hammond for his assistance in arranging for the grass cutting at the Playing Field and open space at Millbeck Close which had been carried out to a high standard.

Councillor J Cornell reported that he would be attending an event to raise the profile of Two Saints Way.

The Chairman reported on the Garden Party to be held at his home to raise funds for the upkeep of all Saints Church.

The ditch cleared on the Allotments site to ease the water flow had resulted in flooding to a property in Millbeck Close. Mr P Reeve of Cheshire East Council had inspected the area and spoken with residents.

Councillor J Edwards reported that Cabinet 7 was now ready to be cabled. Bookings at the Wychwood Village hall were increasing with new classes beginning and others expanding.

Councillor L Gill reported that following work at Cabinet 7 the turf had been disturbed and required attention. Councillor J Edwards undertook to deal with the matter.

Councillor T Gill reported on good progress with the final work by Bovis to complete the Wychwood Village development.

35. 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.

Mr A Jeffrey reported on Speedwatch sessions held with the assistance of Shavington volunteers. The area around Shavington Hall was in need of particular attention. Consideration might need to be given to the provision of a suitable facility for use by off-road motorcyclists.

A Street light was out at Smithy Lane.

A question was raised regarding access to facilitate the proposed development at East Avenue. This would be addressed as part of the planning process.

36. FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen Salary June 2015	
Stationery and Postages	676.72
D Williamson March/June Invoices	357.00
R J Shaw-renovation of bench adj. to Church	40.00
Zurich Mutual Insurance	570.64
HMRS-Tax collected	554.31
Cheshire Community Action Fees	75.00
Neighbourhood Plan A/c transfer	1000.00

37. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17TH SEPTEMBER 2015

CHAIRMAN