

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
17th SEPTEMBER 2015

PRESENT

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

Councillors J Chamberlain, T. Eatough, S Edgar, J Edwards, L Gill and
T Gill

APOLOGIES Councillors J Chambers, E Dickenson
and P Grant.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

39. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9TH JULY 2015

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

40. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Countryside Park Maintenance

Councillor J Clowes reported that she had again raised this issue and it would be dealt with
by the former S106 Officer.

Members were concerned at the deteriorating condition of the area and in particular the
difficulties for disabled people to gain access.

(b) Mere Road Tipping

Councillor J Hammond had raised this issue the Officers. The area was over-grown and
although rats had been reported this was not due to the conditions on site but possibly to a
resident feeding birds.

(c) Bus turning / Signage Wychwood Village

The sign had been re-worded and moved. A meeting was to be arranged prior to the
adoption of the roads.

41. POLICE MATTERS

Members were pleased to welcome PC N Moore who was now back at work but not yet on
full duties.

There had been 2 accidents of crime in the Parish in July and 2 of anti-social behaviour. In August there had been 1 incident in each category.

A new PCSO was currently in training.

Members were reminded of the 101 service to report incidents of a non-urgent nature.

42. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that the Local Plan Examination in Public would resume in October with a procedural meeting on 6th October which he would attend. Mr A Thomson would represent the Parish Council at the Examination. Detailed sites were scheduled for discussion in March 2016.

The Borough Council had now allocated sites for 36,000 houses, increased from the original figure of 27,500. The site of the former Gorsty Golf Club was not one of the additional sites listed for consideration.

The Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires were being analysed. A 33% return had been achieved. A second questionnaire in the autumn would seek residents' views on draft policies.

Grant applications had been submitted and Cheshire East Council had indicated that it would provide additional survey material which would result in the grant monies being reduced.

The result of the grant applications would be known on 30th September.

Reports on Housing Needs, Spatial Separation and an Ecology study would be needed.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Planning Committee Mr Andrew Thomson would represent the Parish Council should the Haddon application be considered by the Cheshire East Strategic Planning Board in October.

43. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Hammond reported that the Planning application at East Avenue had been refused and Members expressed their thanks to Councillor Hammond for his assistance in this matter.

Whilst there had been some improvement to 11 Cemetery Road further works were required to bring the property to a satisfactory standard.

A further meeting of the Basford West Spine Road liaison committee was to be held to discuss public art. The road was now open.

It was not yet clear whether the Borough Council would be providing bulbs this year.

Complaints of vibration in Main Road had been received and the necessary patching work would be carried out.

Councillor J Clowes reported that Wybunbury and Hough and Chorlton Parish Councils were seeking guidance regarding the provision of internet access in their Village Halls.

The Planning application relating to the Old Creamery had been granted subject to conditions, particularly regarding noise.

The variation of the licence at the Wychwood Park hotel had been approved subject to conditions.

Older Persons' Day was to be held on 1st October with various activities planned.

A website was to be established by Cheshire East Council to provide information to Schools and Parents on social issues and dangers to young people.

44. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor S Edgar reported that there was a light missing from the pole at the junction of East Avenue and Cemetery Road. There was also a light out opposite the Nursery School on Main Road.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported on a theft from South Bank Farm, Snape Lane.

Councillor T Gill reported that work was continuing to prepare the roads at Wychwood Village for adoption.

Councillor J Edwards reported that Cabinet 7 was now in use.
There continued to be issues regarding parking and school transport in the area.

Councillor T Eatough asked and was advised that work was in hand to fit a stile on the footpath from Snape Lane to Wychwood Village.

The Chairman reported a request of residents of Cemetery Road to have H markings outside their homes to prevent accesses being blocked.
The problem of flooding in Whites Lane had been discussed with Cheshire East Officers and the necessary action would be taken.

The works to be carried out by Contractors constructing the Spine Road would not now be undertaken until after October.

The 175 year celebrations had been most successful and a concert was to be held in the Church Hall on Friday 25th September.

Councillor J Chambers had asked that the Parish Council be made aware that it was necessary to review the names on the Community Resilience Plan Telephone Tree as there had been some changes to Councillors from last year. Telephone tree members did not have to be members of the Parish Council but it was necessary to check that they are happy to remain on.
Any other changes to the Plan also needed to be reviewed.

The Chairman reported that the PCC had made application for a grant to establish a Rural Access Point in the Church Hall.

45. 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 were lights out at Whites Lane and Smithy Lane.

The draw for prizes for returning the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaires was made.

46. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Accounts for payment

RESOLVED That the following payments be authorised:-

Two Saints Way-Donation	50.00*
All Saints Church Weston-Donation	50.00*
D G Owen July Salary	683.95*
D Williamson July Invoice	161.50*
Thomson Planning Partnership Invoice	164.88*
Cllr J Cornell Stationery/Inks	57.47*
BEB Property Services Drainage work Wychwood Village Hall	180.00*

NOTE Payments marked * had been made during the recess period.

D G Owen Salary August 2015	682.97
D Williamson August Invoice	161.50
BDO LLP Audit Fee	120.00

(b) Audit of Accounts 2014/2015

Clerk to report that the Audit had now been completed and no matters of concern had been raised by the Auditors.

The Accounts were available for inspection by local electors.

(c) Income

Clerk to report that the 2nd half of the precept, in the sum of £10,150 had been received from Cheshire East Council.

47. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 8th OCTOBER 2015

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. LAND TRANSFER WYCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman reported that the legal agreement had been signed and the fencing removed and stored for future use.

50. DRAINAGE ISSUES

The Chairman reported on the drainage problems on the allotment site and flooding in Millbeck Close.

51. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on the discussions with Cheshire East Council with particular reference to the funding arrangements.

CHAIRMAN