

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
8th OCTOBER 2015

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

Councillors J Chambers, E Dickenson,
T. Eatough, J Edwards, T Gill and P Grant

APOLOGIES Councillors J Chamberlain, S Edgar and L Gill

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors J Clowes and J Hammond
PC N Moore
1 Local Resident

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

53. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 17TH SEPTEMBER 2015

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

54. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Countryside Park Maintenance

Councillor J Clowes reported that Cheshire East Officers had contacted Haddon Developments and requested that the Company adhere to its responsibilities regarding the Countryside Park.

Members were concerned at the deteriorating condition of the area and in particular the difficulties for disabled people to gain access. High weeds along the boundaries of the site were visible from neighbouring houses and were detrimental to the amenity of the area.

(b) Snape Lane/Wychwood Village footpath-installation of stile.

The Chairman reported that an order had been placed for this work which would be carried out shortly. This was discussed further from a question raised by a member of the public

55. POLICE MATTERS

PC N Moore reporter that there had been 2 incidents of crime and 3 of antisocial behaviour in the Parish in September.

56. TWO SAINTS WAY BOOK SIGNING

Councillor J Cornell reported that this would take place on Tuesday 3rd November at 4pm at Englesea Brook Chapel and an invitation was extended to local residents to attend.

57. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that planning applications submitted by Haddon Developments and MUSE were not included on the Strategic Planning Board agenda for its meeting in October.

The Local Plan Examination in Public would resume in late October. The need for Green Belt and Green Gap provision would be stressed by Mr A Thomson who would represent the Parish Council at the Examination. There had been criticism at the lack of consultation on additional information to be submitted and a legal challenge was to be made by Gladman Developments.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had met earlier in the day and considered the results of the analysis of the questionnaires. The programme to advance the Plan had been considered and members expressed their appreciation of the considerable amount of work undertaken by Councillor J Chambers and all those who had assisted in the analysis.

58. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

Councillor J Chambers reported that he was reviewing the plan to identify any amendments which may be required. The amended plan would be circulated to Members prior to being printed and submitted to Cheshire East Council

59. WESTON CEMETERY EXTENSION

Members considered the current availability of new grave spaces in the Cemetery and the need to proceed with the proposed extension.

In the short term the hedge was to be removed to allow additional plots to be provided. Councillor T Eatough undertook to speak to residents of adjoining properties to inform them of this action.

60. CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL (WESTON-GORSTY HILL, FORMER GOLF COURSE) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2015

The Clerk reported that this Order had now been confirmed and was in operation

61. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported that she had spoken to the former S106 Officer regarding the condition of the Countryside Park and this would be pursued.

The adoption of roads at Wychwood Village was under discussion with the Developers with particular reference to financial liabilities. Councillor T Gill reported on areas where particular issues remained unresolved.

School buses continued to cause concern due to children needing to cross the main road to join the bus serving Alsager School. The possible construction of a crossing was under consideration. It may also be possible for the bus to go onto the Village to collect passengers.

Councillor J Hammond reported that a meeting of the Crewe Green Link Road Liaison Group would be held on 15th October.

Alsager Road would be closed on weekdays from 9.30am to 3.30pm from 7th October for approximately 3 weeks.

The road from Radway Green to Crewe Green would be closed from 2nd to 6th November.

62. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor E Dickenson reported on discussions with residents regarding the possible provision of a bench at Holly Mount/Back Lane. A question would be included in the second Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire to establish whether there was a need for this.

Councillor P Grant expressed concern at the speed of vehicles using Cemetery Road and Whites Lane. The high hedges were also restricting the view of drivers using the junction. The possibility of placing a mirror to assist drivers was considered. A site meeting with Highway Officers was to be requested.

Councillor J Chambers reported on the number of visits to the website.

Councillor J Cornell expressed on concern at the condition of land at the rear of Clonbrin Englesea Brook Lane and the Clerk was asked to report this matter to the Enforcement Officers.

The hedges in Snape Lane were overgrown and restricting visibility.

Concerns had been expressed regarding a forthcoming fireworks display at the School.

Councillor T Eatough reported that a green car was parked on the bend in Main Road and PC Moore undertook to continue his efforts to contact the owner.

Councillor J Edwards reported that the Annual General Meeting of the Wychwood Village Hall Committee would be held on 15th October at 7.30pm and volunteers were needed to assist in the management of the hall.

The Chairman reported on the success of the celebrations to mark the 175th Anniversary of the Church and expressed his thanks to PC Moore for his assistance

Further to Minute Number 44 Cheshire East Council had been consulted on the provision of H markings in Cemetery Road and these would cost £200 each and require highway approval. Further discussions would take place with Cheshire East Council.

63. 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

Concern was expressed at the overgrown hedges and footpath conditions in Snape Lane which would be reported to the Highways Officers.

Proposals to erect a stile on the footpath to Wychwood Village were discussed and it was agreed that the stile should be designed to allow dogs to have access.

64. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Church Hall Hub Access

The Chairman reported on the arrangements for establishing a Rural Access Point in the Church Hall. A contribution of £500 had been received from Cheshire East for this project.

(b) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen September Salary	673.77
D Williamson September Invoice	178.50
HMRC Tax collected	554.51
ChALC Planning Seminar	25.00

65. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12th NOVEMBER 2015

66. 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.

67. PENSIONS REGULATIONS-AUTOMATIC ENROLMENT

The Chairman reported on these regulations. The Parish council had only one employee, the Clerk, who indicated that he did not wish to participate in the pension scheme and would opt out at the appropriate time.

68. CROTIA MILL ACCESS ROAD

The Parish Council considered a letter from Cheshire East Council regarding this access road.

RESOLVED: That the following comments be submitted:-

The Parish Council formally objects to this proposal.

Crotia Mill farm is included as part of the Basford East Strategic Development Area as defined in the Cheshire East emerging Local Plan. It is imperative that this Crotia Mill Farm area is developed as part of a comprehensive master plan for Basford East. In the absence of an approved detailed scheme, any road closure could well prejudice the overall scheme, particularly given the need to physically link Weston Village to the proposed facilities which will form a part of this development.

CHAIRMAN