

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD 11th OCTOBER 2012**

PRESENT Councillor J Densem (Chairman)

Councillors J Chamberlain, J Chambers, A E Dickenson, E Dickenson,
T Eatough, L Gill, T Gill, M Jones and P Latham

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors J Clowes, J Hammond, Mr D Fanstone Parish Plan, PC N Moore

APOLOGIES Councillor J Cornell

73 DECLARTIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare their interest in any item on the Agenda.

Councillor T Gill declared a personal interest in the item relating to the vacancy in the Wychwood Village Ward.

74 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13th SEPTEMBER 2012

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th September 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

75 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Two Saints Way.

It was reported that the Vice Chairman had successfully undertaken a sponsored walk to raise funds for the proposed Interpretation Board at Englesea Chapel and Museum. Mr D Fanstone showed a number of slides illustrating the progress of the walkers.

(ii) Hedge Stepping Stones Nursery.

It was reported that this hedge had now been cut back.

(iii) A500/A531 Roundabout.

This condition of this roundabout, in particular the damaged signs, had been brought to the attention of the Borough Council.

(iv) Litter Bins

Further to Minute Number 64 one of the Litter Bins at Casey Lane Bridge had been relocated to the Lay-by at Weston Lane Bridge.

76 CASUAL VACANCIES

The Clerk reported that the Casual Vacancy in the Wychwood Village Ward had been advertised and that an Election had not been requested. The Parish Council was now able to fill the vacancy by co-option.

Mrs Linda Gill had submitted a request to be considered for the vacant seat was present and addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED: That Mrs Linda Gill be co-opted to fill the vacant seat in the Wychwood Village Ward.

At this point the new Councillor made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took her seat.

NOTE: Councillor T Gill declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion nor voted thereon.

77 MEMBERSHIP

Councillor T Eatough requested leave of absence from Parish Council duties for up to 6 months for personal reasons.

Councillor J Chambers resigned his seat on the Finance Committee and Members expressed their thanks to Councillor Chambers for his service to the Finance Committee.

RESOLVED: (a) That Councillor T Eatough's request for leave of absence be approved.

(b) That Councillors J Chamberlain and L Gill be appointed to serve on the Finance Committee.

78 ChALC MEETING 27TH SEPTEMBER 2012

Members reported on a very successful and positive meeting which had been attended by Councillor Michael Jones, Leader of Cheshire East Borough Council. Councillor Jones had expressed a willingness to attend meeting of Parish Councils where this was considered appropriate.

79 POLICE MATTERS

Pc N Moore reported that there had been 3 incidents of crime and 7 incidents of anti-social behaviour in the Parish in September.

He had reported the damaged signs on the A500 roundabout and had spoken to the Manger of the Garage which was parking a vehicle, for advertising purposes, on the A5020 roundabout. The Manager had agreed to reduce the frequency of this advertising.

He had also spoken to the Golf Club regarding the footpath from Wychwood Village to the Bus Stop. The Chairman reported that there was to be a meeting regarding this matter in November.

Problems with parking adjacent to the School continued and PC Moore undertook to try to assist where resources permitted.

80 SPEEDWATCH SCHEME

Members reported on a meeting involving PC Moore and Speedwatch volunteers when various aspects of the scheme had been discussed. The Police intended to adopt a more targeted approach to their presence and consideration had been given to the type of signs which would be most effective.

Further to Minute Number 60 Mr T Longstaff reported on the statistics which had been produced showing the effects of the Scheme since its introduction in 2009.

Mr D Fanstone expressed appreciation of the work of the volunteers and the need for them to be fully supported in their efforts.

RESOLVED: That costings for various types of warning and speed indication signs be obtained and that a Member of the Parish Council be designated to act as liaison officer with the Speedwatch volunteers.

81 HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was reported that the pedestrian refuge on Main Road, Weston was still scheduled for construction in November.

82 PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council received, for information, the observations which had been submitted to the Borough Council in response to the Consultation on the Town Strategy.

83 REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported the appreciation of Councillor D Brickhill and the Shavington Parish Council for its representations regarding the proposed development north of Weston Lane Shavington by David Wilson Homes.

The Healthwatch consultation had been successfully completed and contracts were out for tender. Volunteers to assist in the scheme would be sought in the New Year.

The annual Winter Warmth Campaign had been launched and information was available from the Crewe LAP.

Councillor J Hammond reported that 11 Cemetery Road was the subject of intended enforcement action should the owner fail to comply within 21 days.

The Duchy of Lancaster had written to its tenants informing them of development proposals .these were not the subject of a formal Planning Application at this stage but would form the basis for discussion and consultation during the emerging Local Plan process.

84 PARISH COUNCILLORS 'REPORTS

Councillor E Dickenson reported that the Passing Place signs at Casey Lane had not been refixed.

Councillor M Jones reported on fly tipping in the Parish which would be brought to the attention of the Borough Council

Councillor J Chambers reported that there had been 163 visits to the website from 99 visitors.

Councillor T Gill had met with the Bovis Site Manager at Wychwood Village and reported that there had been some delay due to the weather but that it was anticipated that the necessary works would be completed by December. The compound would be cleared by the end of 2013.

Residents had expressed their appreciation at the new arrangements for the turning of coaches and Members thanked Councillor J Clowes for her assistance in this matter.

There was the post of a former lamp on the A531 roundabout at Wychwood Village/Park and the Borough Council was to be asked to remove this along with the one at the A5020 roundabout.

86 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.

There continued to be a problem with overgrown hedges and trees at Snape Lane. This would be reported to the verge owners

Details of the results of a traffic count in February 2011 were discussed with particular reference to the number of vehicles passing through the Village and the maximum speeds recorded.

87 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

D Williamson Lengthsman September 2012	120.00
D G Owen Salary September 2012 Including office expenses, telephone and stationery purchases	404.26
HMRC –Tax deducted	227.40
CVS (Cheshire East) payroll services October2012-March 2013	48.00

88 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) ChALC –ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was to be held on Thursday 25th October 1012

RESOLVED: That the Chairman and Councillor T Gill be authorised to attend

(ii) The Town and Parish Conference was to be held on 7th November 2012 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Middlewich Community Church.

(iii) AUTUMN BULB PLANTING

Notification had been received that due to financial constraints the Borough Council would not be supplying free daffodil bulbs this year.

89 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS-8TH NOVEMBER 2012 AND 6TH DECEMBER 2012

CHAIRMAN