

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD 17th OCTOBER 2013**

PRESENT	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillor J Cornell (Vice Chairman)
	Councillors A E Dickenson, E Dickenson, T. Eatough, T Gill and, M Jones.
APOLOGIES	J Chamberlain, J Chambers, L Gill and P Latham
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillor J Hammond P C N Moore and PCSO Josie Raynor

68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

69. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12th SEPTEMBER 2013

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th September 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the amendment of Minute Number 53 to refer to a 6 week Statutory Consultation period.

70. MATTERS ARISING

Damaged lamp posts Weston Hall and Wychwood Park/Village roundabouts.
The remaining work had not yet been carried out but was programmed for October 2013.

71. WILDLIFE AMENITY AREA

Further to Minute Number 55 the Parish Council considered a progress report, prepared by Councillor P Latham.

Councillor Latham had met with Members of the Wychwood Wildlife Watch who had offered help both with practical issues and any Grant application.
The Stepping Stones Nursery had expressed support as had a number of local residents.

The Chairman reported that Mr D Williamson had been asked to trim and generally clear the area.

Members did not feel it necessary to constitute an independent ad hoc group to manage the project.

RESOLVED: That any rent increase for the land be resisted at this stage, given the problems with the site

72. WESTON CEMETERY EXTENSION.

Members considered the urgent need to provide an extension to the Cemetery which was nearing capacity for new interments.

The Borough Council owned a parcel of land which had been allocated for an extension and preliminary discussions had been held with Borough Councillor P Raynes. Councillor Raynes had agreed to meet representatives of the Parish Council on site and this meeting would take place shortly.

73. POLICE MATTERS

PC N Moore reported that there had been 2 incidents of crime and 2 of anti-social behaviour in the Parish in September.

Snape Lane continued to be monitored although no further incidents had been reported. The parking problems at Wychwood Village had also been addressed and some improvement had been achieved.

74. SPEEDWATCH SCHEME

Mr A Jeffries reported that M/s J Gordon, a trained Speedwatch volunteer, had offered to assist in holding sessions during the half term holiday.

75. HIGHWAYS MATTERS-MINOR HIGHWAY SCHEMES 2014/2015

Further to Minute Numbers 25, 41 and 57 it was reported that the Borough Council's decision as to which schemes were to be included in the programme had been deferred until 8th November 2013.

The Chairman reported that preliminary investigations had begun in Whites Lane.

76. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) The Council received, for information, the Minutes of the Planning Committee held 11th and 23rd July 2013.

(b) Local Plan update

The Chairman of the Planning Committee and Mr G Cook had attended a meeting of the Strategic Planning Board on 26th September. The Chairman of the Planning Committee had addressed the Board on behalf of the Parish Council.

A further 6 week Local Plan consultation period would be held from 5th November to 16th December.

A further meeting with the Leader of the Borough Council, Councillor M Jones and the Chief Planning Officer was to be arranged in an endeavour to gain clarification and assurances that the interests of the Parish would be safeguarded in the Local Plan with particular reference to Village A.

(c) Meeting with Under Secretary of State for Planning

The Chairman reported on a meeting with Nick Boles MP and Edward Timpson MP when those present were urged to support the Local Plan as part of the National Planning Policy Framework.

(d) HS2 Meeting

The Chairman reported on his attendance at a meeting of Parish Councils affected by the HS2 proposals.

Objections and comments could only be submitted using the established formal procedure. A Public Drop in Session was to be held on 13th and 14th December at the Crewe Alexandra Stadium.

RESOLVED: That the HS2 representatives be invited to attend the meeting of the Parish Council on 12th December and representatives of Doddington and District, Hough and Chorlton and Wybunbury Parish Councils also be invited.

77. LOCAL AREA MEETING ChALC

Councillors J Cornell reported on his attendance at this meeting held 2nd October 2013. There had been a robust discussion on planning matters with particular reference to the Local Plan.

Councillor Trevor Gill reported that training on using the Social Media was arranged for November and consideration had also been given to Health and Safety issues relating to home working.

78. WHITE LION CAR PARK

The Chairman reported that, following a recent meeting, the Borough Council had undertaken to provide an access from the Car Park to the footpath.

The School was to make a donation to the White Lion in consideration of parents using the Car Park. The surface of the Car Park had also been repaired by the Borough Council.

Members reported that a van was being parked on the footpath at Cemetery Road.

79. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor J Hammond reported on the timetable for the completion of the Local Plan which would include a review of Green Belt and Green Gap land. Details would be available on the Cheshire East web-site.

A survey of satisfaction levels for highways work was being carried out via the web-site. The Town and Parish Council Conference was to be held on 4th November 2013 in Alsager.

A meeting was to be held at Richmond Village Nantwich on 8th November 2013 to discuss loneliness and social isolation.

The Borough Council would be suspending its Garden Waste Collection Service during the winter months and consultations were to be held with a view to a reduction in Carbon emissions by reducing street lighting levels overnight on estate roads.

80. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor E Dickenson reported that the Grit Bin at Weston Lane Bridge had suffered fire damage and needed to be repaired or replaced before winter.

Councillor M Jones reported on damage to bollards at Hollymount/Back Lane.

Councillor J Cornell reminded Members of the Community Resilience Speed Training at Malbank School, Nantwich on 31st October 2013.

The Notice Board at Englesea Brook was in need of urgent attention to prevent further deterioration. The Notice Board at Wychwood needed to be re-glazed and moved into the curtilage of the Village Hall.

Councillor T Gill reported on his membership of the Wychwood Community Group Neighbourhood Watch Scheme where he would represent the Parish Council.

The Chairman reported the branches of an Oak tree were causing damage to the Church windows. The tree was subject to a Tree Preservation Order and located in a Conservation Area. The Clerk undertook to raise these matters with the Borough Council.

81. 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.

It was reported that a number of signs had been erected on the Country Park at Wychwood which residents wished to have removed. Whilst the signs were on private land the Parish Council undertook to support the residents.

It was reported that the Borough Council would not be providing Daffodil bulbs this year.

Notification had been received that there would be an interruption to electricity supplies on 31st October in Weston Village from 9am to 4.30pm to facilitate work on over-head supply lines. Over-grown vegetation and trees continued to present a danger to pedestrians using Snape Lane which was of particular concern as this was a route to School.

The condition of the carriageway surface at Smithy Lane/Main Road was in need of urgent repair.

The Clerk was requested to pursue these matters with the Borough Council.

82. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: That payments of accounts paid during the recess be approved as follows:-

Cheshire East Borough Council Supply of Agenda Strategic Planning Board	14.00*
D G Owen Salary 1 st September to 30 th September Stationery and Postages	513.90
D Williamson September Invoice	148.00
W Witter Additional rent for Allotments	200.00
W Witter Allotment Rent 1 st October to 31 st March 2014	1000.00
Councillor J Cornell Computer ink	49.98

*Note this cheque was issued on 20th September 2013

ITEMS TO BE REIMBURSED BY WYCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL

E-on Electricity	106.91
Croppers Grounds Maintenance March 2013	60.00
Croppers Grounds Maintenance July/Aug/Sept.	180.00

(b) INCOME

Further to the negotiations relating to the Allotment rent and water charges a cheque in the sum of £800 has been received from Agents acting on behalf of Mr W Witter.

83. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 14th November 2013

Chairman