

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD 16th OCTOBER 2014**

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

Councillors J Chamberlain, J Chambers, E Dickenson,
T. Eatough and J. Edwards

APOLOGIES Councillors M Jones L. Gill and T.Gill

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors J Clowes and J Hammond
PC N Moore
5 Local Residents

54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

55. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11TH SEPTEMBER 2014

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held 11th September 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

56. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Footpath-Wychwood Village

Further to Minute Number 18 (c) and 40(c) the grass on the verge which was obstructing the sightline of drivers had now been cut.

(b) Further to Minute Number 49 the tyres which had been left in Back Lane had been removed.

(c) Maintenance of Countryside Park-request for meeting with Cheshire East Officers

The Clerk reported that he had received a message that the requested meeting would be arranged as soon as possible.

(d) Maintenance of Road signs.

This matter had been raised with Cheshire East Council and the necessary work would be carried out in the near future.

57. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2013/2014

The Clerk reported on the external audit report on the accounts for the financial year to 31st March 2014

RESOLVED (a) That the external audit report on the accounts for the financial year to 31st March 2014 be received and noted.

(b) That Mr S Clough be re-appointed to act as internal auditor for 2014/2015.

58. CASUAL VACANCY BASFORD WARD

The Clerk reported on this vacancy caused by the resignation of former Councillor Gordon Cook. The vacancy would be advertised in accordance to statutory requirements and a further report submitted.

RESOLVED (a) That Councillor J Chambers be appointed to serve on the Planning Committee

(b) That Councillor J Edwards be appointed to serve on the Finance Committee.

(c) That Councillor J Chambers, having informed the Council of his wish to be removed from the Management Committee of Wychwood Village Hall, be thanked for his work on that Committee.

59. WYCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL LIGHTING

The Chairman reported on the need to improve the lighting in the Hall and for internal decoration to be carried out. The cost of the electrical work would be met by the Parish Council as owners of the building whilst the decoration costs would be met by the Management Committee.

RESOLVED: That the necessary arrangements be made for the work to be carried out.

60. POLICE MATTERS

PC. N. Moore reported that there had been 4 incidents of crime in the Parish and 4 incidents of anti-social behaviour in September.

61. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Planning Applications 14/0841N Spinney Drive

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that a site inspection was scheduled for 17th October 2014 prior to this application being considered by Committee.

(b) Local Plan-Examination in Public

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that he had participated on behalf of the Parish Council in the Examination discussion concerning the Green Belt. The Inspector had adjourned the hearing sessions scheduled for October to enable him to assimilate the dearth of representations received and to assess the soundness and legality of the Plan before proceeding

to Strategic Locations such as Basford East and West and the South Cheshire Growth Village. No indication had been given as to when these hearings would resume. The private sector had had a strong representation at the sessions whilst Weston and Basford had been the only Parish Council in the southern part of the Borough to participate in these hearings.

(c) Basford West Liaison Group

This Group had met and good progress was being made with the construction of the road from the second roundabout on the A500 Shavington bypass to the Cheshire Cheese.

62. MINOR HIGHWAYS SCHEMES

Further to Minute number 42, the Parish Council's proposals had been submitted to Cheshire East Council and the Vice Chairman was to attend the meeting when these were to be discussed.

63. STREET NAMING SUGGESTION SCHEME

The Parish Council considered an invitation from Cheshire East Council to make suggestions for street names.

This initiative was part of Cheshire East's pro-active approach to bring about greater recognition of residents who had made a significant contribution either within the community or their Country.

RESOLVED: That the names of the 5 local residents who had died in World War 1 and who were commemorated in All Saints Church be submitted.

64. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Hammond congratulated the Chairman of the Planning Committee on his representations at the Examination in Public. It was hoped that the Examination would resume in late November with the Plan being adopted in 2015

An announcement on the HS2 proposals was expected at the end of October.

The Borough Council Christmas close down would be from 24th December until 2nd January.

The list of highways schemes for 2015/2016 currently under consideration would be finalised early in 2015.

Discussions with the owner of 11 Cemetery Road were continuing and whilst some work had been completed other items remained to be done.

The 5 year housing supply figures had been updated.

The materials for the painting of the milestones and finger posts were available for collection from the Wardle Depot.

The Borough Council was in negotiations to arrange an energy tariff which would be available to residents.

Councillor J Clowes reported that the hedge on the A531 which was in need of cutting back had not yet been attended to and that the Council would carry out the work in default and recharge the land owners if necessary.

Further discussions were being held to secure the provision of Superfast Broadband in the Cabinet 7 area.

The proposed questionnaire regarding School Bus provision and related matters had been drafted and circulated for comment. This would also encompass parts of Hough and Chorlton Parish Council area.

65. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor J Edwards reported that parking problems continued at Wychwood Village and had been escalated by commercial vehicles being parked. PC Moore was asked if he could assist. It was anticipated that the construction work would be completed by the end of the year.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported on the problems of flooding on the road from Englesea Brook to Barthomley and Councillor J Cornell reported that this road was also being used by drivers as a short cut to avoid congestion on other routes.

Councillor E Dickenson reported that the gullies on Weston Lane had been cleared and Members expressed their concern that this work needed to be done on a regular basis to avoid future problems.

Councillor J Cornell reported that the cones covering damaged manhole covers on Main Road were still in place and that the necessary work had not been done. The hedge at Fourways/Piggins Bank needed to be cut back and the hedge on Cemetery Road adjacent to the new house was over-hanging the pavement.

The Chairman reported that a dead tree on Borough Council land at Snape Lane (adjacent to the Grit Bin) needed to be removed.

66. 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 regarding traffic congestion in the area and the problems caused by blocked gullies resulting in flooding.

The bushes in Snape Lane were in need of cutting.

Mr G Cook reported on his attendance at the Examination in Public and expressed concern regarding Green Gap issues.

The recently published Resilience Plan was discussed and concern was raised at the effect of a power cut on the implementation of the Plan. Councillor J Chambers was to attend a workshop to discuss the Plan and would raise this issue.

The question of the transportation of nuclear flasks through the area was discussed.

The haul road at Wychwood Village was still being used by buses needing to turn as a result of parking in the turning space. It was felt that notices should be displayed to deter drivers from parking.

67. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Authorisation of Payments

D G Owen Salary 1 st to 30 th September 2014	
Stationery and Office Allowances and Postage	659.81
Councillors J Cornell Travel costs- Examination in Public	58.80
D Williamson September Invoice	170.00
BDO LLP Audit Fee 2013/2014	276.00
Mrs A Witter-Allotment Rent	1000.00
HMRC-Tax collected	483.00

RESOLVED: That the payments be authorised.

68. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS – 13th NOVEMBER 2014, 4TH DECEMBER 2014

CHAIRMAN