

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

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

Councillors J Chamberlain, J Chambers, E Dickenson, S Edgar,  
J Edwards, T Gill and P Grant

**APOLOGIES** Councillors T. Eatough and L Gill

**IN ATTENDANCE** Councillor Hammond  
PC N Moore  
2 Local Residents

**69. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**70. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

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

**71. MATTERS ARISING.**

(a) Countryside Park Maintenance  
No further information had been received from Cheshire East Council.

(b) Weston Cemetery Expansion  
Discussions regarding the proposed land transfer were on-going and the hedge in the existing Cemetery would be removed in the New Year to facilitate the provision of additional plots.

**72. POLICE MATTERS**

PC N Moore reporter that there had been 4 incidents of crime and 1 of anti-social behaviour in the Parish in October.  
Repeated attempts to speak to the owner of the car parked in Main Road had proved unsuccessful and would continue.  
A new PCSO to serve in the Parish was in training and new volunteers for the Speedwatch Scheme were urgently required.

**73. PLANNING MATTERS**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on the progress with the Neighbourhood Plan. A meeting of the Steering Group had been held with Mr A Thomson in attendance.

Members expressed their thanks to all those who had contributed to the extensive workload generated in preparing the Plan, in particular John Chambers, Gordon Cook and Don Fanstone.

The application for grant aid from Locality had been submitted and approved and the grant from Cheshire East Council in the sum of £3500 had been received.

A meeting with Mr T Evans of Cheshire East Council had been arranged to discuss surveys and other reports being prepared to inform the plan.

The second questionnaire would be prepared for distribution early in 2016.

Councillor J Hammond reported that the programme for the Local Plan Examination in Public had been revised. The Inspector would be reporting his interim findings in December and consultations on additional Strategic sites, Green Gaps and overall housing numbers would now be held in mid-February 2016.

The Planning Chairman advised on the need for strong and united representations by the Crewe and Nantwich Area Meeting of ChALC, with professional representation, to press for the inclusion of adequate Green Belt and Green Gap provision in the Local Plan. This would be raised at the next Area Meeting to afford adequate time for Parish Councils to make budget provision.

The Housing and Planning Bill, currently before Parliament, appeared, in its present form, to make application for development more difficult to resist. This matter had been raised with Fiona Bruce MP by Mr A Thomson. A meeting was also being sought with Edward Timpson MP.

The Parish Council's Rule 6 statement on the Gladman appeal had been submitted.

Details of a proposed diversion of Footpath 11 (Basford) were considered and no objection was to be raised.

#### **74. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS**

Councillor J Clowes had sent her apologies and was unable to attend the meeting.

Councillor J Hammond reported that the Cheshire East pre-budget report indicated that the Council Tax support Grant may not be paid in 2016/2017.

The Crewe Green Link Road was scheduled to open in December. A meeting of the Liaison Committee was to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> November to provide an update on this and additional information regarding works on the M6. This would be attended by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Work to convert a section of the M6 to a Smart Motorway would begin in January 2016 and would necessitate closures and diversions at certain times.

Publicity was to be issued to residents to remind them of which items could be placed in the silver re-cycling bins. No bagged items were permitted in these bins.

A rolling programme to convert all street light from sodium to LED was in operation.

Planning Application 15/4224N for the demolition of existing units and construction of a new unit with associated work at Basford Old Creamery was being referred to Parish Councils for comment.

Road works would require the closure of Manchester Bridge in Crewe and a 3year programme for 20mph speed limit around schools was being introduced.

## **75. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor P Grant again 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. A site meeting with Highway Officers had been requested and would be held in the following week.

Councillor D Edgar reported on complaints of noise and non-compliance with working time constraints at the Old Basford Creamery.

Councillor E Dickenson reported that the footpath from Back Lane to Hough was impassable and requested that this be brought to the attention of the Footpaths Officer.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported that hedges in Snape Lane had not yet been cut.

Councillor J Chambers reported on the number of visits to the website. The Community Resilience Plan (issue 4) was nearing completion and would be ready for printing and circulation shortly.

Councillor J Cornell again expressed on concern at the condition of land at the rear of Clonbrin Englesea Brook Lane which the Clerk had reported to the Enforcement Officers. This would be urged with Cheshire East.

Councillor T Gill reported that various works had been undertaken to complete the Wychwood Village development and prepare the roads for adoption.

Councillor J Edwards reported on the Annual Meeting of the Wychwood Village Hall Committee. The committee remained unchanged with two additional volunteers to assist with opening and closing the building.

The Chairman reported on the need for hedge cutting at the Cemetery and Allotments site. A local contractor had been contacted to arrange for the work to be done.

## **76. 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

A resident expressed concern at the height and density of trees and bushes at Poppy Close adjacent to the School. The speed of vehicles in the area and parking problems were also causing concern.

It was reported that the southern part of the Borough had not been well represented at the Local Plan Examination in Public.

## **77. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **(a) Authorisation of Payments**

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen October Salary	
Stationery /Postage	721.08
D Williamson September Invoice	153.00
Cllr J Chambers-computer inks	56.50
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	40.00
Thomson Planning Partnerships Invoice	1671.15

### **(b) 2016/2017 Budget and Precept**

A meeting of the Finance Committee was to be arranged to enable Members to formulate recommendations for the 2016/2017 budget for consideration at the December meeting.

## **78. CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAY**

It was reported that Mr Graham Witter would be fundraising again at Christmas for the Donna Louise Children's Hospice.

He had increased the amount of lights from the previous year and had a full size sleigh with Santa visiting every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening.

## **79. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015 WHITE LION HOTEL, WESTON.**

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**CHAIRMAN**