

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD 8th NOVEMBER 2012

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

90. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

91. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11TH OCTOBER 2012

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th October 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment to Minute Number 83:-

‘Councillor Hammond reported that 11 Cemetery Road was the subject of intended Enforcement action should the owner fail to comply with requests for repairs within 21 days.

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

92. MATTERS ARISING

- (i) A500/A531 Roundabout-The damaged signage and general untidy condition of this roundabout had been reported to the Borough Council for attention and the new signs had been ordered.
- (ii) Passing Place signs Casey Lane-this matter had been reported to the Borough Council.
- (iii) A531 and A5020 Roundabouts-redundant lamp posts –this matter had been brought to the attention of the Borough Council.
- (iv) Over -hanging branches Snape Lane –this situation had been reported to the Borough Council and the danger to pedestrians using the Lane had been pointed out.

93. POLICE MATTERS

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

94. SPEEDWATCH SCHEME

Mr T Longstaff had sent his apologies and would submit a report to the December meeting.

RESOLVED: That Councillor T Gill be appointed to act as Parish Council Liaison Officer for the Speedwatch Scheme.

95. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Borough Councillor J Hammond reported that the pedestrian refuge on Main Road, Weston was scheduled for completion by the end of November.

The Parish Council's bid for Minor Highway Schemes for 2013/2014 had been successful with £10,000 being allocated for the scheme at Whites Lane and a further £10,000 being allocated for the provision of a footpath to access the bus stop at Wychwood Park (Minutes number 46 and 62 refer). Members expressed their thanks to Councillor Hammond for his support in these matters.

96. PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Duchy of Lancaster Proposals

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on these proposals and the potential impact they would have on both the local environment, the Green Gap and Green Belt and on the implications for the many local residents who were tenants of Duchy land.

Of particular concern was the scale of the proposals and degree of incursion into the Green Gap and Green Belt. Village A, which would have the greatest impact on Weston, would be 3 times the size of Wychwood Village and Wychwood Park combined. Along with the Basford scheme this would result in a continuous urban sprawl linking Weston with Crewe. Weston would totally lose its identity. The overall scheme would undoubtedly have a dramatic effect on the character of the communities which make up the Parish and border the A500 corridor. It seemed that the main driver behind the scheme was its ability to release funding to widen the A500 Barthomley link to Junction 16 on the M6. which was perceived as critical to the regeneration of Crewe.

Whilst the proposals were not the subject of a Planning Application at this stage they would be considered as part of the Local Plan consultations in early 2013.

The Chairman invited members of the Public and, in particular, Duchy tenants, to express their views on the proposals.

RESOLVED (a) That the Duchy of Lancaster proposals, as now detailed, be strenuously opposed and no discussions be held with the Duchy or its representatives at this stage.

(b) That adjoining Parish Councils be urged to support this Council in resisting the proposals and developing a joint approach to address the situation.

(c) That consideration be given to making financial provision in the 2013/2014 budget to enable Legal representation to be obtained if necessary.

(ii) Crewe Green Link Road (South)

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on discussions at the Committee relating to Application 12/4115N and on representations to be made to the Borough Council as detailed in the Minutes of the Planning Committee (8th November 2012).

97. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR

Councillor J Hammond reported that a survey was being conducted to ascertain satisfaction levels following the first year of the Highways Contract being awarded to Ringway Jacobs and urged the Parish Council to take part.

98. PARISH COUNCILLORS 'REPORTS

Councillor A E Dickenson reported that the grit bin at the Railway Bridge on Weston Lane had melted.

The Chairman invited Members to join him at the Remembrance Service in the Church on Sunday 11th November.

99. 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.

Concern was expressed at the volume of traffic passing through the area and the speed at which certain vehicles were travelling. The height of overhead electricity cables had been raised in some areas and it was feared that this may facilitate the use of local roads by larger and heavier vehicles.

100. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

D Williamson Lengthsman October 2012	200.00
D G Owen Salary October 2012	
Including postages	369.72
T Longstaff-stationery	13.47
Audit Commission Fee 2011/2012	342.00
D Fanstone- Room Hire Parish Plan meetings	26.80
D Fanstone -purchase of bulbs Autumn planting	60.00

101. ATTENDANCE AT AGM/CONFERENCE

(i) ChALC AGM 25th October 2012

The Chairman reported on this meeting with particular reference to resolutions relating to Planning.

(ii) Town and Parish Conference 7th November 2012

The Vice Chairman reported that this had been a useful meeting covering a range of topics and facilitating an exchange of views between the Authorities represented.

102. CORRESPONDENCE

Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council had extended an invitation to Members to attend the Launch of its Parish Plan on 13th November 2012.

There was to be a Public Consultation on the plans for Basford East on 29th November and Members were urged to attend.

103. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Due to a clash of dates it had been necessary to rearrange the next meeting to **MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER.**

CHAIRMAN