

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD 14th NOVEMBER 2013

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

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

APOLOGIES Councillor P Latham

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors J Clowes and J Hammond
P C N Moore

84. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

85. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 17th OCTOBER 2013

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th October 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to:-

- (a) The amendment of Minute Number 69 to refer to a 6 week Statutory Representation period.
- (b) The amendment of Minute Number 79 to read ' Councillor J Hammond reported that there would be a further consultation on the Local Plan from 5 November to 16 December. This would include a review of existing green belt and new proposals for green belt and strategic open gap'.

86. MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Damaged lamp posts Weston Hall and Wychwood Park/Village roundabouts.
The remaining work had not yet been carried out but was programmed for completion in November 2013.
- (b) Snape Lane-over-grown vegetation and trees.
This was to be the subject of a site meeting with a representative of the Borough Council's Highways staff.

87. WILDLIFE AMENITY AREA

Further to Minutes Numbered 55 and 71 the Parish Council considered progress in dealing with this area.
The rent increase requested by the Duchy of Lancaster, owners of the site, had not been agreed and as the site was a former tip a Contamination Report was required before any further action could be taken.

RESOLVED: That the site owners be informed of the situation and requested to take appropriate action.

88. WESTON CEMETERY EXTENSION.

Further to Minute number 72 the Chairman reported on meetings held with Borough Councillor P Raynes and Officers responsible for the management of Cemeteries.

It had been agreed that, initially, a further 12 burial plots would be provided by reducing the width of the central path and that a further 20 plots could potentially be accommodated, in the medium term, by removing the hedge on the inside of the boundary fence.

It would not be possible for these additional plots to be purchased in advance of being required for use.

The existing proposal for a Cemetery extension on Cheshire East land opposite the current Cemetery would remain as the long-term plan and its funding would be investigated as part of the Basford East plan.

89. POLICE MATTERS

PC N Moore reported that there had been no incidents of crime and 1 of anti-social behaviour in the Parish in October.

The Grit bin in Snape Lane had been taken and the area remained under surveillance.

PC Moore was asked to give special attention to Jack Lane.

90. SPEEDWATCH SCHEME

Mr A Jeffery reported that one session had been held since the last meeting.

91. HIGHWAYS MATTERS-MINOR HIGHWAY SCHEMES 2014/2015

Further to Minute Numbers 25, 41 and 57 it was reported that the schemes submitted for inclusion in the 2014/15 programme would be considered by the Crewe LAP on 25th November.

92. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that the Local Plan consultation document had not yet been received and that he had met with Borough Councillor M Jones and Mr A Fisher, Head of Planning to express the Parish Council's concerns at the level of the proposals in the Parish.

Mr Fisher had agreed to meet with the Chairman on site in order to ascertain the impact which the development proposals, in particular Village A, would have on the area, its residents and infrastructure.

The Chairman outlined the Parish Council's proposed strategy to be pursued with Cheshire East Borough Council in relation to Village A and this was unanimously endorsed.

A special Open Meeting would be arranged in early December to enable residents to be appraised of the contents of the Consultation Document and the work of the Parish Council in responding to the proposals.

93. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor J Clowes reported that a refusal of planning permission for a proposed development at Pitt Lane Hough was now the subject of appeal.

The Health and Wellbeing scrutiny had revealed a higher than average life expectancy for both men and women living in this area despite certain area being classified as having high levels of social deprivation. Details of the scrutiny were on the Cheshire East web-site.

The condition of the carriageway from the Weston roundabout to the Broughton Arms had not been improved and this was being pursued.

Councillor J Hammond reported that the Local Plan consultation document would be available on Friday 15th November. The consultation period extended from 5th November to 16th December. The Borough Council's 5 year plan for housing land availability had been challenged and a target of 9000 dwellings had been set.

The Borough Council would be closing over the Christmas and New Year period.

94. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor A E Dickenson reported that some of the street lights on Weston Lane were on during the day and others were dim.

Councillor J Chambers reported in detail on his attendance at the Community Resilience Speed Training event on 31st October. This had been most useful and informative including presentations by various organisations. He was to carry out a review of the Parish Council's plan and hoped to be involved in the proposed table-top exercise to test a plan.

Councillor Chambers reported on the number of visits to the Parish web-site and the pages viewed.

Councillor J Cornell reported that the Grit Bin in Snape Lane had been stolen. He requested a replacement bin as a matter of urgency.

Councillor T Gill reported that the Notice Board at Wychwood had been removed for repair and would be re-sited within the curtilage of the Hall once completed.

The final phase of the Bovis development was underway with the compound area being developed. The works would be completed in March/April 2014 following which the roads could be adopted by the Borough Council.

Councillor L Gill spoke about the suspension of the Green Waste collection service. The final collection had been made on 4th November which was too early and presented problems for many residents, particularly those unable to transport their garden waste to the tip.

The Clerk was requested to bring these comments to the attention of the Borough Council.

95. 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 the potholes in Smithy Lane had now been repaired.
The suspension of the Green Waste scheme was further discussed with concern being expressed at the length of time which would expire before the scheme resumed.

The Local Plan proposals would allocate a disproportionate number of new dwellings in the south of the Borough which would be detrimental to the quality of life of residents of the Parish.

96. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

D G Owen Salary 1 st October to 31 st October	
Stationery and Postages	554.90
D Williamson October Invoice	136.00
CVS Cheshire East Payroll Services October 2013-March 2014	48.00
Newbrook Engineering (Crewe) Ltd-Drain covers Wychwood Village Hall	336.00
Royal Mail – Business response service	00.82

ITEMS TO BE REIMBURSED BY WYCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL

E-on Electricity	70.22
United Utilities	29.96

INCOME

A cheque in the sum of £1000 had been received from the Allotments Group in respect of rent for the period 1st October 2013 to 31st March 2014.

97. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- (a) Finance Committee- 28th November 2013 7.30pm
- (b) Parish Council-12th December 2013-7.30pm

Chairman