

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**HELD 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillors J Chamberlain, J Chambers, E Dickenson, T. Eatough and J. Edwards, M Jones and T.Gill
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Councillors J Cornell and L. Gill
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Councillor J Hammond PC N Moore 16 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 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**71. CASUAL VACANCY –BASFORD WARD**

Further to Minute Number 58 the Clerk reported that this vacancy had been advertised in accordance with statutory requirements and a further report would be submitted.

**72. MATTERS ARISING**

(a) Maintenance of Countryside Park-request for meeting with Cheshire East Officers  
This matter had been raised with the Borough Council and a further response was awaited.

(b) Maintenance of Road signs.  
The Borough Council had been requested to carry out the necessary work.

(c) Minor Highways schemes 2015/2016  
Further to Minute number 42, the Parish Council's proposals had been submitted to Cheshire East Council and the Vice Chairman attended the meeting when these were discussed.  
The Vice Chairman had met with Mr D Chan of the Highways Department to discuss proposals.

(d) Gullies  
The Gulley Pump had been in use in the Parish and some of the blocked gullies, including the one in Main Road, had been cleared.

(e) Damaged manhole covers on Main Road

This matter had been brought to the attention of the Borough Council and BT and the replacement covers had been fitted.

(f) Hedge at Fourways/Piggins Bank and Cemetery Road

Inspections of overgrown and overhanging hedges had been carried out and owners were to be requested to carry out the necessary work. Where this was not done the Borough Council would act in default and recharge the owners.

(g) Dead tree on Borough Council land at Snape Lane (adjacent to the Grit Bin) and overgrown bushes.

This matter had been reported to the Borough Council.

### **73. POLICE MATTERS**

PC. N. Moore reported that there had been 4 incidents of crime in the Parish and 1 incident of anti-social behaviour in October.

Parking problems on Wychwood Village continued to be monitored and the questionnaire had been sent out for return by 21<sup>st</sup> November.

In response to a question regarding levels of crime PC Moore advised that many incidents were as a result of insecure property or valuable items being left on view in motor vehicles and that many crimes were opportunistic.

### **74. PLANNING MATTERS**

#### **(a) Local Plan**

It was reported that the Inspector had suspended his examination of the Local Plan and, at this stage, there was no clear indication of the date on which the examination would resume.

#### **(b) Gladman Developments Ltd**

Notification had been received that Gladman Developments were canvassing the views of residents with a view to submitting a Planning Application to erect 100 new houses on land off East Avenue Weston.

A letter had been prepared for circulation to advise residents of the situation and on the most appropriate response should they wish to oppose the development.

Mr S Edgar had established a Protest Group and would be advising residents to follow the advice of the Parish Council in responding to the Developer.

#### **(c) HS2 Protected Route**

HS2 Ltd was currently consulting owners of property affected by the route of HS2. Full details were available on their website.

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

Councillor J Hammond reported that improvement works had begun at J17 M6 and that HS2 had announced its intention to provide a Station at Crewe.

The Cheshire East website had details of the Fairer Power Scheme which was intended to enable residents to obtain energy at preferential rates.

Cheshire Fire and Rescue was currently consulting on its draft plan for 2015/2016 'Making Cheshire Safer'.

Cheshire East had issued details of its 5 year housing supply and a survey of customer satisfaction with Highway Services was being carried out.

Councillor J Clowes was not in attendance but had reported that all Questionnaires regarding the upgrade of BT Cabinet 7 for High Speed Broadband had been delivered. A further seven businesses had been identified and this information has been forwarded to the Connecting Cheshire Team.

All Questionnaires regarding School Transport had been delivered to Wychwood Village (a modified version had also been distributed to Wychwood Park which is being supported by Hough & Chorlton Parish Council)

These were to be returned by the end of November, the information would be collated and a short report prepared for the Parish Council and other partners prior to a public meeting.

## **76. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor T Gill reported that building works at Wychwood Village were nearing completion with the Contractors expected to be off site by the end of December. The haul road had been dug up and top soil was ready to be laid, landscaping would be carried out and the footpath extended.

Councillor J Edwards asked about the replacement Maureen Campbell bench which was to be delivered and fitted in the following few days. It was anticipated that the formal adoption of the Highways would take place in 2015.

Councillor T Eatough asked about Broadband coverage and speeds available.

Councillor J Chambers presented the figures for visits to the website and reported on his attendance at the Workshop on the Resilience Plan .He had shared the Council's Plan with other Parishes and, following a question form Members had established that Cheshire East had Raynet which would ensure communication in the event of loss of power to its normal telephone system.

The Chairman asked, the Lengthsman, Mr D Williamson, to repair the street name sign in Cemetery Road.

## **77. 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.

It was reported that bore holes had been dug on the former Golf Club site. The Borough Council's Gully Pump had been operating in the Parish and the gullies on Main Road were now clear.

Problems were being experienced in Cemetery Road due to parked vehicles obstructing the Bus. PC N Moore undertook to visit the area and it was suggested that bollards be provided to deter parking on the grass verges and to stop vehicles 'cutting the corner'

## **78. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **(a) Finance Committee**

(a) Minutes of the Finance Committee at its meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014

**RESOLVED:** (a) That the Minutes of the Finance Committee be approved and the recommendations be adopted.

(b) That the precept for 2015/2016 be set at £20300

### **(b) Authorisation of Payments**

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

Mr D G Owen Salary 1 <sup>st</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2014 Including office expenses, telephone and internet	667.83
Mr D Williamson Lengthsman	140.25
Councillor J Chambers Travel	7.35
Thomson Planning Partnership Ltd	300.00
R J Shaw-Electrical work/ Decorating Wychwood Village Hall	850.48
T N Robinson Ltd Electrical Goods-Wychwood Village Hall	665.72
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Donation	50.00
D G Owen-Printing Gladman Letters	57.60
Second Life Products Wales Bench Seat (Minute Number 34 refers) *The payment for this item was required with the order and the cheque had been issued.	555.60*

### **(c) Income**

A cheque in the sum of £1000 had been received from the Allotments Group to reimburse the Parish Council for the rent.

The sum of £426.37 had been received from HMRC for refund of VAT.

**79. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk to reported on correspondence with Mrs B Bourne regarding the speed of vehicles on Main Road and the condition of the former Conservation Area-now the responsibility of the Duchy of Lancaster. PC Moore undertook to enquire as to the possibility of the mobile Speed Indication Device being used in the area and any other enforcement action.

**80. DATE OF FUTURE MEETING- 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2014**

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CHAIRMAN