

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
8th DECEMBER 2015

PRESENT	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillor J Cornell (Vice-Chairman) Councillors E Dickenson, S Edgar, L. Gill, T Gill and P Grant
APOLOGIES	Councillors J Chamberlain, J Chambers T. Eatough and J Edwards
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillors J Clowes, J. Hammond and D Marren PC. N Moore and PCSO. S Watson 7 Local Residents

80. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

81. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12th NOVEMBER 2015

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

82. MATTERS ARISING.

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

(b) Weston Cemetery Expansion
The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had met with representatives of ORBITAS regarding the proposed land transfer and a further meeting was to be arranged.
The hedge in the existing Cemetery would be removed in the New Year to facilitate the provision of additional plots.

83. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Members were pleased to welcome Susannah Collins who spoke about her work in association with Cheshire Community Action to assist rural communities and support the development of Community Hubs to assist residents to access services.

84. PLANNING MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(a) **Minutes of Planning Committee held 21st May and 30th November 2015**
The Parish Council received, for information, the Minutes of the Planning Committee.

(b) The Clerk reported receipt of a petition signed by 30 residents of Englesea Brook and volunteers at Englesea Brook Chapel requesting the Parish Council to urge Cheshire East Council to take action to remedy the unsightly and unkempt land at the rear of Clonbrin Englesea Brook.

The necessary work had now been carried out.

(c) M6 Smart Motorway-traffic Diversions

Members considered the effect of the closure of the M6 on roads in the Parish.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had met with representatives of Cheshire East Council to discuss the over-night closures of the M6 and the diversion routes.

The Crewe Green Link Road was scheduled to open on 21st December 2015.

(d) Report of the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

The Local Plan inspector's interim statement was awaited and the Neighbourhood Plan grants had now been received. Cheshire East Council was undertaking work which would be used in the formulation of the Plan.

A letter was being prepared by ChALC inviting Parishes to contribute financially to enable joint representation at the Examination in Public when cross border issues were under discussion.

A meeting had been held with Edward Timpson MP regarding the provisions of the Housing and Planning Bill. Mr Timpson had agreed to ask a question to the Minister regarding Neighbourhood Plans.

85. CLEANING OF ROAD SIGNS

Cheshire East Council was preparing a programme for clearing and cleaning road signs in the Borough and the Parish Council had been invited to identify signs for inclusion.

Members were requested to inform the Clerk of any signs which needed to be included in the programme.

86. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported that she had called in Planning Application 15/422N-Basford Old Creamery.

Discussions with the Enforcement Officer had revealed that, at this stage, enforcement action was not appropriate to secure an improvement in the Countryside Park maintenance.

Councillor Clowes was preparing her response to Planning Application 14/5671N-Haddon Properties.

Councillor J. Hammond reported that the Local Plan would be subject to a 6 weeks consultation period following its submission to Council in February 2016.

Andrea Bickerton had assumed responsibility for Highways matters previously undertaken by Mr P Grocott. Members were pleased to hear that Mr Grocott was making good progress.

The Government had announced plans to open a 43-mile section of the HS2 high-speed rail link between Birmingham and Crewe in 2027, six years earlier than originally planned.

Government funding was available for defibrillators to be placed in external locations

Warning signs were to be sited in Snape Lane and Back Lane as part of the Minor Highways Scheme Programme. The list of schemes was to be updated with projects costing in excess of £10,000 being removed. These projects would then be funded from S106 monies.

Road works on the A5020 would take place from 9th December.

A site visit to Mere Road was to be held as soon as possible.

The Strategic Planning Board would be considering Application 15/1537N - Land at Basford East, Crewe on 16th December. The Chairman of the Planning Committee would attend and speak on behalf of the Parish Council.

87. POLICE MATTERS

PC N Moore introduced PCSO Scott Watson who would be working in the Parish. There had been 3 incidents of crime and 2 of anti-social behaviour in the Parish in November.

PCSO Watson would be visiting Poppy Close to assist with problems in the area. It had not, at this stage, been possible to contact the owner of the car parked in Main Road but efforts would continue.

88. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor P Grant reported on initial investigations by Highways Officers into the traffic problems at Cemetery Road and Whites Lane (Minute Number 75 refers).

There had been reports of rats in the Spinney Drive area possibly due to unkempt land and a possible collapsed drain which had resulted in a depression in the carriageway. This would be raised with Cheshire East Council.

Councillor E Dickenson expressed appreciation of ANSA in removing a dead badger.

Councillor J Cornell reported flooding problems in Englesea Brook emanating from surface water entering the highway outside No 2 Chapel Cottages.

Councillor T Gill reported that holes in the pavements at Wychwood Village had been filled but some street lights were not yet working. The gate to Wychwood Village Hall had not been replaced.

Councillor L Gill reported that the Contractors had almost completed their work on site.

89. 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 street light was out in Smithy Lane and PC Moore offered to report this along with others which had been brought to his attention.

A pedestrian footpath was required to be defined in Whites Lane opposite the Nursery.

The hedge in Snape Lane had been cut back but work to clear the footpath was still required.

The provision of H markings on carriageways was discussed. This had been raised with Cheshire East Council and the work would cost approximately £200 per dwelling to be funded by the householder. (Minute Number 62 refers).

90. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Minutes of Finance Committee 30th November 2015.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Finance Committee held 30th November 2015 be approved and the level of precept for 2016/2017 be held at the current year's level of £20,300.

(b) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen November Salary/Expenses	682.77
D Williamson November Invoice	153.00
J Cornell Computer Inks	55.98
All Saints Church, Weston-internet contribution	89.40
R J Shaw Work to provide stile at Snape Lane	170.05

91. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 14th JANUARY 2016

CHAIRMAN