

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD 10th DECEMBER 2012

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

104. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

105. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8TH NOVEMBER 2012

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th November 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

106. MATTERS ARISING

(i) A500/A531 Roundabout-The damaged signage and general untidy condition of this roundabout has now been rectified.

(ii) Passing Place signs Casey Lane – this matter had been reported to the Borough Council but the necessary work had not been done.

iii) Roundabouts-A531 (Weston Hall) and Wychwood Village/Wychwood Park-redundant lamp posts –this matter has been brought to the attention of the Borough Council and Members expressed the view that the lights should be replaced.

(iv) Overhanging branches Snape Lane –this matter had been reported to the Borough Council but remained outstanding.

107. POLICE MATTERS

Pc N Moore reported that there had been no incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour in the Parish in November.

Parking at the School continued to be a source of concern and was being monitored for further action if necessary.

Parking at Wychwood Village was also affecting the School Bus and was receiving attention.

108. SPEEDWATCH SCHEME

Mr T Longstaff reported that since October 2012 a further 7 sessions had been held and 71 vehicles reported for exceeding the speed limit.

Since the inception of the scheme in 2009, 4584 warning letters had been issued by the Police and a meeting was to be held to review the operation of the scheme over the 4year period.

The views of Volunteers had been sought on the possible purchase of Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) by the Parish Council. It was generally felt that pole-mounted mobile units would best meet the needs of the Scheme and Intelligent SIDs which would record times and speeds would be most suitable.

PC Moore reported on his involvement with Haslington Parish Council which had recently purchased similar equipment. This matter was included for consideration as part of the 2013/2014 budget process.

109. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Pedestrian Refuge at Main Road opposite the bus stop had now been substantially completed; however the Street Lighting column had not yet been installed.

110. PLANNING MATTERS

(i) The Parish Council received, for information, the Minutes of Planning Committee held 13th September 2012

(ii) Crewe Green Link Road

The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor J Cornell, reported on his attendance at the Cheshire East Strategic Planning Board on 6th December when it had been decided to review the access arrangements for the proposed Borrow Pit as requested by the Parish Council.

(iii) Duchy of Lancaster Proposals

Two meetings had been held with Councillor M Jones, Leader of the Borough Council and representatives of the Parish Council had attended the Strategic Planning Board on 6th December which had considered the Local Plan. The Draft Local Plan now incorporated a slightly modified version of the Duchy Proposals. The Local Plan would be subject to Public Consultation from mid - January to late February 2013. A Special Meeting of ChALC would be held in early February to consider likely Parish Council responses to the Draft Local Plan.

Hough Parish Council had expressed its full support for this Council's efforts to oppose the Duchy of Lancaster Proposals.

(iv) Basford East Development

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that the Public Exhibition held by Spawforths had been well attended and that there would be a report to the Parish Council on issues raised as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: - (a) that a Working Group comprising the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillors J Chamberlain and T Gill, Mr G Cooke, Mr D Fanstone and the Clerk to the Council be established to consider, in depth, the Local Plan proposals prior to a meeting with Councillor M Jones in January.

(b) That a Special Meeting of the Parish Council be held in mid-January to provide an opportunity for residents to be appraised of the situation at that stage and to gain a measure of resident feeling in relation to the Duchy Proposals.

(c) That a Flyer be produced and circulated to all households to invite to attend the Special Meeting.

111. 2013/2014 PRECEPT

(i) Minutes of Finance Committee held 22nd November 2012

(ii) Dispensations for Setting the Precept.

The Clerk reported that all Members of the Parish Council (with the exception of Councillor T Eatough-currently on approved absence) had, in accordance with Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011, made written requests in the prescribed form requesting the necessary Dispensation to take part in the debate and vote on the Parish Precept. The exemption would last 4 years from the date of this meeting.

RESOLVED: (a) That the Minutes of the Finance Committee at its meeting held 22nd November 2012 be approved and the recommendations be accepted.

(b) That all Members be granted the Dispensation as requested.

112. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Hammond reported on the Street Lighting Carbon Reduction Scheme and its effect on the area. Full details were available on the Borough Council's web-site.

The Borough Council's Highway budget was to be increased over the following 3 years to address problems with carriageway conditions and facilitate resurfacing work.

The Planning Application at Rope Lane, Shavington which would affect the Green Gap and had previously been refused by the Borough Council had been granted on appeal. Legal advice was being sought with a view to this decision being challenged.

Councillor Hammond reported on the current situation regarding bringing 11 Cemetery Road back into good repair.

Councillor J Clowes reported on the on-going problems with the School Buses and parking at Wychwood Village. The Chairman invited local residents present at the Meeting, to explain their concerns particularly for the safety of children waiting for the Buses.

Discussions had been held with the Developers on various aspects of the problem, particularly the Haul Road which would cease to exist once development is complete in approximately 16 months time. The Minor Highways Scheme made provision for footpath access to the Bus Stop and it was felt that the most satisfactory solution would be a Lay-by on the Village side of the road to be accessed by a footpath. Councillor T Gil reported that the Golf Club had erected a sign reminding drivers that their Car Park was for Members' use only.

Councillor Clowes reported a Level 3 Warning of severe weather for the week and reminded Members of the Borough Council's Web-site which offered advice on 'Winter Warmth'.

113. 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 problems were being experienced due to parking in restricted areas around the Church and PC Moore undertook to visit the area and take appropriate action.

The wooden footpath sign at Main Road/Cemetery Road was broken and in need of attention.

Residents were reminded of the facility to report faulty Street Lights using the Cheshire East website.

Mr A Jeffries was thanked for his work in planting the Daffodil bulbs in Basford.

114. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Mr D Williamson Lengthsman	140.00
Mr D Williamson outstanding account for work to signs August 2011	59.00
Mr D G Owen Salary 1 st November to 30 th November Including stationery and postages	389.17
Councillor M Jones-refreshments 20 th November 2012	35.49
W T Morton & Son Boiler repairs Wychwood Village Hall * *this account had already been paid (cheque 001166) and the amount, net of VAT, has been reimbursed by the Village Hall	425.17
Councillor J Cornell-stationery	34.98
Cropper Ground Maintenance	60.00

115. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

FINANCE COMMITTEE – MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2012 7.00

This meeting will review the proposed budget for 2013/14 and make recommendations on the level of precept.

PARISH COUNCIL– THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY 2013 7.30

The Agenda for this meeting will include an item requiring the Parish Council to set the precept for 2013/2014

CHAIRMAN