

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD 12th DECEMBER 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

98. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

99. FORMER COUNCILLOR DAVID BRIDDON

The Chairman reported, with regret, the death of Mr David Briddon who had been a Member of the Parish Council for over 10 years and during which time he had also served as Chairman. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

100. HS2 PROPOSALS

The Chairman welcomed Mr Terry Stafford, Community and Stakeholder Manager – Phase Two (HS2) Ltd. and colleagues who gave a presentation on the proposals, answering questions from Members and the public.

There was to be a Public Consultation Exercise at the Crewe Alexandra Stadium on Friday and Saturday 13th and 14th December which would provide an opportunity to ask detailed questions.

101. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14TH NOVEMBER 2013

RESOLVED: That Minutes of the meeting held 14th November 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

102. MATTERS ARISING

Damaged lamp post Weston Hall roundabout.
The Borough Council had carried out further work on the Roundabout and the remaining work was programmed for week commencing 16th December 2013.

103. WILDLIFE AMENITY AREA

The Chairman reported on a meeting with representatives of the Duchy of Lancaster when it had been indicated that the Duchy was not willing to fund an Environmental Report. Should the Parish Council wish to terminate the Lease of the land 3 months' notice would be required.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the termination of the Lease be deferred to the January meeting.

104. WESTON CEMETERY EXTENSION

Further to Minutes Numbers 72 and 88 it was reported that work had begun to provide the additional burial plots.

105. POLICE MATTERS

PC. N. Moore reported that there had been 2 incidents of crime in the Parish in November and 1 of anti-social behaviour.

Parking problems at Wychwood Village had been resolved by the use of the car park of the former Golf Club which was being blocked off at night.

The problem of fly-tipping at Snape Lane was being kept under review and a request to block the footpath access on to the Gorsty Hill Golf Course Site adjacent to the bridge over the link road to the A531 had been declined to avoid tipping on the Highway.

Some repair work had been carried out to improve the surface of the carriage way at Jack Lane. The grit bin at Snape Lane had been replaced.

Members considered the proposed new footway, A531 Newcastle Road/ Wychwood Park. Borough Councillor J Clowes reported that no progress had been made with this scheme. A 6 week consultation period would be required before any work could be carried out. A further meeting would be arranged with residents and the Parish Council. Schools Transport would be consulted regarding the size of the School Bus with a view to a smaller vehicle being used. Members felt that measures to prevent vehicles mounting the grass verge would also be helpful.

106. SPEEDWATCH

Mr A Jeffrey reported that 2 sessions had been held with the assistance of Mr D Tew of the Shavington Speedwatch Team.

Police and Crime Commissioner, John Dwyer, had given details of the possibility of match funding for community projects which could possibly be used to finance portable speed signs. Warmingham Parish Council had acquired some equipment and the Clerk was asked to obtain further information.

107. HIGHWAYS MATTERS-Minor Highway Schemes Programme 2014/2015

Borough Councillor J Hammond reported that the Whites Lane project would be fully funded under the programme but that there were insufficient funds to include the provision of posts for speed cameras.

108. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) The Parish Council received, for information, the Minutes of the Planning Committee held 14th November 2013.

(b) Local Plan update

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on the Open Meeting held on 9th December 2013 which had been well attended and had included residents representing a large cross section of the Parish. This meeting had unanimously supported the Parish Council's approach in relation to the Local Plan.

Copies of the Parish Council's formal response to the Pre-Submission Core Strategy Consultation were circulated to members of the Parish Council

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council's response, as set out in the Appendix to these Minutes, be approved and that the contents be included on the Parish Council's Web Site.

109. REPORTS OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported that the Crewe Lifestyle Centre would be built on the Christ Church Car Park and would contain a new Library. Consultations would be held early in 2014 with a view to construction beginning in April with an 18 month build period.

Details of the Winter Wellbeing Programme were available on the Cheshire East web-site.

Councillor J Hammond reported on the amendment to the Garden Waste Scheme in response to comments received.

An Art Exhibition was to be held at Crewe Hall until 3rd January 2014

The Care and Repair Scheme was designed to assist older and disabled residents with repairs and adaptations to enable them to keep safe, warm and independent in their homes. Full details were to be found on the web-site.

110. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor E Dickenson reported on the need for Weight Restriction Orders to prevent Heavy Goods Vehicles using Casey Lane and Back Lane areas. This would require consideration by the Borough Council and could possibly be undertaken as part of the Whites Lane project.

Councillor M Jones reported that a large amount of hedge cuttings had been deposited on the road from Casey Lane Bridge to Weston Road Bridge. The Clerk was requested to raise this matter with Agents for the Co-Op.

Councillor J Chambers reported that the Street name sign was missing from Spinney Drive. The Grit Bin at Mere Road had been filled but the one at Millbeck Close had not. The date for the review of the Community Resilience Plan had been extended to 14th March 2014.

111. 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

Mr G Cook referred to the site meeting with Highways staff to consider problems at Snape Lane which was to be arranged.

Problems were arising with the 85 Bus Service (Crewe to Hanley) which had been operated using an Airport style bus which had insufficient seating capacity at busy times. In winter months this service was often cancelled due to bad weather in Staffordshire and could be replaced to serve the Parish by extending the Number 1 route. The Clerk undertook to raise these issues with D & G Buses.

112. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Finance Committee

RESOLVED: That consideration of the Minutes of the Finance Committee at its meeting held 28th November 2013 be deferred to the January meeting.

(b) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen Salary 1st November to 31st November 2013	
Stationery and Postages	540.27
Cowdalls Printers Ltd-Leaflets for Open Meeting	65.00
D Williamson November Invoice	199.00
Councillor J Chambers – Travel	6.86
D G Owen-purchase of ink cartridges	75.96
R J Shaw-Notice Board, Wychwood	159.80

(b) Income

A cheque in the sum of 1218.57 had been received from Wychwood Village Hall Committee in settlement of accounts paid by the Parish Council.

113. CREWE TOWN POST OFFICE

The Post Office had announced that it would host a customer forum on the proposed relocation of Crewe Town Post Office at Crewe Library on Monday 16 December from 16:30
It was intended to move Crewe Town Post Office from its current location to create a modern open-plan branch with extended opening hours at W H Smith, Victoria Centre, Crewe.
A six-week public consultation started on November 20.

114. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9th JANUARY 2014

CHAIRMAN