

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING**  
**HELD 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 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, P Latham and M Jones

**135. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**136. LOCAL PLAN**

The Chairman welcomed local residents to the Special Meeting.

The Vice Chairman made a presentation setting out the requirement for a Local Plan which, once approved, would be used as a basis for determining Planning Applications until 2030. This would replace the Local Plans which had been approved by those Authorities which served the area prior to the Local Government re-organisation of 2009 which introduced Cheshire East Borough Council. The Borough Council was required to comply with the National Planning Policy framework and to identify sufficient land to accommodate housing development for a 5 year period.

The Parish Council had established a small working Group of Parish Councillors and local residents to consider its approach to the Draft Local Plan and this group had met with Councillor M Jones, Leader of the Borough Council, to discuss its initial concerns on certain aspects of the Plan. The matter was also under consideration by the Cheshire Association of Local Councils (Chalc) to establish areas of common interest between adjacent Parishes.

Following the presentation the Chairman invited local residents to give their views on the proposed Plan and its implications for the Parish.

The following areas were highlighted:-

Increased traffic both through the Parish and generated by addition residential development

The demand for additional educational provision both at Primary and Senior School level

The need for sufficient Medical facilities

The need to maintain the Green Belt/Green Gap to avoid the Parish being merged with both neighbouring Parishes and Crewe.

The Chairman reminded residents of the need for them to make their comments direct to the Borough Council by 26<sup>th</sup> February, either using the web-site or in writing.

A summary of the main points covered in the presentation were to be posted on the web site and in all Parish Notice Boards.

**137. HIGH SPEED RAIL LINK HS2**

Residents expressed their concern at the possible effects of this new link on the Parish and it was reported that the Leader of the Borough Council had offered to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the newly announced proposals.

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CHAIRMAN