

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REMOTE MEETING
14th JANUARY 2021

PRESENT Councillor J Densem (Chairman)

Councillors A Broome, J Chamberlain, J Chambers, J Cornell, S Edgar,
A Kiddie, S Gladden, K Narey and H Neal-Squire

APOLOGIES Councillor L Gill

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Clowes
1 member of the public.

68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

69. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10TH DECEMBER 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of this meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the amendment of minute number 62 to refer to Openreach not outreach.

70. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Issues in Englesea Brook

Councillor J Cornell reported that Cheshire East Council had completed the unblocking of the soak-aways, gullies and grids which were now working satisfactorily.

An indication had been received from Openreach that there were no plans to connect properties in Englesea Brook to the high speed broadband being provided in the area. This matter would be subject to further discussions. Councillor J Clowes said that Cheshire Connect may be able to help and details of businesses operating in the area would be required.

(b) Footpaths

There was no report on footpaths.

(c) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Councillor S Gladden reported on enquires which were on-going with a view to re-establishing a Neighbourhood watch Scheme. Volunteers would be needed and these could possibly be recruited using Next Door.

71. POLICE MATTERS

No report had been received.

72. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on training sessions for Planning Committee members.

A meeting had been held with representatives of Bloor Homes regarding their proposals for the South Cheshire Growth village. The period for consultation had been extended to the end of February 2021. A leaflet had been circulated to local residents and a further meeting with the developers was planned prior to an outline planning application being submitted.

73. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported on the current figures relating to Corona Virus in the area. The vaccination programme was proceeding in accordance to the priority list. Cheshire Fire and Rescue staff were assisting with testing. The testing kits supplied for schools use were to be used to test food manufacturing and store personnel.

The Local Transport Delivery Plan and Parking consultations would close on 31st January 2021.

An incident of fly tipping in Casey lane had been reported to Cheshire East Council.

A hole by the verge on Newcastle Road (Wychwood Park side) had also been reported.

Councillor S Edgar reported on the progress with the Boundary review consultation and on a Working Group meeting to be held in February 2021.

Councillor S Gladden referred to the arrangements for children who would normally receive free school meals and assistance to vulnerable adults.

Councillor A Kiddie reported on the provision of vouchers for those families from 18th January 2021.

74. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor J Chambers reported that the grit bins in Millbeck Close had been filled twice recently.

The condition of 11 Cemetery Road had again been brought to the attention of Cheshire East Council and this would be raised again. Councillor Clowes reported on provisions enabling additional council tax to be charged on properties left empty for 10 years or more.

Councillor A Kiddie reported that the street sign at the junction of Millbeck Close and Cemetery Road was damaged and thanked Councillor K Narey for his help in distributing leaflets.

Councillor S Gladden reported on an area of water-logged ground that was having an adverse effect on an adjacent property.

Councillor H Neal-Squire reported that the new notice board at Wychwood Village was now in place. This would be looked after by Councillor S Gladden.

Members expressed their appreciation to Councillor K Narey who had cleaned off the graffiti on the bus shelter.

Councillor A Broome referred to the e-mail message received from a resident regarding the Cycle Path from Crewe Station to Weston (LCWIP Cycle Route 9). This message had been acknowledged.

The Chairman and Councillor J Cornell reported on the naming of roads on the East Avenue development. It had been intended that the main spine road through the development was to be called John Hammond Way but this road had been called East Avenue and a small cul-de-sac had been named after John Hammond.

The name of Joseph Wood had also been submitted and this had not been included. At this stage it was not possible to identify which names had been allocated to which roads and a plan was required.

It was hoped that when roads in the South Cheshire Growth Village were named the Parish Council's views would be taken into account.

75. OPEN FORUM-QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

In accordance with the Standing Orders members of the public are invited to ask questions or address the Parish Council

No questions were asked.

76. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen-salary/expenses	1229.70
HMRC -Tax collected	368.87
D Williamson	189.00
Thomson Planning Partnership	234.00
Norris and Fisher-Insurance Wychwood Village Hall	838.58

(b) Income

A cheque in the sum of £40 had been received from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to assist with the cost of the Zoom licence fee.

(c) Weston Village Primary School

Members considered the availability of laptops for children attending the Village School who were currently studying at home and the need for them to be provided with suitable IT facilities.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £500 be made.

77. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 11TH FEBRUARY 2021.

CHAIRMAN