

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REMOTE MEETING
11th FEBRUARY 2021

PRESENT Councillor J Densem (Chairman)

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

APOLOGIES Councillors L Gill and A Kiddie

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Clowes
3 members of the public.

78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

79. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14TH JANUARY 2021

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

80. CASUAL VACANCY

The Clerk reported the resignation of Mr Kevin Narey.
The casual vacancy in the Village Ward had now been advertised in accordance with Statutory provisions and a further report would be submitted in due course.

81. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Issues in Englesea Brook

Councillor J Cornell reported that no further flooding problems had occurred since Cheshire East Council had completed the unblocking of the soak- a- ways, gullies and grids.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported that discussions were continuing with Openreach who were investigating what would be required to provide high speed broad band to properties in Englesea Brook.

(b) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Councillor S Gladden reported on discussions with PCSO N Jarvis who was speaking to Police HQ to seek advice on the establishment of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. There had been expressions of interest from local residents who wished to joining the scheme and an invitation for others in the whole of the Parish to become involved was to be issued using the website.

82. POLICE MATTERS

No report had been received but a request had been made for financial assistance to provide Police Notice Boards in various parts of the Parish.

The large notice board at Weston could possibly accommodate additional notices and where possible space would be made available.

Given that Weston Village, Basford, Wychwood Village and Englesea Brook already had notice boards it was felt that additional provision was not necessary.

83. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on

(a) Local Transport Delivery Plan

Following detailed discussions the comments of the Parish Council had been submitted and circulated to members.

(b) South Cheshire Growth Village

A further meeting with Bloor Homes was to be held in early March.

(c) HS2 (a)

The Royal assent had now been given to the Bill to implement the proposals.

(d) Local Wildlife Area

An area of land at the rear of Englesea Brook Chapel had been designated as Englesea Brook Marsh.

The Parish Council Chairman expressed his appreciation of the considerable amount of work that had been carried out.

84. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported on the Local Transport Delivery Plan and the need for a crossing on Main Road which would assist the safe route to school.

Following the granting of the Royal Assent to the HS2 Bill the availability of Community Fund grants would be investigated.

Cheshire East Council was to hold its full Council meeting on 18th February 2021 and it was intended that issues regarding the non-removal of the clubhouse base, the need for the site clearance following refusal of planning permission for the distribution centre and general maintenance would also be raised at this meeting. Councillor J Cornell reported that a Breach of Conditions notice in respect of the clubhouse base had been issued on 8th February 2021.

85. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor H Neal-Squire reported on outstanding issues at Wychwood Village and in particular a metal spike in the grounds of the Village Hall that was presenting a danger and on sink holes in the area.

The Parish Council had made a financial contribution to the provision of a defibrillator which was normally located at the security hut at Wychwood Park. This unit was also carried in the security car and confirmation would be sought regarding the availability of the device and whether it could be delivered to a patient where necessary.

Councillor S Gladden reported on problems with water at the rear of the Village Hall and its impact on the neighbouring property. Contact had been made with BOVIS and an Engineer's report was awaited. The land in question was not in the ownership of the Parish Council.

Councillor S Edgar reported on problem with the temporary traffic lights at Weston Lane Basford which had been reported.

Councillor J Chambers reported that the damaged sign at Millbeck Close had not yet been repaired. Some work to clear the garden at 11 Cemetery road had been carried out but further work was required.

Councillor J Cornell reported that a fallen tree in Englesea Brook Lane was partially blocking the road to Balterley.

The Chairman reported that the proposed parking restrictions in the vicinity of the School did not extend far enough towards the school to be effective.

Mr G Witter had raised £24,500 from his Christmas lights display for the Donna Louise Trust.

86. 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.

87. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen-January salary/expenses	1243.55
HMRC -Tax collected	369.07
D Williamson	252.00
Thomson Planning Partnership	198.00
Shires Pay Services	41.40

88. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 11TH MARCH 2021.

CHAIRMAN