

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

PRESENT	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillors A Broome, J Chamberlain, J Chambers, J Cornell, S Edgar, L Gill, S Gladden and A Kiddie
APOLOGIES	Councillor H Neal-Squire
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillor J Clowes 2 members of the public.

89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

90. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11TH FEBRUARY 2021

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

91. CASUAL VACANCY

The casual vacancy in the Village Ward had now been advertised in accordance with Statutory provisions and could now be filled by co-option.

92. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Issues in Englesea Brook

Councillor J Chamberlain reported that Openreach were considering whether some, or all, properties in Englesea Brook could be connected to the high speed broadband system as part of their commercial plan. If not, residents may have to pay to be connected. The Member of Parliament was being kept informed of the discussions.

(b) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Councillor S Gladden reported that he was awaiting contact from the Police regarding this scheme.

93. POLICE MATTERS

A report had been received but this related to the whole of the Haslington Beat area. A request had been made for figures relating to the Parish but these had not been received.

A request for financial assistance with the purchase of a 'Trucam' speed camera

At present the camera was shared amongst various officers and was not always available when a particular officer was free to use it. The cost of the device was in the order of £10, 000

RESOLVED: That consideration be deferred.

94. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported a meeting with Bloor Homes had been held to discuss the South Cheshire Growth Village.

An outline planning application was to be submitted in April or May 2021.

The first session of the planning training was very good and a further two sessions were to be held.

95. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported on Wychwood Village issues and the proposed complaint to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Local Administration regarding 3 separate matters.

Councillor S Edgar reported that objections to the Compulsory Purchase Order required to acquire the land for the A500 widening would delay the implementation of the scheme.

96. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor J Chambers reported that the condition of 11 Cemetery Road was still unsatisfactory and that the bins were being left on the road.

The area from Meremoor Moss roundabout to Old Park road roundabout was in need of attention to clear litter and cut back roadside vegetation.

The footpath and cycleway from Rookery Wood roundabout to Crewe Hall was difficult to use due to mud and debris.

Councillor L Gill reported that some residents were having difficulties in selling properties on Wychwood Village as certain roads were still un-adopted.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported that the huts on the former POW camp at Snape Lane had been removed and that problems were being caused by mud on the road, parking on the narrow road and bollards extending into the carriageway. These matters would be raised with the Site Manager.

Councillor A Broome reported on the availability of the defibrillator in the security hut at Wychwood Park. If it is required it could be collected by calling either 01270 821552 or mobile 07591 549790 to inform the security team someone is coming to collect it.

A call must first be made to North West Ambulance service on 999 to request assistance and CPR should begin without delay. If only one person is with the patient then CPR is top priority as this would buy time for the emergency service to attend.

Councillor S Gladden reported that chairs from the Wychwood Village hall had been lent to the vaccination centre in Stoke.

The Chairman reported that a fence on the grass verge outside 6 Main Road was presenting a trip hazard to pedestrians.

Members considered the provision of children's play equipment on the playing fields but it was felt that this could present too great a risk of injury.

Concerns were expressed regarding the small number of new burial spaces available in Weston cemetery. An extension had been under discussion for a number of years. This matter would again be raised with Cheshire East Council.

97. 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

No questions were asked.

98. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen-February salary/expenses	1231.43
HMRC -Tax collected	368.87
D Williamson	213.30
Geosphere Ltd-Parish on-line	180.00
J Harding and Son Ltd-hedge cutting	81.60

99. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: - That, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that the business to be transacted is of a confidential nature and the public interest would not be served by the disclosure of the information to be presented.

100. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Members considered the Parish Council's response to the proposals contained within this review which was to be subject to a 12 week public consultation period.

A meeting of the Community Governance Review Sub Committee considered the draft proposals on 26th February and full details were included on the Cheshire East website. (Pages 113-120)

RESOLVED: That a meeting be arranged with representatives of Crewe Green Parish Council to discuss the proposals and the Parish Council be represented by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Councillor J Chambers and the Clerk.

101. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 8TH APRIL 2021.

CHAIRMAN