

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REMOTE ANNUAL MEETING
8th APRIL 2021**

PRESENT Councillor J Densem (Chairman)

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

APOLOGIES Councillors S Edgar and L Gill

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Clowes
3 members of the public.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN *

RESOLVED: That Councillor J Densem be appointed to serve as Chairman until the next Annual Meeting.

* Note that the Clerk assumed the Chair for this item only.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor J Cornell be appointed to serve as Vice Chairman until the next Annual Meeting.

4. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES.

RESOLVED: That consideration of this item be deferred.

5. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11TH MARCH 2021

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

6. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Issues in Englesea Brook

Councillor J Chamberlain reported that discussions were continuing with Openreach and a letter and form had been delivered to all properties in the Parish currently served by the Betley exchange to ascertain the level of interest in receiving high speed broadband.
Once this information was to hand it would be possible to request the cost of connecting from Openreach.

(b) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Councillor S Gladden reported that following discussions with PCSO N Jarvis a response from the Police on establishing a scheme was awaited.

7. POLICE MATTERS

No report had been received.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on a pre-application meeting to be held with Wimpy Homes regarding their proposals for the development of Basford East.

The Parish Council would be represented by members of the Planning Committee, Councillor S Edgar, A Thomson and the Clerk.

An outline application for planning permission for the South Cheshire Growth Village was to be submitted in May 2021.

Members who had taken part in the Planning training sessions had found them to be of a high standard and most useful.

9. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

RESOLVED: (a) That discussions continue with Crewe Green Parish Council with a view to representations being made to Cheshire East Council to approve a merger of the two Councils.

(b) That subject to the approval of Cheshire East Council to the proposal to merge the Parishes of Weston, Basford and Crewe Green no objection be raised to the other proposals contained within the draft Community Governance Review consultation paper.

10. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor J Chambers reported that the picnic benches on the playing fields had been thrown onto the football pitch. This matter had been rectified but it was felt that the benches should be secured to prevent this happening again.

Motor cycles and dogs were also causing problems on the playing fields and this could possibly be prevented by improved signage.

The grass had been cut by Cheshire East staff as had the grassed area in Millbeck Close.

Councillor S Gladden reported that there had been a number of groups wishing to use the Wychwood Village Hall and that terms and conditions of hire would need to reflect Covid regulations.

There were proposals to establish a Table Tennis Club and a table had been donated. It may be desirable to set up a Community Association which could deal with Risk Assessments, insurance and similar matters on behalf of community groups including volunteers carrying out grass cutting and other work.

Councillor H Neal-Squire reported that letters had gone out to all groups using the Hall regarding their return. A brown bin was also needed.

Councillor A Kiddie reported on the new Road Traffic Order covering parts of Cemetery Road, Poppy Close and East Avenue.

Cheshire east Council was currently conducting a survey on its website to ascertain what residents considered to be most important when they contacted the Authority.

Councillor H Neal-Squire reported that the details of the defibrillator at Wychwood Park had been advertised. It was felt that the purchase of a defibrillator to be located at Wychwood Village Hall would be desirable. This would cost in the order of £1400 and Councillor J Clowes was to make enquiries of Cheshire East Council regarding possible grant aid.

There was mud on the road in the area of Main Road and Snape Lane which would be reported to Cheshire East Council.

Councillor J Cornell reported on the need for the East Avenue Liaison Group to meet again.

11. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported on the Community Governance Review and a leaflet to residents seeking their views. There was to be a 12 week consultation period and possibly a referendum.

12. 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

The applicant for planning permission on a site in Englesea Brook reported that he had been asked by the Planning Officer to provide site surveys on land outside his ownership but the owner of the land had refused permission for these to be carried out. This was not a matter which fell within the Parish Council's ability to assist.

13. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen-March salary/expenses	1266.73
HMRC -Tax collected	368.87
D Williamson	216.00
W Witter-allotment rent	1000.00
ChALC- Planning Training	330.00

ChALC- annual subscription	633.24
Source Property Maintenance Ltd-Notice Board	90.12
Thomson Planning Partnership Ltd	108.00

(b) Income

A cheque in the sum of £1000 had been received in respect of the Allotment rent.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Clerk reported that the legislation which was introduced to allow remote meetings would not apply to meetings held after 7th May 2021 and all meetings would be held in the Church Hall after that date.

It was agreed that the May meeting be held before the legislation changes, the June meeting only be held if business requires this and the July meeting be held in the Church Hall (8th July 2021)

CHAIRMAN