

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REMOTE MEETING
4th MAY 2021

PRESENT Councillor J Densem (Chairman)

Councillors A Broome, J Chamberlain, J Chambers, J Cornell, S Edgar,
E Franks, L Gill, S Gladden, A Kiddie and H Neal-Squire

IN ATTENDANCE 1 member of the public.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

16. CASUAL VACANCY

RESOLVED: That Mrs Emily Franks be co-opted the Parish Council to fill the vacant seat in the Weston village Ward.

17. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8th APRIL 2021

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

18. MATTERS ARISING.

Englesea Brook Area – High Speed Broadband

Councillor J Chamberlain reported that there had been 41 expressions of interest in the proposal to introduce high speed broadband. This information had been forwarded to Openreach to ascertain the cost of providing high speed broadband. Their response was still awaited.

19. POLICE MATTERS

The report received gave information on the entire Haslington Beat area and it was impossible to identify the issues relevant to the Parish. Several request had been made for a simple report relating to the Parish but this had still not been received.

Councillor J Cornell reported that the Wybunbury Cluster meeting had received a detailed report relating just to the area of interest and would circulate this to members.

20. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on a pre-application meeting with developers regarding the South Cheshire Growth Village.

A meeting of the East Avenue Liaison Group was to be held on 6th May 2021 and a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was to be arranged.

21. POST BOX-WESTON VILLAGE

Members considered an alternative site for the Post Box in Weston village which was currently within the curtilage of the former shop which had now been sold.

If it proved necessary to relocate the Post Box a decision on the new site would be required quickly or the facility could be lost.

A site adjacent to the footpath leading to the White Lion carpark was considered suitable. Representations would be made to Royal Mail and permission sought from the brewery.

22. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes was unable to attend the meeting and had submitted her apologies.

Councillor S Edgar reported on non-compliance issues at the Basford Old Creamery site.

23. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor J Chambers reported that the picnic benches on the playing fields had not yet been secured and the Clerk was to speak to the Contractor.

The Playing fields fence was in poor condition and quotations for new post and rail fencing were being obtained. It was hoped that the cost could be met from grants.

Councillor J Cornell reported on a site meeting at Wychwood Village Countryside Park with Councillor Clowes and a senior Cheshire East Officer. The purpose was to highlight the need for essential maintenance. Cheshire East Council would endeavour to arrange a meeting with Haddon.

The width of the carriageway at Snape Lane was being restricted by bollards at Snape Farm. This would be taken up with Cheshire East Highways.

Councillor S Gladden reported that a deep clean of Wychwood Village Hall had been carried out and that a revised schedule of terms and conditions for users was being prepared.

Councillor S Edgar was authorised to purchase weed killer for use in the Parish.

Councillor H Neal-Squire reported that some work had been carried out to alleviate flooding in the grounds of Wychwood Village Hall.

The Chairman reported on flooding issues in the Smithy Lane area where some soakaways were blocked and gully heads above road level.

24. 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.

25. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:-

D G Owen-April salary/expenses		1305.19
HMRC -Tax collected		391.77
D Williamson		216.00
CVS Cheshire East –Annual subscription		42.84
J Densem-Chairman’s Allowance		1000.00
J Cornell-Vice Chairman’s Allowance	250.00	
Planning Chairman’s Allowance	1000.00	1250.00
M J Chambers Planning Vice Chairman’s Allowance		250.00

(b) Income

The first half of the precept 2021/2022 had been received in the sum of £15,346.00

26. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 8TH JULY 2021 AT 7.30 in the Church Hall.

27. 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.

28. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

At its meeting on 11th March 2021 the Parish Council passed the following resolution:-

- (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 consultation document.

Crewe Green Parish Council had passed a unanimous resolution which mirrors this resolution.

RESOLVED: that the same representatives hold a further meeting with Crewe Green Parish Council with a view to a joint approach to Cheshire East Council requesting a formal merger of the two Councils and setting out reasons why this would be beneficial both in the immediate future and longer term having regard to the forthcoming development of the South Cheshire Growth Village.

CHAIRMAN