

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
9th SEPTEMBER 2021

PRESENT	Councillor J Densem (Chairman) Councillors A Broome, J Chamberlain, J Cornell, S Edgar and E Franks
APOLOGIES	Councillors J Chambers, L Gill, A Kiddie and S Gladden
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillor J Clowes 7 members of the public.

42. HANNAH NEAL-SQUIRE

The Chairman reported with regret the recent death of Councillor H Neal-Squire and spoke of her service both to the Parish Council and wider community.
Members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

44. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8th JULY 2021

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

45. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Englesea Brook Area – High Speed Broadband

Councillor J Chamberlain reported a meeting with representatives of Openreach. It was expected that an estimate of the cost of the scheme would be available by the end of September.

(b) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Consideration of this matter was deferred to the October meeting.

46. PLANNING MATTERS

Since the last meeting the Parish Council had commented on the following applications:-

21/3102N proposed agricultural building Rose Cottage 2-4 Back Lane, Basford.

21/3279N - 11 Larch Ave Basford

21/3526N - Engleside, Englesea Brook Lane: two detached houses in the grounds of Engleside

21/4093N - Units 1A and 1B Jack Mills Way: Two internally illuminated and two non-illuminated fascia signs.

21/4319 - 5 St Andrews Close, Wychwood Village: single storey link extension between the main house and garage to provide separate dining and utility space.

21/4202D and 21/4313D - Snape Hall Farm: discharge of conditions relating to Bird/Bat boxes and Wildflower Management Plan. These applications relate to the bungalow development on the former prison of war site

(a) Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman of Planning Committee reported on a remote meeting with Mr T Evans of Cheshire East Council. A further meeting of the Steering Group was to be held in October.

(b) HS2

A drop-in session was to be held on 13th September to give information on HS2b. Representatives of the HS2a team would also be present on this occasion.

Details of a virtual question and answer session had been circulated and a drop-in session was to be arranged at Weston Church Hall on a date to be arranged in October.

(c) 20/1132N Weston Hall

This application had been refused.

The Parish Council supported by a local resident and the two ward Councillors had made representations at the Southern Planning Committee. This resulted in the officer recommendation being overturned and the application being refused.

47. REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES

Details of comments submitted had been circulated.

48. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported that a leaflet was being printed for circulation to residents of Hough and Chorlton to invite comments on the Community Governance Review.

Cheshire East Council had written to Haddon Properties to inform them that legal action would be taken if work was not carried out to comply with Notices served. Some mowing had been done today.

Residents were organising a private meeting to consider action on their complaints and there would be no Cheshire East or Parish Council representatives invited to attend.

Councillor S Edgar reported on discussions by Cheshire East Council regarding the proposed churchyard extension at Weston. A proposal which would enable the Parish Council to undertake this project was to be reviewed.

The bollards in Snape Lane which has causing concern to residents had been brought to the attention of Cheshire East Council.

49. MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor A Broome reported that Balfour Beatty Ltd. had building materials, hard-core and planters which they looking to donate for suitable projects.

Councillor S Edgar reported that Lovells were aiming to complete the development at East Avenue by the summer or autumn 2022.

The necessary seeding and planting was being carried out, the pumping station operational and the Management Committee had assumed responsibility for the play area .

Weed spraying and gutter clearing was being carried out by volunteers.

Councillor J Cornell reported that Footpath 11 at the rear of the Church Hall was impassable. Food waste was being left in the bin by the Notice Board outside the Church and this had been brought to the attention of Cheshire East Council and a larger bin requested.

The Management Committee had arranged for the waste bin by the play area on the Lovells development to be emptied.

Cheshire East Council had responded to complaints of issues at Snape Lane saying that they were not considered to be urgent.

Representations had been made regarding the visibility for drivers emerging from the junction by the newly refurbished Broughton Arms where a number of planters had been placed alongside the highway.

Councillor E Franks reported on flooding problems at Main Road and Smithy Lane. Some works had been carried out including the adjustment of the footpath height and raising of the kerb. A sunken area had been marked and the drain cover outside 48 Main Road had a blue tag fitted but was impossible to lift to clear the drain.

50. 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

Residents of East Avenue expressed their concerns at the on-going problems of parking and speed of vehicles passing their homes. The Road Traffic Order covered the wrong side of the road and did not cover sufficient length to prevent access to the properties being blocked. The footpath adjacent to the White lion was overgrown and HGVs were travelling through the Village which was not subject to a weight restriction Order.

Concerns were expressed at the danger to children and other pedestrians due to the speed of vehicles along the Spine road and East Avenue.

The footpath in Snape Lane adjacent to the bridge was sinking and cracked. This had been reported to Cheshire East Council. The access to the Safe Route to School was also blocked and had been reported.

51. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) **RESOLVED:** That the following payments be approved:-

D G Owen- salary/expenses	1285.73
HMRC -Tax collected	391.77
D Williamson (July)	175.50
G Moore-defibrillator equipment	77.90
W Witter-allotment rent	1000.00
Shires Accountants	41.40

(b) Income

The second half of the precept had been received from Cheshire East Council in the sum of £15,346.

52. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 14TH OCTOBER 2021.

53. 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.

54. WESTON CEMETERY EXTENSION

Members considered the need to provide addition burial facilities in the Parish and how this might be achieved.

RESOLVED: That further consideration be given following enquiries regarding project management the need to seek planning permission and anticipated costs.

CHAIRMAN