

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
10th FEBRUARY 2022

PRESENT Councillor J Densem (Chairman)

Councillors J Chamberlain, J Chambers, J Cornell, S Edgar, E Franks,
L Gill. S Gladden and R Schafer

APOLOGIES Councillor A Broome

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Clowes
6 members of the public.

88. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

89. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Mr John Dwyer and Sgt S Tandy were present to discuss Police matters.
Concerns were raised regarding excessive speed and HGVs passing through the Parish. The PCC indicated that he would support an application for a weight limit.
Comments were made about the need for high visibility Police patrols, regular Cluster meetings and detailed reports on crime in the Parish.
The passage of HS2 construction traffic would need to be monitored and concerns were expressed at incidents of fly tipping in Snape Lane/Crotia Mill.

90. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9TH DECEMBER 2021

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

91. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Englesea Brook Area – High Speed Broadband
Councillor J Chamberlain reported on on-going attempt to secure an improved service with a further approach to residents to ascertain the level of interest. The Vice Chairman thanked Councillor Chamberlain for all her hard work relating to the Broadband issue.

(b) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
Councillor S Gladden reported that no progress had been made with this proposal.

(c) Weston Post Box.
The Chairman thanked Councillor S Edgar for his efforts in obtaining a replacement post box which was being well used.

(d) Weston Cemetery Extension

Whilst there was no progress on this scheme at present members indicated that a simple country cemetery was needed rather than a more extravagant project.

92. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Since the last meeting the Parish Council had commented on the following:-

21/6084N Oakfields Bungalow, Newcastle Road, Weston CW2 5PX

21/5724C Land off Radway Green Road - Tilstone Radway Ltd

A joint meeting with Barthomley Parish Council has been arranged with David Malcolm

21/6303N - 11 Larch Avenue Basford

Newcastle Borough consultation on their Local Plan (suggested major Strategic Allocation off Junction 16)

(b) The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that the Weston Hall appeal had been dismissed

(c) Proposed 2 F/E Primary School Basford East - land off the NE side of David Whitby Way
A request for formal consultation in Weston Village regarding this proposed school had been submitted.

(d) A liaison group was to be established for the Basford East development and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Planning committee would be members. The site was owned by Onward Homes and would be developed by Lane End Developments. Onward Homes and Lane End were keen to engage with the local community and investigate how they could assist with local projects.

(e) Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that the initial draft of the revised Neighbourhood Plan was with Cheshire East Council.

(f) HS2-progress report

The recent one to one on line meetings had been well attended.

93. CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY REVIEW

Councillor J Cornell reported that comments had been submitted and circulated to members. He would be making representations at the Boundary Commission Review Panel meeting in Manchester on 4th March 2022.

94. FOOTPATH-WYCHWOOD PARK/VILLAGE A531

Councillor J Cornell reported that representations had been made to request a footpath from Wychwood Park towards the Broughton Arms.

Councillor J Clowes reported that there would not be a financial contribution from the proprietors of the business and the cost was likely to be in the order of £700,000. The possibility of creating an informal footway composed of crushed aggregate along the verge of the A531 was worth investigating. Consultation and agreement with Cheshire East Highways would be required.

95. PLATINUM JUBILEE

Members considered plans to mark the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee, 2nd to 5th June 2022.

An approach had been made to the Church regarding its plans and Councillor L Gill reported on plans to hold an outdoor event at Wychwood Village. Councillor S Edgar intended to plant the flower pots with purple and gold plants.

Enquires would be made with a view to establishing a small committee to co-ordinate events and organise a community event.

96. D&G BUS SERVICE 85

It was reported that there was to be a reduction in the Service 85 Crewe to Newcastle which would result in there being no service on Sunday or bank holidays.

97. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported that, following the visit of the Cheshire East Chief Executive to Wychwood Village, legal options were being investigated in an effort to resolve the various outstanding issues. The concrete base of the club house had not been removed and some services may still be connected.

Meetings had been held with Bovis and Scottish Power regarding road adoptions and a further report would be submitted.

2 waste bins at Wychwood Village needed to be emptied but as they were located on private land Cheshire East Council was unable to obtain access to them.

The results of the consultation into the proposed Local Government review were in a draft report to Corporate Policy Committee and would be considered by a special Council meeting in April.

98. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor E Franks reported that following recent work the drains were now running satisfactorily. The drain outside 48 Main road had not been cleared.

Councillor S Edgar requested permission to purchase equipment for the volunteer litter picking group and plants for the flower pots.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported that the bollards in Snape Lane had not been removed.

Councillor J Chambers reported that the litter bins on the playpark had been emptied.

There were problems with noise from vehicles on the Lovell development at the end of East Avenue. A revised quotation for the fence on the playing fields had been obtained and approved with the work scheduled for early March.

99. 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

Concerns were expressed that the Road Traffic Order in East Avenue did not extend far enough to resolve the parking problems. Councillor S Edgar undertook to raise this issue with Cheshire East officers.

Tree roots outside 25 and 27 Cemetery Road and 12 East Avenue were causing damage to the pavement and this would be reported to the Highways Officers.

The bins on the East Avenue development site had not been emptied and this would be reported to the Site Manager.

100. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

D G Owen- salary/expenses	1289.47*
HMRC -Tax collected	391.77*
P K F Littlejohn LLP-External Audit	240.00*
Johnsons Printers-Christmas cards	79.20*
Shires Accountants (Payroll)	41.40*

Note * payments made in January 2022.

D G Owen- salary/expenses	1299.55
HMRC -Tax collected	391.77
Summit 360 Ltd – domain name licence	28.78

(b) Accounts 2020/2021

To report receipt of a satisfactory audit report on these accounts which were available for inspection by appointment.

101. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 10th MARCH 2022.

CHAIRMAN