

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
23rd MARCH 2023

PRESENT Councillor J Densem (Chairman)
Councillors A Broome, J Cornell, J Chambers, S Edgar, L Gill, S Gladden
and A Kiddie

APOLOGIES Councillors J Chamberlain. E Franks and R Schafer

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Clowes
7 Members of the public

106. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

107. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9TH FEBRUARY 2023

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

108. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) Englesea Brook Area – High Speed Broadband

Councillor J Cornell reported that the final costings were still awaited from Openreach.

109. PLANNING MATTERS

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

22/2011N VINE COTTAGE STORES, 18, CEMETERY ROAD, WESTON, CW2 5LQ

Change of use from retail to dwelling house including erection of a single storey front extension to remove shop window and match existing bay, a two storey first floor rear extension and rebuild existing boiler house.

23/0465N 13, HOLLY MOUNT, BASFORD, CW2 5AZ

Proposed loft conversion with dormers to front, side and rear elevation

Chairman of Planning Committee reported:-

(a) 23/0539N - Muse Developments Ltd.

Land in the western part of Basford East (west of Wimpey development - access from central roundabout on David Whitby Way)

The Minutes of that meeting had been circulated to members and the comments submitted to Cheshire East Council. An urgent meeting had been requested with principal planners at Cheshire East.

(b) Neighbourhood Plan

Amendments to the Plan following analysis of the questionnaires had been circulated to Members.

RESOLVED: That the amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan be approved and submitted to Cheshire East Council in accordance with Regulation 15.

(c) HS2a progress report

A liaison meeting had been held on 14th March 2023.

The construction was to be delayed by 2 years.

A Planning Application was in the process of being submitted for mitigation planting in the vicinity of Casey Lane and the former Basford Creamery site.

There were no dates or budget for the widening of the A500.

Councillor J Clowes reported that Cheshire East Council had now withdrawn its petition to the Select Committee.

Councillor A Broome reported that a walk-in exhibition had been held at the Wychwood hotel relating to HS2 works at the rear of Freshwater Drive. The viaduct at this point was to be sited further away than originally anticipated and the height was also to be reduced by 1m. The contractors working on site would continue with their work despite the 2 year delay in the programme.

110. WYCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Councillor R Schafer had requested financial assistance to provide a suitable shed to house the mowers, owned by volunteers, within the curtilage of Wychwood Village Hall.

RESOLVED : That the Parish Council fund the purchase and erection, on a suitable base, of a suitable storage shed in the grounds of Wychwood Village Hall, to a maximum of £1000 subject to :-

(a) The shed being located within the grounds of the hall at a suitable location to be agreed in advance with the Parish Council as owners of the hall and grounds

(b) The shed being for the exclusive use of storing machinery and tools (all owned by others) for the maintenance of the verges etc. at the entrance to and beyond to Wychwood Village.

(c) NO flammable liquids or combustible material being stored in the shed at any time (petrol, paraffin, diesel, oils or others)

(d) The shed and its contents to be fully insured by others and be maintained to a suitable standard.

111. POLICE MATTERS

The 2 Police reports had been circulated to members.

PCSO L Jolley was in attendance and requested financial assistance with the Youth Skills Project aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £300 be made.

112. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor S Edgar reported plans to reline the roads in the Parish and assist with the cost of pothole repairs.

Councillor J Clowes reported that photographic ID would be required for electors wishing to vote in person at Polling Stations on Thursday 4th May 2023.

There was a provisional budget for surveys to be carried out in Wychwood Village with a view to the making of Road Traffic Orders to restrict parking.

Councillor L Gill pointed out that 15 years after construction certain roads remained un-adopted which prevented Road Traffic Orders being made. This was inconveniencing residents wishing to sell property on the Village.

113. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor A Kiddie reported that Lovells had 3 huts which they wished to dispose of. Councillor S Edgar thought that these could possibly be used on the allotment site.

A new Perspex cover, or similar, was needed for the Weston Notice Board.

Events were planned to celebrate the Coronation of HM King Charles. A fete would be held on Sunday 7th May from 12noon to 4pm. Full details would be included in the Community News to be published in April.

Councillor J Chambers reported that the new bins to be sited at Mill Lane and Crotia Lane (by the grit bin) had not yet been delivered.

Councillor Cornell asked about the Shield to be presented to the School to commemorate the end of the Parish Council. This was now ready for collection.

114. 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.

Concerns were expressed at the number of HGVs passing through Weston Village. This had been brought to the notice of the operator who was to remind his drivers not to use this route.

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The blocked gully outside 48 Main Road had still not been attended to despite having been reported originally in 2019.

115. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

D G Owen February and March Salary/expenses		2743.17
HMRC -Tax collected		990.85
D Williamson January 2023	207.00	
February 2023	513.00	720.00
AKD Systems-Electrical work Wychwood Village Hall		312.00
Newbrook Engineering Fencing Basford Bus Stop		1068.00
D Williamson March 2023		250.50
Concorde Trophies – Shield Weston School		60.99
Neighbourhood Plan –transfer		1000.00

(b) That Mr D Fanstone be appointed internal auditor for the current financial year.

116. MAY 2023 ELECTIONS

The Notice of Election would be published not later than Monday 27th March and nomination papers needed to be submitted by 4.00pm on Tuesday 4th April.

The Poll for contested seats will take place on Thursday 4th May from 7am to 10pm.

Weston and Crewe Green Parish Council would have 13 seats across 3 Wards
Weston 7 seats
Crewe Green 3 seats
Wychwood 3 seats.

117. WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL

This was the final meeting of the Parish Council and the Chairman thanked all Members for their work and support over many years.

He looked forward to continued success in Weston and Crewe Green Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk, David Owen, for his commitment and support over the past 10 years and introduced Mark Robinson who would act as interim Clerk to the new authority.

CHAIRMAN