

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
13th OCTOBER 2022

PRESENT Councillor J Densem (Chairman)

Councillors, J Chamberlain, J Chambers, J Cornell, S Edgar, S Gladden
and R Schafer

APOLOGIES Councillors A Broome, E Franks and L Gill

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Clowes
3 Members of the public

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

38. HS2 EARLY ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS

Mr A Maddock of Balfour Beatty was in attendance to advise on these works and answer Members' questions.

39. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14th JULY 2022

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

40. MATTERS ARISING.

Englesea Brook Area – High Speed Broadband

Councillor J Chamberlain reported that those residents and business operators who had already expressed an interest, had been invited under the Broadband Voucher Scheme to apply for Vouchers to assist with the cost of installation. This would enable detailed costs to be calculated. In anticipation that the cost of the scheme would be viable without financial input from residents, an application had been made to establish a Community Interest Company and the necessary forms had been submitted.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and members expressed their appreciation for the considerable amount of work undertaken by Councillor Chamberlain in this matter.

41. RESILIENCE PLAN

Copies of the Plan were available for Members at the meeting and others had been posted or hand delivered.

Councillor J Chambers reported that the live plan was now on the Resilience Direct system and an exercise to test the operation of the plan would be arranged.

The Chairman and members expressed their appreciation for the work undertaken by Councillor Chambers in updating the plan.

42. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Councillor J Cornell reported on discussion with Mr T Cutts, headmaster of Weston School to consider arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting. This would be linked with an extra curricula activity organised by the school.

The proposition was for the organisation of a choir concert to be held on 31st January next year. This would present a suitable occasion to speak to residents and pupils and possibly present a gift to each child to mark the end the Parish Council in its current form before the new Parish Council is established.

It was agreed that the Parish Council proceed on this basis.

43. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee expressed his thanks to Cllr J Chambers and the Clerk for their support and input, given the extremely heavy Planning workload that was currently being experienced.

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

22/3155N Crewe Hall - Advertisement Consent for internally illuminated signs, totems and non-illuminated plaques to replace existing signage.

22/3201N - Heath Farm, Whites Lane - Variation of condition 5 of approved application PO7/1724. Replacement of timber framed windows and doors with PVC Heritage style timber look high performance windows and doors.

22/1762N - 89 Weston Lane, Basford: single storey timber framed open garage and garden store to the rear of the dwelling

22/1865N - 89A Weston Lane, Basford: proposed new entrance apron, boundary walls and gated access to dwellings.

22/3257N - land at the rear of 12 Cemetery Road, Weston: variation of condition 3 imposed by the Secretary of State following the appeal decision to allow this development (APP/R0660/W/19/3223623). Change of location of proposed day room.

22/3158N - land to the west of David Whitby Way: Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd. Detailed application for construction of road required to enable alternative access to Arriva Traincare Site.

22/2896N - (HS2 Schedule 17 Submission). Ecological mitigation: sites to north and south of Lane End Farm Chorlton

22/2599N - Carters Green Farm, Jack Lane: erection of silage clamp

22/3654N Land Off, Main Road Weston- determination (TELECOMS POST 21/8/01)

21/2131N Brooklan, Englesea Brook – Appeal decision dismissed.

The Chairman of Planning Committee reported on the following matters:-

(a) Basford East

A meeting had been held with representatives of Muse Developments prior to their submission of a formal planning application and public consultation exercise.

This related to industrial development off the west side of David Whitby Way which formed a part of the Basford East Strategic Development Allocation. The Parish Council's concerns centred around the likely traffic generation, all of which would feed out onto the central roundabout on David Whitby Way. There would be severe safety issues relating to pedestrian /vehicular conflict associated with the crossing of David Whitby Way in relation to the proposed primary school and community facilities proposed at this point. The mix of development types on the site was also discussed.

An urgent meeting with Cheshire East Planning officers would be requested.

(b) Network Rail

A meeting was to be arranged with representatives of Network Rail regarding application 22/3158N for an access road off David Whitby Way. The Parish Council had submitted comments on this application and further information would be requested.

(c) Neighbourhood Plan

The Planning Chairman explained the process proposed to conclude work on the Neighbourhood Plan Review prior to the formation of the new Parish of Weston & Crewe Green and updated Members on the current position. It was important that the current exercise was concluded to ensure that the Parish had up to date Planning Policies which were in line with phase 2 of the Cheshire East Local Plan and national planning policy guidelines. An exercise would be undertaken to extend the boundaries of the Plan following the establishment of the new Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the process as now outlined be approved.

(d) Meeting - Wychwood Village Issues.

A meeting had been arranged with Councillor J Clowes, Cheshire East Officers and residents' representatives to discuss matters of concern.

(e) HS2 (a)-progress report

The Chairman updated members on the ongoing situation.

(f) Lovell's Development

Councillor J Chambers reported on the current situation with this development which was nearing completion.

(g) 21/5724C - Tilstone Radway Ltd

The Planning Chairman had given a presentation to the Strategic Planning Board on 27th July 2022 on behalf of both Weston & Basford and Barthomley Parish Councils.

44. WYCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Councillor R Schafer reported an increase in casual bookings.

The website was complete and now offered a diary of bookings and an enquiry form to facilitate and encourage users.

The banking arrangements were being revised as necessary and consideration had been given to the anticipated increase in energy costs which would need to be reflected in hire charges.

45. POLICE MATTERS

Members noted the 2 Police reports received which had been circulated.

46. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported on a meeting with Highways Officers regarding the possible review of Road Traffic Regulation Orders and laybys in relation to Wychwood Village.

There would be a 1 to 1 meeting at Hough Village Hall on Thursday 10th November to discuss HS2 and slots needed to be booked in advance.

Councillor S Edgar reported that part of his Ward budget had been used to enable gullies to be cleaned and branches and weeds removed.

Lane Ends had given grant to the allotments which had been used to purchase a mower and strimmer.

47. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor R Schafer reported on the need for more co-ordination in arranging road closures to minimise inconvenience to residents and road users. He expressed concern regarding the congestion in the area of Cemetery Road and East Avenue when children were being taken or collected from school and requested a letter to the Headmaster suggesting that parents be reminded of the arrangements to use the carpark of the White Lion at these times.

Councillor S Gladden reported a request for financial assistance towards the cleaning of a wall at the entrance to Wychwood Village at a cost of £600 plus VAT.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the request be refused.
- (b) That if the funding can be arranged the Parish Council would assist with the VAT element.
- (c) That a possible source of funding could come from Onward/Lane End, the private sector developers of part of Basford East. The scheme would need to be registered.

Councillor J Chamberlain reported that there had been hedge cutting along Snape Lane but that the resultant clippings had not been removed and presented a hazard to vehicles and pedestrians. This matter had been brought to the attention of the police.

Councillor J Chambers reported on an on-line event giving detail of a scheme by Onward which would provide match finding for suitable projects. He was to circulate the details.

The Chairman reported that the machinery in the field opposite Jack Lane was being used to check the gas pipes for corrosion.

48. 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

Questions were asked about the special circumstance provision for a new Green Belt.

Gullies outside 42 and 48 Main Road had not been cleared and required attention to prevent flooding in the winter months.

A survey of HGVs passing through the village was continuing.

49. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

AUGUST PAYMENTS

D G Owen Salary/expenses	1355.29
HMRC -Tax collected	454.01
Britannia Ecological Services	647.04
Thomson Planning Partnership	125.20
D Williamson-12/21-7/22	1030.50
Glasdon UK Ltd-Dog Bin	196.17
John Harding & Son-hedge cutting	84.00

SEPTEMBER PAYMENTS

D G Owen Salary/expenses	1337.80
HMRC -Tax collected	453.81
J Densem-Weed killer	74.64
Johnsons Printers-Resilience Plan	266.00
D Williamson	175.50

OCTOBER PAYMENTS

D G Owen Salary/expenses	1397.46
HMRC -Tax collected	391.77
D Williamson	229.50
Jay Wadeson Shaw- repairs to gate and picnic table Playing Fields	154.72
Cheshire Community Action-2022/2023 subs.	50.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP-audit fee	240.00

(b) Accounts 2021/20202

The Clerk reported that a satisfactory report has been received from the External Auditor.
The accounts are available for public inspection by appointment

50. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 10th NOVEMBER 2022.

CHAIRMAN