

**WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

**PRESENT** Councillor J Densem (Chairman)  
  
Councillors A Broome, J Chamberlain, J Chambers, J Cornell, S Edgar,  
S Gladden, A Kiddie and R Schafer

**APOLOGIES** Councillors, E Franks and L Gill

**IN ATTENDANCE** Councillor J Clowes  
3 Members of the public

**51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**52. 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.

**53. VACANCY-BASFORD**

The vacancy for a Parish Councillor to represent Basford had been advertised and the Parish Council was now able to fill the vacancy by co-option.

**RESOLVED:** That Annelene Kiddie be co-opted to the Parish Council for Basford.

At this point the newly elected Councillor took her Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Clerk to the Council and took her seat.

**54. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13th OCTOBER 2022**

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

**55. MATTERS ARISING.**

(a) Englesea Brook Area – High Speed Broadband

Councillor J Chamberlain reported that residents and business operators had been invited under the Broadband Voucher Scheme to apply for Vouchers and that there had been a good response. The next stage is to ascertain whether the grants available would be sufficient to cover the costs of connecting fibre broadband and this was currently awaited.

(b) Annual Parish meeting

Further to minute number 42 the date of the event at the school incorporating the Annual Parish Meeting had been changed to Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

## **56. PLANNING MATTERS**

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

22/4026N - Oaklands, Newcastle Road Weston

22/3707N - HS2 Schedule 17 Submission: HS2 Development site, Chorlton Lane, Chorlton

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported:-

(a) Meeting with Network Rail - Planning Application 22/3158N.

A meeting had been held with representatives of Network Rail regarding this application which related to land to the west of David Whitby Way. An objection had been submitted and a meeting with senior Planning Officers requested.

(b) South Cheshire Growth Village

There had been no further information received.

(c) Neighbourhood Plan

Modifications to the draft plan were being prepared and a briefing for members would be arranged prior to a public consultation exercise early in the New Year.

Members were to be asked to approve the transfer of £1000 to the Neighbourhood Plan account.

(e) HS2 (a)-progress report

The Planning Chairman and Cllr Broome had held an on-site meeting with the new HS2 co-ordinator to make her aware of the major developments within the Parish which would be in the process of being implemented at the same time as the HS2 site preparation and infrastructure works. Seamless co-ordination and effective communication between all the stakeholders in terms of programming was essential to minimise conflict and disturbance to residents.

Problems arising from the blocking of a footpath alongside the SW side of Blue Bell Wood had been resolved with the contractors Balfour Beatty.

(f) 5G Mast Weston lane

Permission for the existing pole to be replaced by a 17.50 metre high pole had been refused.

## **57. WYCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL**

Councillor R Schafer reported that bookings were continuing to be good.

An application was being made to fund the conversion of the hall lights to LED.

Volunteers were needed to assist with the hanging of the Christmas lights which would be switched on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

A list of the details of the members of the hall management Committee was to be supplied to the Clerk.

## **58. POLICE MATTERS**

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

## **59. ChALC-ANNUAL MEETING**

Councillors A Broome and J Cornell reported on their attendance at this meeting.

There had been an extremely good attendance and the Chairman of NALC, Keith Stevens, had spoken of the problem of disrespect and abuse of Councillors.

Many new Members only serve for a brief period on Parish Councils and this may be addressed by increased training.

A motion was unanimously supported for a 'one stop shop' for planning issues, to ensure more effective communication between Parish Councils and the Principal Planning Authorities

A motion was also supported relating to improved Public Transport provision for rural areas.

There was to be a 2.8% increase in fees for the forthcoming year.

## **60. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS**

Councillor J Clowes reported that Cadnet Gas had been forced to stop tunnelling in Chorlton Lane due to flooding.

The December Council meeting of Cheshire East Council would be recommended to ratify the SADPD following the Inspector's report.

The Draft Minerals and Waste Plan was out for consultation until 21<sup>st</sup> December.

The Cemeteries Strategy and Regulations were under consultation until 9<sup>th</sup> December.

The Wychwood Village Road Traffic Order proposals were to be reconsidered and further public consultation would take place.

The review of the Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries had resulted in the Wybunbury Borough Ward going into the Eddisbury Constituency.

## **61. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor S Edgar reported that the footpath from Meadow Avenue to East Avenue had been surfaced.

The Parish Boundary review would take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 which would result in the new Parish of Weston and Crewe Green being created.

Councillor J Chambers reported on a meeting of the Playing Fields Trustees. Funding was being sought to provide outdoor Gym equipment.

Councillor J Cornell reported that he had reported a blocked storm water drain in Englesea Brook Lane.

## **62. 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.

The signs at Cemetery Road had been replaced.

The sign at Stowford was missing.

Concerns were expressed that the website was not up to date with certain Agenda and Minutes not shown. This would be attended to within the following few days.

The funding for the widening of the A500 was discussed.

The blocked gully outside 48 Main Road was still not attended to despite having been reported originally in 2019. This would be raised again with Cheshire East Council.

Concerns were expressed at the absence of dates on the stickers recently attached to bins to advise on the Christmas collection arrangements.

## **63. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be approved: -

D G Owen Salary/expenses	1397.46
HMRC -Tax collected	391.77
D Williamson	224.00
A Witter allotment rent	1000.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	50.00
PQR Payroll services	111.00

Newbrook Engineering- Signs Cemetery Road	288.00
Neighbourhood Plan transfer.	1000.00

**64. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 8th DECEMBER 2022.**

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**CHAIRMAN**