

**WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2024**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: John Densem (Chair), Paul Bate, Anne Broome, Janet Chamberlain, John Chambers, John Cornell, Steve Edgar and Rennie Schafer

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Borough Cllrs Janet Clowes and three members of the public.

**23/148 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Kiddie and Borough Cllr Heler.

**23/149 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**23/150 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**23/151 PLANNING MATTERS**

1) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cornell advised that the grant application process for 2024/25 had not yet commenced, however, it was expected shortly.

2) South Cheshire Growth Village

There had been 83 attendees at the Drop-in session on 04 May. The further information requested from the developers had only just been received and it was agreed that a Planning Committee be scheduled for 2pm on Friday 03 May 2024.

3) Muse Development (23/0539N)

The Planning Committee had met on 05 April and submitted a number of comments to the application for warehousing on the site. There were still many concerns about the development which were exacerbated by amended plans submitted to planning application 22/3158N (Construction of road, required to enable alternative access to Arriva Traincare), which utilised the same access road. It was noted that the application relating to the proposed new shops and eateries was still awaited.

4) Planning Committee Decisions

<b>App No</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Decision</b>
24/0898N	Lean-to agricultural store to rear of existing outbuilding at Bridge House, Snape Lane, Englesea Brook	No objection
24/0998N	Removal of the existing cladding/ building signage to the showroom with new cladding/ signage zones proposed external works to uplift the current provision of car parking spaces at Swansway Jaguar Crewe, Beswick Drive, Crewe	No objection in principle but concerns re loss of planting /landscaping
24/1041N	Siting of 8 solar panels on the roof of the property at 6, Gorsty Hill Close, Balterley Heath	No comments
24/1093N	Non-material amendment to approved application 20/3762N - Residential development for 146 new build dwellings & associated works on Land off Sydney Road, Crewe	No objection
22/3158N	Construction of road, required to enable alternative access to Arriva Traincare site on land west of David Whitby Way, Crewe (amended plans)	Proposals only acceptable with reduction in MUSE development (23/0539N)

**23/152 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

Cllr Schafer confirmed that the 'mowing group' was in the process of obtaining public liability insurance. Cllr Densem suggested that the footpath to the shed required cleaning. The Committee had received positive feedback from a new group using the Village Hall.

**23/153 POLICE MATTERS**

The Clerk provided a summary of the police incidents across the Parish Council area, noting the report from the Haslington PCSO had not been received.

**23/154 REPORTS OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS**

Borough Cllr Clowes referred to the continued concerns regarding the works undertaken on the Wychwood Village Country Park, although it was noted that the inclement weather had exacerbated these problems.

It was confirmed that the dualling of the A500 would no longer be feasible given the reduction in funding available following the cancellation of HS2. However, proposals had been agreed to request funding for improvements to the Mere Moss roundabout and improved access routes to Crewe Station.

**23/155 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

It was confirmed that the superfast broadband had gone live in Englesea Brook on 26 March. Thanks were conveyed to Cllr Chamberlain in obtaining such a successful outcome.

Cllr Chambers raised concerns regarding grass cutting and had remedial actions had been requested. Cllr Chambers raised concerns regarding grass cutting of the Public Open Space adjacent to Millbeck Close and Westmere Close. Cllr Edgar agreed to pursue this with Cheshire East Council.

Cllr Edgar was in discussions with Cheshire East highways/ANSA regarding surfacing works on East Avenue and the provision of a waste bin on Meadow Avenue.

Cllr Densem referred to a meeting held with Lovells to discuss the outstanding issues with the Weston Woods development. The feedback was largely positive with a number of actions agreed. A further meeting would be scheduled for June to discuss progress.

**23/156 OPEN FORUM – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A member of the public provided positive feedback on the South Cheshire Growth Village drop-in session, although expressed concern that the traffic survey had been undertaken eight years ago.

Concern was expressed at the number and size of potholes in the area and people were reminded to report these via the Cheshire East Fixmystreet portal.

The Speed Indicator Device at the end of Smithy Lane was no longer working.

It was noted that there were temporary road closures in Snape Lane (22 April) and Cemetery Road (anytime between 15 and 19 April)

**23/157 FINANCE REPORT**

Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Andrew Thomson	Planning consultancy	165.69
David Williamson	Lengthsman	440.25
Mark Robinson	Salary and expenses	1,085.37
Scottish Power	Electricity 23/24	474.79
Scottish Power	Electricity Q4	439.71
All Saints PCC	Hall Hire	391.50
John Cornell	Print cartridges	53.97
Shires Payroll	Payroll costs	90.00
Cheshire Association of Local Councils	Membership	737.20

**23/158 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 09 May 2024, commencing at 7.30pm at the Weston Church Hall.