

**WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2023**

PRESENT:

Councillors: John Densem (Chairman), Paul Bate, Anne Broome, John Chambers, John Cornell, Steve Edgar, Alex Lewis and Rennie Schafer

IN ATTENDANCE:

One member of the public and Borough Cllr Heler

23/096 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Chamberlain, Kiddie and Borough Cllrs Clowes.

23/097 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

23/098 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

23/099 PLANNING MATTERS

1) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cornell advised that the Independent Examiner had submitted a number of questions, which the Council had responded to. The next stage was the Examiner would submit his report to the Borough Council.

2) South Cheshire Growth Village

A meeting with the consultants and developer had been held to discuss the progress on this project. A consultation on proposals would be undertaken in the New Year. It was noted that the main issue of contention would be the implications of the additional traffic along with potential safety issues at the junction of Weston Road and Main Road, Weston.

3) Muse Development

A meeting had been held with the developers to discuss the latest proposals, which were expected to be submitted early next year. These included a 20,000 sq ft superstore and a drive through takeaway.

4) Planning Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2023 were noted, with the following details -

App No	Application	Decision
23/4181N	The use of land for the stationing of additional caravans for residential purposes, the erection of a second dayroom and formation of additional hardstanding on land at Cemetery Road, Weston	Objection and enforcement action

23/100 HIGH SPEED BROADBAND – ENGLESEA BROOK AREA

There was no further update.

23/101 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Cllr Schafer confirmed that the switch-on of the Christmas lights had been successful and a banner supporting the company that had enabled the switch-on had been erected on the fencing. It was noted that the shed was currently empty as the mowers were being serviced.

23/102 POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk provided a summary of the police incidents across the Parish Council area.

23/103 REPORTS OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Borough Cllr Edgar advised that the dualling of the A500 had been delayed by approximately six months following the cancellation of HS2.

The Local Government Boundary Commission had commenced an electoral review of Cheshire East Council. As part of the process, the Council would be proposing changes to the wards covering the Parish Council's area. Further details would be published as part of the consultation process.

23/104 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Bate referred to an abandoned tyre at the end of Pastures Drive and the Lengthsman would be asked to remove it.

Cllr Chambers provided an update regarding dogs on the Mere Road Playing Field.

Councillors discussed the proliferation of signage on roundabouts and noted that much of this related to the sponsorship of the roundabouts.

With regards the Borough Council's open space consultation, thanks were conveyed to Cllr Chambers for preparing the Parish Council's response. The consultation proposed the reduction in the frequency of maintenance on a number of sites across the Borough, although it did not relate to all highways verges. Cllr Densem had liaised with a local contractor regarding the maintenance of service provision should the maintenance frequencies be reduced.

Cllr Densem reflected on the past Council year, in particular the successful integration of the two Councils following the Community Governance Review.

23/105 OPEN FORUM – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Clerk was asked to contact D&G Buses following incidents where the stop in Weston was missed as the buses were travelling too fast around the bend approaching the bus stop.

23/106 BIODIVERSITY

Councillors were advised of the requirements relating to Biodiversity as set out in the Environment Act 2021 and noted that a further report would be submitted to a future meeting.

23/107 FINANCE REPORT

Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reason	Amount £
David Williamson *	Lengthsman - September	424.50
Johnsons Printers	Community Newsletter	442.00
Thomson Planning Partnership	Planning Advice	129.60
Newbrook Engineering	Repairs	250.00
Mark Robinson	Salary and expenses (Nov)	1,057.95
HMRC	PAYE & NI	2,804.15
Chalc	Planning Training	90.00
Scottish Power	Electricity	tbc

Community Infrastructure Levy

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had received a further sum of £15,282.24,

thus totalling income of £29,574.52 in the financial year. It was noted that these monies had to be spent within five years of receipt.

23/108 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 11 January 2023, commencing at 7.30pm at the Weston Church Hall.