

**WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2024**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Borough Cllrs Janet Clowes and Alison Heler and five members of the public.

**23/136 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Chambers.

**23/137 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**23/138 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 08 February 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**23/139 PLANNING MATTERS**

1) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cornell confirmed that the Weston and Basford Modification Plan had been made and hard copies would be circulated to all Councillors.

A Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting had been held to commence the development of the Weston and Crewe Green Neighbourhood Plan. This would be a new plan with the addition of Crewe Green and removal of that part of Wychwood park that transferred to Chorlton Parish in 2023. It was confirmed that Cheshire East Council had designated a new Neighbourhood Plan area based on the new Parish Council footprint.

The main communication with residents and businesses would be via the Community Newsletter and the initial briefing had been agreed. A meeting would be held shortly with Cheshire Wildlife Trust to discuss the requirements and obtain a quote. The development of the plan would be dependent on funding from Locality and a bid was currently being prepared ready for submission in the new financial year.

2) South Cheshire Growth Village

A meeting had been held with two principal representatives on behalf of the developers. A public drop-in session would be held on the afternoon of 04 April in the Weston Church Hall to provide further details of the development. A Planning Committee meeting would be arranged to consider the Council's comments.

3) Muse Development

Amended plans had been submitted to the planning authority in relation to planning application 23/0539N pertaining to this development on land off the west of David Whitby Way and a Planning Committee would be convened to consider the Council's response.

4) Planning Committee Decisions

<b>App No</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Decision</b>
24/0514N	The installation of a car EV charger to Red Lion Farmhouse, Red Lion Farm, 74, Main Road, Weston	No objection
24/0760N	Variation of conditions 2 and 4 on application 22/2011N: Change of use from retail to dwellinghouse	No objection

	at Vine Cottage Stores, 18, Cemetery Road, Weston	
24/0797T	Works to TPO Trees at St Michaels Vicarage, Narrow Lane, Crewe	No objection

5) Cheshire East Council Southern Planning Committee

Cllr Cornell represented the Parish Council during the consideration of planning application 23/4181N (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.) Although the Parish Council had submitted an objection, the application was approved. It was noted that recent changes in planning policy had negated some of the Parish Council’s objections, although the landscaping condition had been strengthened as a result of the comments.

**23/140 HIGH SPEED BROADBAND – ENGLESEA BROOK AREA**

The first tranche of properties had been commissioned with the next tranche going live in the coming weeks. Thanks were conveyed to Cllr Chamberlain and Cornell for their efforts in progressing this project.

**23/141 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

Cllr Schafer advised that the wires for the Christmas lighting had been removed. It was hoped that these could be laid underground for future years.

**23/142 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.

**23/143 REPORTS OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS**

Borough Cllr Clowes advised that the Borough Council had approved a number of draft Local Plan policies which would proceed to consultation in the near future. A call for sites would also be undertaken.

There was a grant available from the Improved, Greener, Community Facilities Fund which would provide funding towards projects which demonstrated investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.

With regards the remedial works in Wychwood Village following the direction from the arbitration, given the extremely poor quality of these works undertaken, this would be referred back to the arbitrator.

**23/144 PARISH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

Councillor Kiddie referred to the difficulty in obtaining an event road closure following a change in the process. The Chairman referred to a number of other options and would discuss the matter further outside the meeting.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with the highways authority regarding problems with the speed indicator device.

Following the reduction in amenity maintenance proposed by Cheshire East Council as part of the outcome of the Green Spaces consultation, quotes had been sought for replacement mowing of the Playing Field and the cemetery.

- Playing Field – 6 cuts free of charge and 6 cuts @£133.03 + VAT each.
- Cemetery – Approximately £600 for 4 cuts

RESOLVED – that the above quotes be accepted.

**23/145 OPEN FORUM – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Weston Road

Concern was expressed at the speed of vehicles along Weston Road and the associated national speed limit whereas other roads had lower speed limits. It was noted that there were proposals as part of the South Cheshire Growth Village proposals to address the speed and type of vehicles using the road.

Cheshire Wildlife Trust

A representative from CWT provided an update on the works being undertaken to reverse the decline in the swift population. It was suggested that information on this could be included in the Community Newsletter.

**23/146 FINANCE REPORT**

Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Mark Robinson	Salary and expenses (Feb)	1,071.66
HMRC	PAYE Q4	2,689.42
David Williamson	Lengthsman	450.75

**23/147 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 11 April 2024, commencing at 7.30pm at the Weston Church Hall.