

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

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Councillor Alison Heler and 5 Members of the Public.

23/053 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Chamberlain and Schafer and Borough Cllr Clowes

23/054 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

23/055 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

23/056 FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED – that the Committee comprises the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllrs Bate, Chamberlain and Lewis.

23/057 PLANNING MATTERS

1) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cornell advised that the Modification Plan was at the Regulation 16 stage which entailed a consultation undertaken by Cheshire East Council. The next stage would be review by the External Examiner and it was hoped that there would be no requirement for a referendum, given the limited modifications proposed.

Next year, work would commence on the modification to the Plan to incorporate the revised Parish Council boundaries.

2) HS2

Nothing to update.

3) Planning Applications

Councillors received an update on decisions by the Parish Council's Planning Committee as follows:

App No	Application	Decision
23/2748N	Listed Building consent: The proposals include dry lining external walls to the living room and front porch at THE LODGE, SLAUGHTER HILL, CREWE	No objection
23/2745N	Listed Building Consent to install secondary glazing to all windows at PLUM TREE COTTAGE, CREWE ROAD, CREWE	No objection
23/2860N	Advertisement on LAND TO THE WEST OF DAVID WHITBY WAY, BASFORD	No objection to the principle but questions the need for 2 signs. Requests that the sign be unilluminated and of similar size and design to the one previously consented under application 22/3992N
23/2847N	Proposed application covers a proposal to construct	No objection

	a new front porch entrance to the existing property at 37, EAST AVENUE, WESTON	
23/3001N	Proposed external alterations at 3, WINCHESTER COURT, WESTON	Sought additional information and supports enforcement action
23/3280N	Single storey rear extension and part conversion of existing garage at 10, CHESTERTON WAY, WESTON	No objection subject to consultation with neighbouring dwelling
23/3262N	2 storey side extension at 5, CEMETERY ROAD, WESTON	No objections subject to matching materials and protection of tree roots
23/3243N	Listed building consent for installing secondary glazing internally to the kitchen window in order to improve thermal efficiency at VICARAGE COTTAGE, NARROW LANE, CREWE	No objection

23/058 HIGH SPEED BROADBAND – ENGLESEA BROOK AREA

Cllr Cornell advised that communication had been received confirming that the project was expected to be completed by February 2024.

23/059 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Cllr Bate provided an update on Committee matters. With regards the Mower Storage Facility, Cllr Bate agreed to discuss this further with Cllr Schafer.

23/060 CREWE GREEN COMMUNITY GARDEN

The former Crewe Green Parish Council had agreed to continue the funding for the maintenance of this garden for a further five years, with monies being provided from the recent Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipt. A quote had been received in the sum of £548 for maintenance over the coming year.

RESOLVED – that the Parish Council supports the continued maintenance of the garden as set out above, with the monies being used from the recent CIL receipts.

23/061 POLICE MATTERS

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

23/062 REPORTS OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Borough Cllr Heler referred to the forthcoming temporary road closure to enable the Panattoni Park Radway Green Road (B5078) junction improvements. Councillors had made numerous representations regarding these concerns and it was hoped that the increased diversion signage would mitigate some of the problems.

With regards the recent improvements to the footpath along the B5078 Weston Road, thanks were conveyed to the Parish Council and Crewe Hall for funding this. It was noted that the drainage works on Mere Road would commence this month.

23/063 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

With regards the graffiti on the Basford bridge, the Lengthsman was asked to rectify this.

A complaint had been received regarding the condition of a footpath along Narrow Lane. It was reported that the overgrown hedge was scheduled to be cut shortly. The Lengthsman was asked to tidy the footpath once the hedge had been cut.

It was noted that fixing the large pothole along Whites Lane was the responsibility of

United Utilities and it was recommended that further representations be made regarding the problem on FixMyStreet.

Cllr Chambers was thanked for the improvements that had been made to the website including the incorporation of information on Crewe Green.

23/064 OPEN FORUM – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Concern was expressed regarding the state of East Avenue and Borough Cllr Edgar confirmed that the developers have not provided details of when the resurfacing works would be undertaken. In the meantime, Cheshire East Council would continue to be responsible for remedial works to potholes. It was noted that the provision of the 20 mph speed limit would not be possible until the road had been adopted.

Concern was expressed at the on-road parking in association with the car boot sales at the cricket club. It was noted that the club had provided additional parking and there were no parking restrictions on the road at that location.

Thanks were conveyed for the support in finally achieving the jetting of the drain outside 48 Main Road, Weston.

The Clerk was asked to contact D&G Buses regarding an incident where passengers on the No. 85 bus were left stranded for an hour at Crewe Bus Station as there was no bus driver available.

With regards the new bins on Wychwood Village, the Clerk was asked to contact ANSA as the weekly bin emptying did not seem consistent.

23/065 FINANCE REPORT

1) Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reason	Amount £
Thomson Planning Partnership *	Planning Advice	54.00
Mark Robinson *	Salary & Office expenses (Jul)	928.12
Mark Robinson	Salary & Office expenses (Aug)	928.14
Britannia Ecological Solutions Ltd	Village Hall Grounds Maintenance	357.60
David Williamson	Lengthsman (Jun-Aug)	803.25
David Williamson	Weston Road Tidying	875.00

* ratification

2) Noticeboards

A quote had been received to update the Parish Council's name on the noticeboards and repairs to the Crewe Green noticeboard.

RESOLVED – that the Council accepts the quote in the sum of £651.90.

23/066 CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

RESOLVED - that Mark Robinson's appointment as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer be confirmed following the satisfactory completion of the probationary period.

23/067 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 05 October 2023, commencing at 7.30pm at the Weston Church Hall. The following meeting date had been changed to Thursday, 16 November.