

**WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2023**

PRESENT:

Councillors: John Densem (Chairman), Anne Broome, Janet Chamberlain, John Chambers, John Cornell, Steve Edgar, Annelene Kiddie and Rennie Schafer

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Clowes and four members of the Public.

23/082 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Bate, Lewis and Borough Cllr Heler

23/083 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Cornell declared an interest in planning application 23/3718T and took no part in the consideration thereon.

Cllr Edgar declared an interest in the Finance report in relation to the donation request from the Weston Allotment Association and left the meeting whilst the vote was taken.

23/084 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

23/085 PLANNING MATTERS

1) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cornell advised that the Regulation 16 consultation period had finished and the Modification Plan had been submitted to the Independent Examiner.

2) South Cheshire Growth Village

A meeting with the consultants and developer was scheduled to update the Parish Council on progress relating to the current planning application.

3) Muse Development

A consultation had commenced regarding the provision of a retail development including shops and eateries, to be located adjacent to the roundabout on David Whitby Way. Members of the Parish Council had held a separate meeting with the developers and had expressed their reservations regarding certain aspects of the proposal.

4) Planning Applications

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

App No	Application	Decision
23/3718T	Works To Trees in Conservation Area At Malt Kiln Cottage, Englesea Brook Lane, Weston	No objection
23/3649N	Prior approval for change of use from an agricultural building to a dwelling at The Piggery, Offley Ley Farm, Butterton Lane, Oakhanger	No objection and comment re removal of contamination
	Pre-application consultation from WHP Telecoms Ltd regarding a proposed Base Station Installation at Cornerstone 30686300, Casey Lane	No objection subject to safeguarding of mature tree
23/4143N	Non-material amendment to application 18/1049N at TJX Europe, Jack Mills Way, Shavington	No objection

23/086 HIGH SPEED BROADBAND – ENGLESEA BROOK AREA

Cllr Chamberlain confirmed that approvals had been received from all necessary parties and the project was on course for completion by February 2024.

23/087 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Cllr Schafer confirmed that the switch-on of the Christmas lights would proceed on 04 December.

23/088 DOGS ON PLAY AREAS

With regards the East Avenue Play Area, it was suggested that the dog bins should be moved away from the seating and the Clerk was asked to contact the developer to progress this.

A letter had been received from a resident complaining about dogs on Mere Road playground. Cllr Chambers was asked to investigate the provision of signs to deter dog owners allowing their dogs into the playing area.

23/089 POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk provided a summary of the police incidents across the Parish Council area. Unfortunately, no report had been received from the Haslington area beat officer.

23/090 REPORTS OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Borough Cllr Clowes raised the following matters –

With regards the dispute regarding the Wychwood Village maintenance agreement, details of the dispute resolver were expected from RICS shortly. The outcome of the parking surveys on Wychwood Village had been sought.

Cheshire East Council had commenced a Green Spaces consultation and Councillors agreed to review this and submit a response as there was concern at the proposed reduction in planned maintenance.

23/091 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The Lengthsman was asked to remove the graffiti on the Basford railway bridge.

Cllr Chambers referred to the Council's Community Resilience Emergency Plan and suggested that it would require updating to reflect the Council's new boundaries.

It was noted that a new litter / dog waste bin had been provided in Englesea Brook in a more suitable location.

Although it was noted that the maintenance of gates and footpaths was the responsibility of the landowner, the lengthsman was asked to review the condition on the land at Wychwood Village.

Cllrs Broome and Cornell had attended the Cheshire Association of Local Council AGM and provided feedback to the Parish Council.

23/092 OPEN FORUM – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The implications of the South Cheshire Growth Village on the Parish were discussed.

It was noted that a Planning Committee meeting would be held on 30 November to consider Planning Application 23/4181N.

23/093 FINANCE REPORT

Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reason	Amount £
Mark Robinson	Salary and Office expenses (Oct)	1,057.55
Mark Robinson	Zoom	143.88
Source Handyman	Noticeboards	635.88
Lynn Halliburton	Community Garden	152.96
Royal British Legion	Donation	50.00
John Cornell	Planning Resource	495.00
Rennie Schafer	Re-imburement	62.90
Cheshire East Council	Lamppost repair (paid for by insurance monies received by Crewe Green in 2020)	Up to 2,371.99 (to be confirmed)

Request for Funding

The Weston Allotment Group had requested support for the re-covering of the Polytunnel. The existing cover was over 10 years old and showing heavy signs of wear and was unlikely to last another winter/summer. The cost of the re-cover was approximately £1,800 and the Group was asking for £500 support towards the project.

RESOLVED – that the sum of £500 be provided to the Group as set out above.

23/094 FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED – that the Committee have the following delegations –

- Approve the Council’s Standing Orders and Financial Regulations;
- Approve the Fixed Asset Register;
- Approve the Risk Schedule;
- Make recommendations to the full Council regarding the budget and precept;
- To receive the Audit reports and consider responses;
- To receive quarterly finance reports.

23/095 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 14 December 2023, commencing at 7.30pm at the Weston Church Hall.