

**WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13 JUNE 2024**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: John Densem (Chair), Paul Bate, Anne Broome, Janet Chamberlain, John Chambers, John Cornell, Annelene Kiddie and Rennie Schafer.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Borough Cllrs Janet Clowes and Alison Heler and one member of the public.

**24/016 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Edgar and Lewis.

**24/017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**24/018 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 09 May 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**24/019 PLANNING MATTERS**

1) Cheshire East Local Plan Consultation

Councillors were advised that work was commencing on a revised Cheshire East Local Plan, which would take the operational period of the Plan from 2030 to 2045. The Parish Council had a recently made modified Neighbourhood Plan (former parish of Weston & Basford) which would be extended to cover the whole of the new parish encompassing Crewe Green.

Cllr Cornell had drafted a response to the Local Plan consultation which covered responses regarding the following sections – Call for Sites, Transport and Infrastructure, Climate Change and Improved Sustainability, Homes for Everyone, Good design, Open Countryside, Strategic Green Gaps and Green Belt.

RESOLVED – that the response to the Local Plan consultation be approved as drafted.

2) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cornell advised that the grant application in the sum of £5,795 had been approved and work would commence regarding the development of the new Neighbourhood Plan.

3) South Cheshire Growth Village

Thanks were conveyed to Borough Cllr Clowes for facilitating the meeting with Cheshire East officers regarding the effects of this development on Weston, in particular the reducing the impact on Main Road. It was noted that a further meeting would be held in due course. It was expected that this planning application would be considered at the Strategic Planning Board on 24 July 2024.

4) Muse Development (23/0539N)

It was noted that this application had been approved by Cheshire Eat Council, albeit with over 40 conditions, which included the establishment of a Community Liaison Group, to which the Parish Council would be represented.

5) Taylor Wimpey Development Liaison Meeting (21/1409N)

Feedback was received regarding the recent meeting, which would be a precursor to a formal Liaison Group. There was concern regarding the impact of the Muse development which was immediately to the rear of this site.

**6) Planning Committee Decision**

<b>App No</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Decision</b>
24/1378N	New agricultural building at Carters Green Farm, Jack Lane, Weston	No objection
24/1712D	Discharge of conditions 7, 8, 10, 12 and 13 on application 23/4181N on land at Cemetery Road, Weston	Comment re close monitoring of compliance with conditions

**24/020 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

The Annual General Meeting had been held on 10 June 2024, which had noted that the Hall had made a small financial loss in 2023/24 but this was recovered in the current financial year. Dates had been set for the Summer fayre and switch-on of the Christmas lights.

A mower had been purchased for grounds maintenance.

**24/021 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 again.

**24/022 WYBUNBURY UNITED CHARITIES – ANNUAL REPORT**

Councillors noted the report submitted by Cllr Cornell.

**24/023 REPORTS OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS**

Borough Cllr Clowes referred to temporary road closures along Snape Lane and Englesea Brook Lane on 14 August 2024, to enable BT works.

Concerns were still ongoing regarding the maintenance of the Wychwood Village country park. It was suggested that a further complaint be submitted to the Borough Council.

**24/024 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Kiddie expressed concerns regarding a property on Cemetery Road and these would be conveyed to the Borough Council.

Councillors expressed concern at the state of the grass cutting in the area following the reduction in service provided by Cheshire East Council. A number of options were considered but Cllr Chambers would liaise with ANSA regarding the cutting of the Playing Field.

The collapse of a bridge regarding Basford FPs 1 and 2 had been reported to Cheshire East Council.

Reports of graffiti on the play equipment at Weston Woods play area would be conveyed to Lovell's.

Cllr Chambers advised that the Council's website domain name had been changed to [www.westonandcrewegreen-pc.gov.uk](http://www.westonandcrewegreen-pc.gov.uk). This was following national guidance for Parish Council websites and email addresses.

Cllr Cornell referred to the problems caused by pipe bursts in Englesea Brook and resultant damage to verges. Cheshire East Council had advised that the verges would be re-instated in the current financial year.

It was noted that the Garden Party would be held on 13 July 2024, with all proceeds going to All Saints Church.

**24/025 OPEN FORUM – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A member of the public referred to the height of the proposed warehouses as part of the Muse development and the strategic green gaps.

Thanks were conveyed to Cheshire East Council for their efficient response to a blocked drain on Main Road, Weston.

**24/026 FINANCE REPORT**

1) Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Gross £</b>
Parish Online	Website and Email Addresses	312.00
John Densem	Chairman's Allowance	1,100.00
John Cornell	Vice-Chairman's Allowance	300.00
John Cornell	Planning Chairman's Allowance	1,100.00
John Chambers	Planning Vice-Chairman's Allowance	300.00
Mark Robinson	Salary and expenses	1,155.31
David Williamson	Lengthsman	572.00
Hibberts	Professional Charges	1,808.00

2) Annual Governance Statement 2023/24

Councillors reviewed the Annual Governance Statement, which outlined the requirements for a sound system of internal control. There was one area of non-compliance which related to the late publication of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, which had been caused by the late receipt of the completed accounts.

RESOLVED – that the Annual Governance Statement be approved, noting the non-compliance with one requirement.

3) Accounting Statement 2023/24

The Accounting Statement summarised the Council's income and expenditure over the past two financial years and included explanations for major variances between the years.

RESOLVED – that the Accounting Statement be approved.

**24/027 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

7.30pm on Thursday, 11 July 2024 at All Saints Church Hall, Weston