

**WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2024**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Two representatives from D&G Buses, Borough Cllr Alison Heler and four members of the public.

24/028 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Broome and Lewis.

24/029 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

24/030 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – that, subject to a change of wording at 24/024 from ‘Playing Field’ to ‘public open space’, the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

24/031 D&G BUS SERVICE

Two representatives from D&G Buses attended the meeting to discuss issues with the 85 service. A member of the public raised a number of incidents and the representatives agreed to investigate these matters and report back to the Council.

D&G had launched a new app which provided live information on bus locations and the meeting discussed ways in which to publicise this.

24/032 PLANNING MATTERS

1) South Cheshire Growth Village

Cllr Cornell provided feedback from his attendance at the Cheshire East Council Strategic Planning Board meeting held on 10 September. The Board had approved the planning application relating to this site (22/1447N). Thanks were conveyed to Borough Cllrs Clowes and Edgar for supporting the Parish Council at the meeting.

It was noted that the Parish Council would be consulted on the discharge of all of the associated conditions along with any changes to the plans. Further discussions to take place with Cheshire East regarding traffic measures along Main Road Weston to protect Weston Village before any development takes place.

2) Neighbourhood Plan

The Steering Group was continuing to work on the development of the Plan which would cover the new Parish Council area. Grant funding had been received from Locality. Cheshire Wildlife Trust and AECOM had been commissioned to support various aspects of the Plan. It was noted that the Government was developing a new National Planning Policy Framework which would identify a large increase in housing requirements in Cheshire East, thus development of a robust Neighbourhood Plan was essential.

3) Cheshire East Local Plan

Cheshire East Council had commenced the preparation of its Local Plan post-2030 and the Parish Council had already submitted some initial comments.

4) Newcastle-under-Lyme Local Plan

Public consultation was currently taking place on the final stages of the preparation

of the plan prior to its submission to Central Government for an Examination in Public. The Parish Council had objected to the allocation of a large logistics allocation adjacent to Junction 16 of the M6. In the event of the Secretary of State approving this, strict safeguards had been suggested.

5) Planning Committee Decision

App No	Application	Decision
24/3033N	Amendment to the front elevation of AFC 1 with the addition of 2nr. fixed windows to give light to the logistics warehouse with ancillary offices at Crewe Logistics Park, Jack Mills Way, Shavington	No objection
24/2810N	Extension to form open sided covered store at Park Farm, Slaughter Hill, Crewe Green	No objection
24/2564N	Demolition of existing rear conservatory with proposed erection of a single storey side and single storey rear extension at 10 Meadow Avenue, Weston	No objection subject to consultation with neighbouring property
24/2371N	Variation of condition 3 on existing permission 17/2879N on land to the rear of 12 Cemetery Road, Weston	Objection to due size of development and precedent for intensive development
24/2442N	Advertisement consent for development directional signage to be erected on highway land adjacent to the roundabout on David Whitby Way on land to west of David Whitby Way	No objection to this application subject to the signs not being illuminated

24/033 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

It was noted that there were two new regular bookings in the Hall.

24/034 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. The Clerk was asked to make representations to the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the lack of police engagement covering this rural area.

24/035 HEDGEROW MAINTENANCE

There was still concern regarding the maintenance of hedgerows alongside a number of Public Rights of Way and Borough Cllr Heler agreed to discuss this with Cheshire East officers.

24/036 REPORTS OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Borough Cllr Heler confirmed that the white lining in Weston would be undertaken shortly. The meeting was advised of the Borough Council's consultation on changes to the household waste service, which proposed moving the black bin emptying to three-weekly, to accommodate the introduction of weekly food waste collections.

24/037 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

With regards a follow-up meeting with Lovell's, the Clerk confirmed that a request had been submitted and a follow-up would be sent, as no response had yet been received.

Cllr Chambers referred to the excellent work being undertaken by the Weston Weeders.

Cllr Cornell advised that the Cheshire Association of Local Council subscription would be increasing by 1p per elector for 2025/26.

24/038 OPEN FORUM – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the public referred to the noise from the speed and volume of traffic along Weston Road and the detrimental effect this was having on local residents. A discussion ensued regarding what measures could be taken to reduce these issues. It was noted that there were proposals contained within the South Cheshire Growth Village development which would support this but there was concern about the timeline for these.

The residents had liaised with Borough Cllr Edgar and Cheshire East highways on these matters and noted that the Borough Council would not support the implementation of a weight restriction on the road. It was suggested that the residents write to the Parish Council detailing their concerns, so that this matter could be raised with the Borough Council and developers for the South Cheshire Growth Village. Discussions would also be held to try and change the sat nav routes to support the use of the by-pass.

24/039 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) MONIES

The Parish Council had received £29,574.72 CIL funding relating to the development adjacent to Crewe Green roundabout. Given this location, it had been agreed that preference should be given to schemes within Crewe Green.

RESOLVED – that the funding be allocated as set out below:

Scheme	Allocation	
Crewe Green Community Garden	£2,000.00	
Repair to Crewe Green Church Gates	£1,500.00	
Crewe Green Streetlight repairs	£15,000.00	(subject to quotation)
PROW improvements - Wychwood Village	£1,000.00	
Weston Playing Field Equipment	£9,000.00	

24/040 FINANCE REPORT

1) Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reason	Gross £
Unity Trust *	Fees Q1	18.00
Virgin Bank *	Fees (at closure)	11.71
Johnsons Printers *	Community Newsletter	442.00
Don Fanstone *	Internal Audit	225.00
Royal Mail *	Response Licence	119.88
Mark Robinson *	Salary and expenses (June)	1,155.31
Andrew Thomson *	Planning consultation	93.69
HMRC *	PAYE Q1	2,755.27
Mark Robinson *	Salary and expenses (July)	1,155.31
John Harding & Son *	Hedge Cutting	105.60
Andrew Thomson	Planning consultation & Neighbourhood Plan	237.60
Mark Robinson	Salary and expenses (August)	1,155.31

24/041 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30pm on Thursday, 10 October 2024 at All Saints Church Hall, Weston