

WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15 MAY 2025

PRESENT:

Councillors: John Densem (Chair), Anne Broome, Janet Chamberlain, John Cornell, Gillian Grocott and Annelene Kiddie.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Janet Clowes and two members of the public.

25/001 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – that Cllr Densem be elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

25/002 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – that Cllr Cornell be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

25/003 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Chambers, Heler, Lewis, Sanderson, Schafer and Wilkinson.

25/004 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

25/005 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

25/006 COMMITTEES

RESOLVED – that the Committee Memberships for 2025/26 be established as follows:-

Planning Committee:

John Cornell (Chair), John Chambers (Vice-Chair), Anne Broome, John Densem (ex-officio), Annelene Kiddie and Simon Lewis

Finance Committee:

Janet Chamberlain, John Cornell, John Densem, Simon Lewis and Rennie Schafer

Staffing Committee:

John Chambers, John Cornell and John Densem

25/007 PLANNING MATTERS

1) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cornell advised that work was ongoing to draft the Neighbourhood Plan with the view to submitting this to Cheshire East Council around the end of June. The questionnaires had been analysed, with many responses being received about maintaining the character of local communities, a local convenience shop and concerns regarding traffic. It was noted that there were already considerable approved housing allocations for the Parish area, but it was important to promote smaller dwellings and starter homes, wherever possible.

2) East Avenue

Concern was expressed at the poor condition of East Avenue and concerns about speeding traffic. The Council had been trying to arrange a follow-up meeting with Lovells for some time and would contact them again. The support of the MP would also be sought.

3) Planning Committee Decisions

App No	Application	Decision
24/4984/ LBC	Listed building consent to remove existing masonry paint, undertake patch repointing & brick replacements at Vicarage Cottage Narrow Lane, Crewe	No objection
25/0914/ HOUS	Dormer extensions and rear single storey extension at 32 Mere Road, Weston	No objection
24/4987/ LBC	Listed building consent to remove existing masonry paint from all elevations of the building, undertake patch repointing works and replace spalled/damaged bricks using reclaimed Cheshire brick at Fir Tree Cottage, Narrow Lane, Crewe	No objection

25/008 GOVERNANCE

Complaints Procedure

Councillors reviewed the draft Complaints Procedure.

RESOLVED – that the Complaints Procedure be approved.

Standing Orders

Councillors reviewed the draft Standing Orders. Following the review at the last meeting, there had been one suggested amendment that ‘the Chairman of the Council shall not chair any of the Standing Committees’. It was considered that the respective Committees should have the power to decide the Chair therefore, this amendment was not supported.

RESOLVED – that the Standing Orders be approved as drafted.

25/009 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

No update.

25/010 POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk provided details of the police incidents from the Haslington and Wybunbury Beat areas. The Clerk was asked to reiterate the suggestion of a Cluster meeting for the Haslington area to the police, as a response to the initial request had not been forthcoming.

Councillors received details of concerns regarding a group of men walking around Haslington and Weston approaching residents trying to buy caravans.

25/011 REPORTS OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Borough Cllr Clowes referred to the outcome of the Cheshire East Ward Boundary Review, which resulted in the establishment of a Wybunbury and Weston ward comprising two Councillors. Cheshire East Council had been issued with a Best Value notice, regarding the perilous state of its finances.

25/012 PARISH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Councillors received details of a fly-tipping incident along Mill Lane, which had been reported to Cheshire East Council, although there was a query whether this was on private land.

There had been a request for a Tree Preservation Order on the hedgerow trees along Cemetery Road and this would be submitted to Cheshire East Council.

The Clerk was asked to submit a report to Cheshire East Council regarding the missing bollard on Weston Lane, Basford.

25/013 OPEN FORUM – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No questions.

25/014 FINANCE REPORT

Payments

RESOLVED – to note the payments approved in accordance with Financial Regulations and Payment Schedule

Payee	Reason	Gross £	VAT £	Net £
Unity Trust	Fees	6.00		6.00
Shires	Payroll Services	93.60	15.60	78.00
Mark Robinson	Salary and Office Allowance (April)	1,319.40		1,319.40
Royal Mail	Responses - Neighbourhood Plan	85.66	14.28	71.38

RESOLVED – to approve the following payments:

Payee	Reason	Gross £	VAT £	Net £
Alex Pickering	Plants for Wychwood Village Planter	20.00		20.00
Weston Weeders	Vinegar	13.99		13.99
Englesea Brook Chapel	Historical Information for Neighbourhood Plan	40.00		40.00

25/015 DATES OF MEETINGS 2025/26

2025

12 June, 10 July, 11 September, 09 October, 13 November, 11 December

2026

08 January, 12 February, 12 March, 09 April and 14 May (Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting).