

WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillors are summoned to a meeting to be held on:

Date: Thursday, 09 October 2025

Time: 7.30PM

Venue: Weston Church Hall



Clerk to the Parish Council

Members of the Parish Council

John Densem (Chairman), Anne Broome, Janet Chamberlain, John Chambers, John Cornell, Gillian Grocott, Alison Heler, Annelene Kiddie, Simon Lewis, Simon Sanderson, Rennie Schafer and Chad Wilkinson.

Cheshire East Ward Councillors

Janet Clowes (Wybunbury), Steve Edgar (Haslington) and Alison Heler (Haslington)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

if a member is present at a meeting of the authority, and they have a disclosable interest in any matter to be considered or being considered at the meeting, they should disclose the interest to the meeting and follow the Council's code of conduct. Whilst the Clerk can offer guidance on the Code of Conduct, it remains the responsibility of the Member to decide whether they have an interest in a particular item. To consider any requests for dispensations

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2025 (appended).

4. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee to update on
i) Neighbourhood Plan

- ii) Onward/Lovell Liaison Group
- iii) Wimpey Liaison Group
- iv) Planning Update

1) Decisions by the Parish Council Planning Committee

App No	Application	Decision
25/2524N/HOUS	Installation of electric car charging point at Vicarage Cottage Narrow Lane, Crewe	No Objection

2) Decisions by Cheshire East Council

App No	Application	Decision
25/1373/FUL	Erection of a two-storey office building and deployment base on Land to the west of David Whitby Way, Basford East	Approved
24/4984/LBC	Listed building consent to remove existing masonry paint, undertake patch repointing & brick replacements at Vicarage Cottage, Narrow Lane, Crewe Green	Approved

5. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

To receive an update.

6. POLICE MATTERS

To note the Beat reports (appended)

7. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

To receive reports from Cheshire East Ward Councillors

8. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Members are invited to report on any matters of interest to the Parish Council and to request items for inclusion on the next agenda.

9. OPEN FORUM – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

In accordance with Standing Orders, members of the public are invited to ask questions or address the Parish Council.

10. FINANCE REPORT

To consider the:

- Payment and Income Schedule
- Request for Funding – Defibrillator, Englesea Brook
- Request for Funding – Trees works, Community Garden, Crewe Green

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 13 November 2025

**WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2025**

PRESENT:

Councillors: John Cornell (in the Chair), Anne Broome, Janet Chamberlain, Gillian Grocott, Alison Heler, Annelene Kiddie, Rennie Schafer, and Chad Wilkinson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Janet Clowes and four members of the public.

25/042 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Chambers, Densem and Lewis.

25/043 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

25/044 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – that, subject to the correction of two typographical errors, the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

25/045 PLANNING MATTERS

1) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cornell advised that the Regulation 14 consultation finished on 12 September and the comments of Cheshire East Council had not yet been received. The next stage was review by the Independent Examiner, who would decide whether a referendum was necessary.

2) Planning Committee meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 August 2025 were noted. This meeting considered the application for the Marks and Spencer store on Basford East, whereby the Council submitted its objections. A subsequent meeting had been held with Cheshire East Council Officers who did not dispute at this stage the views expressed by the Parish Council. Notwithstanding this, the application was still in the very early stages of its consideration.

3) Onward/Lovell Liaison Group – Signallers Croft Development

The development was in progress following the appointment of Lovell as the developer.

4) Taylor Wimpey Liaison Group

Councillors noted that Cheshire East Council had approved the consultation for the new school on Basford East.

5) Weston Cricket Club

Cllr Cornell referred to the licensing application for the supply of alcohol, live music, recorded music and late-night refreshments for 7 days a week. Whilst there was general support for the activities at the club, Councillors considered that there should be restrictions on the number of events during the year and that the noise must be kept within the building.

6) Planning Committee Decisions

App No	Application	Decision
25/2465/ VOC	Variation of condition 3 approved plans on application 17/2879N - APP/R0660/W/19/3223623 - The use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes for one family gypsy pitch together with formation of hardstanding and ancillary	Objection

	utility/dayroom, and the retention of the existing permitted stables at The Old Orchard, 10 Cemetery Road, Weston	
25/2466/ VOC	Variation of condition 2 - approved plans on application 23/4181N at Greenacre, 10a Cemetery Road, Weston, Crewe	Objection
25/1481/ HOUS	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 25 Mere Road, Weston	No objection
25/2914/ FUL	Reconfigure an existing car park to increase the current provision of car parking spaces at Byd Crewe Beswick Drive, Crewe	Objection

25/046 GOVERNANCE

Equality and Diversity Policy

Councillors reviewed the draft Equality and Diversity Policy.

RESOLVED – that the Equality and Diversity Policy be approved.

Councillors' Email Use Policy

Councillors reviewed the draft Councillors' Email Use Policy.

RESOLVED – that the Councillor's Email Use Policy be approved.

25/047 ACTION PLAN

Councillors reviewed two examples of Parish Council Actions Plans in order to provide examples of what others Councils had produced. Councillors were asked to provide ideas for the Council's objectives over the coming two to three years. There would also be a public consultation period to support the process.

25/048 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Cllr Schafer advised that a noticeboard was being purchased which would publicise Hall Events and quotes had been obtained regarding the tree felling.

25/049 POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk provided details of the police incidents in the Haslington and Wybunbury Beat areas. Councillors discussed concerns regarding the proliferation of concerns regarding intimidating behaviour from young people using E-bikes and scooters. It was recommended that anyone with concerns should contact the police on 101.

25/050 REPORTS OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Borough Cllr Clowes provided an update on Devolution with the three Cheshire and Warrington Councils voting on whether to proceed with devolution. It was noted that Cheshire West and Chester Council had approved this, with the other two Councils considering this over the coming week. Although there were still concerns regarding the lack of detail on how the new authority would operate, in particular given the rural aspect of Cheshire.

Cllr Heler provided details of forthcoming highways works and the forthcoming consultation for a one-way system in Weston. A request had been received for a waste bin on the open land at Millbeck Close. Discussions were ongoing with Cheshire East Council regarding the S106 monies for the Weston Cemetery.

25/051 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

It was queried whether more frequent emptying of the dog waste bins around Wychwood village was necessary.

There was more graffiti on Basford bridge.

There was concern about the condition of grids in the vicinity of Holly Hedge Farm and regarding the deteriorating condition of the highway around maintenance hole covers on Main Road in the vicinity of Smithy Lane

Councillors discussed the upkeep of the Council's noticeboards.

25/052 OPEN FORUM – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Concern was expressed regarding the disturbance to neighbours from vehicles exiting the cricket club during car boot sales, in particular, the early starts and condition of the highway with mud from the field. The Clerk was asked to refer these concerns to Cheshire East highways and the car boot sale organisers.

Concern was once again expressed regarding the bus service provided by D&G buses. The Clerk would convey these concerns to D&G buses and Cheshire East Council.

Thanks were conveyed to Borough Cllr Heler for getting the Borough Council to clear the drains on Whites Lane.

Borough Cllr Heler agreed to report the overgrown condition of the hedge along Cemetery Road.

25/053 FINANCE REPORT

1) 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
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Mark Robinson	Salary and Office Allowance (July)	1,319.40		1,319.40
Mark Robinson	Salary and Office Allowance (August)	1,319.00		1,319.00
W. & A. Witter	Allotment Rental (six months)	1,000.00		1,000.00
Mark Robinson	Postage for Crewe Green Newsletters	43.50		43.50
Johnsons	Resilience Plan	97.00		97.00
Johnsons	Community Newsletter	450.00		450.00
Royal Mail	Response Licence	119.88	19.98	99.90

RESOLVED – to approve the following payments:

Payee	Reason	Gross £	VAT £	Net £
Weston Village Playing Field	Replacement Equipment	136.80		136.80
David Williamson	Lengthsman	1,348.00		1,348.00

2) Finance Committee meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2025 were noted.

3) Grants and Donations Policy

The Committee had agreed a Grants and Donations Policy. It was suggested that a further clause be included to provide a deadline by which monies must be spent, which was supported by Councillors.

4) Noticeboard

As referred to at Minute 25/048, the Village Hall Committee proposed the purchase of a noticeboard for use for the Hall. The Council was asked to fund this via the Village Hall maintenance budget.

RESOLVED – that the Council purchases the noticeboard for use by the Village Hall Committee.

25/054 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 09 October 2025 commencing at 7.30pm.

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AGENDA ITEM 6 POLICE REPORT

WYBUNBURY WARD CRIME DATA FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

01/09/25. Violence/Harassment: Reedmace Way Shavington park.
02/09/25. Abandoned 999 Call: Newcastle Road Chorlton.
03/09/25. Violence/Harassment: Newcastle Road Hough.
06/09/25. RTC: London Road Stapeley, no injuries.
07/09/25. Domestic Incident: Wybunbury.
08/09/25. Burglary: Sanford Crescent Weston, house broken into items taken.
08/09/25. Missing Person: Wybunbury, found safe and well.
08/09/25. Violence/Harassment: St Augustines Drive Weston.
08/09/25. RTC: London Road Stapeley, no injuries.
12/09/25. Highway Disruption: London Road Stapeley, sheep in the road.
13/09/25. Concern For Safety: Hough, all safe and well.
16/09/25. Violence/Harassment: Cranberry Drive Shavington Park.
16/09/25. Domestic Incident: Hough.
19/09/25. Violence/Harassment: Hough, relates to a neighbour dispute.
19/09/25. Road Related Offence: Hough, reports of dangerous driving.
20/09/25. Highway Disruption: London Road near Annions Lane, tree in the road.
21/09/25. Animals Domesticated: Walgherton, reports of Hare Coursing on land near Lea Forge.
24/09/25. Highway Disruption: London Road Stapeley, sheep in the road.
26/09/25. Domestic Incident: Weston.
27/09/25. Domestic Incident: Weston.
27/09/25. Burglary: Cobbs Lane Hough, attempted outbuilding break.
28/09/25. Theft Of Cycle: Bridge Street Wybunbury.
28/09/25. Domestic Incident: Hough.
29/09/25. Suspicious Activity: Sundew Road Shavington Park.
29/09/25. RTC: Main Road Wybunbury, vehicle has driven into a parked van, slight injuries.
30/09/25. Violence/Harassment: Dig Lane Wybunbury, relates to a neighbour dispute over a noisy dog.

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AGENDA ITEM 10 FINANCE

Meeting Date 09 October 2025

Payments approved in accordance with Financial Regulations / Payment Schedule since last meeting FOR INFORMATION						
Payee	Reason	Gross £	VAT £	Net £	Budget	Within Budget
Unity Trust	Fees	6.00		6.00	Banking	Yes
Mark Robinson	Salary and Office Allowance (Sep)	1,319.40		1,194.40	Clerk's Salary	Yes
				125.00	Clerk's Office Allowance	Yes
Shires	Payroll	138.60	23.10	115.50	Shires Payroll	Yes
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	378.00	63.00	315.00	External Audit	Yes
HMRC	PAYE Q2	3,597.05		3,597.05	Clerk's Salary	Yes
Payments FOR AUTHORISATION						
Weston Village Playing Field	Replacement Equipment	34.95		34.95	Playing Field Maintenance	Yes
Andrew Thomson	Neighbourhood Plan	72.00		72.00	Neighbourhood Plan	Yes
Income FOR INFORMATION						
Unity Trust	Interest	360.61		360.61		

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AGENDA ITEM 10 FINANCE REPORT

Community Garden – Crewe Green

(The garden is maintained from Community Infrastructure Levy monies)

“We have a tree in the Community Garden that is dead. Unfortunately, the tree surgeon concluded that the tree cannot be saved and furthermore if it falls, in a high wind, it could fall onto nearby graves/stones and the Church Wall which itself is unstable.

Would the PC accept the invoice and fund the removal of most of the tree?

Because the garden is a haven for birds we have decided to have it cut by two thirds leaving a stable base for Woodpeckers and other birds. There is also a bat box on the tree which we will re-allocate to another tree. The cut wood will then be shredded on site and distributed over the ground as a much needed mulch. The tree surgeon will apply to the Council to organise the relevant paperwork as needed as many of the trees have TPO's on them.”

Cost of works - £660.

Defibrillator – Englesea Book

Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum society is seeking funding for a defibrillator at the Chapel and Museum for use by the whole community. The closest defib is currently on Wychwood estate or in Barthomley, both 1.3 miles away and a 4 minute drive. The NHS suggests that for a defib to be most effective, it needs to be used within 3 minutes of a person going into cardiac arrest. Whilst the museum has limited opening hours – and the staff are trained first-aiders – the site is open to access 24 hours per day.

As the Museum is a not-for-profit charity, the cost of purchasing a defib is completely prohibitive. The museum would be willing to pay for the maintenance and upkeep of the machine, but does not have the funds for the initial outlay.

There are three quotes ranging from £1,471.20 to £1,579.20, inclusive of VAT and a cabinet.