

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, 12 June 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 15 May 2025 (appended).

4. PLANNING MATTERS

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

ii) Planning Update

1) Decisions by the Parish Council Planning Committee

App No	Application	Decision
25/0772/HOUS	Replacement timber windows and doors at 2, Offley Ley Farm Barns Butterton Lane, Oakhanger	No objection
25/1373/FUL	Erection of a two-storey office building and deployment base (sui generis) including associated storage facilities, car parking, landscaping, plant and ancillary works (police deployment centre) on Land to the West of David Whitby Way, Basford East	Comments re increased traffic, noise, lighting and landscaping
25/1477/FUL	Conversion of existing integral garage to office at 17 Stanier Close, Crewe	Objection – affect on parking and future use

2) Decisions by Cheshire East Council

App No	Application	Decision
25/0933/CLPUD	Lawful Development Certificate for single storey rear extension at St Michaels Vicarage Narrow Lane, Crewe	Positive Certificate
25/0705/HOUS	To erect a conservatory in the garden connect to the garage at 15 Robert Lewis Avenue, Crewe	Approved

5. CREWE GREEN STREET LIGHTING

To consider the options for the future of the lighting. (appended)

6. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

To receive an update.

7. POLICE MATTERS

To note the Beat reports (appended)

8. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

Cllr Chambers to provide an update on the Plan.

9. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

To receive reports from Cheshire East Ward Councillors

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. FINANCE REPORT

To consider the:

- Payment and Income Schedule (appended)
- Annual Governance Statement
- Accounting Statement 2024/25

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 10 July 2025

**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).

WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING: COUNCIL, 12 June 2025

AGENDA ITEM 05: CREWE GREEN STREETLIGHTS

The Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance and electricity for 11 streetlights in Crewe Green, as shown on the attached plan. There are currently only five of these working, four of which use the old-style sodium bulbs. Crewe Green Parish Council agreed that some of the CIL monies received from the Crewe Green roundabout development should be used to upgrade a number of these lights, to which this Parish Council earmarked £15,000 for six lights. Although it was expected that Cheshire East Council would then adopt the lights.

A quote has been received from Cheshire East Council for these upgrade works in the sum of £21,847.09 (£3,641.18 per light) ex VAT.

Both Parish and District Councils have the authority to provide street lighting, but this is a discretionary power.

The works being undertaken by Cheshire East Council will include:

- Request Scottish Power Energy Networks to Disconnect and Remove the existing Pole Bracket Lights
- Request Scottish Power Energy Networks to Install and Transfer the electricity supply to the newly installed Pole Bracket Lights
- Provide the necessary Materials (inclusive of Pole Bracket, LED Lantern and Weather Proof Box) to Scottish Power to carry out the required work.
- Liaise with Scottish Power on behalf of Weston and Crewe Green Parish Council - Provide Test Certificates upon completion of the work.

This work will be provided on the understanding that:

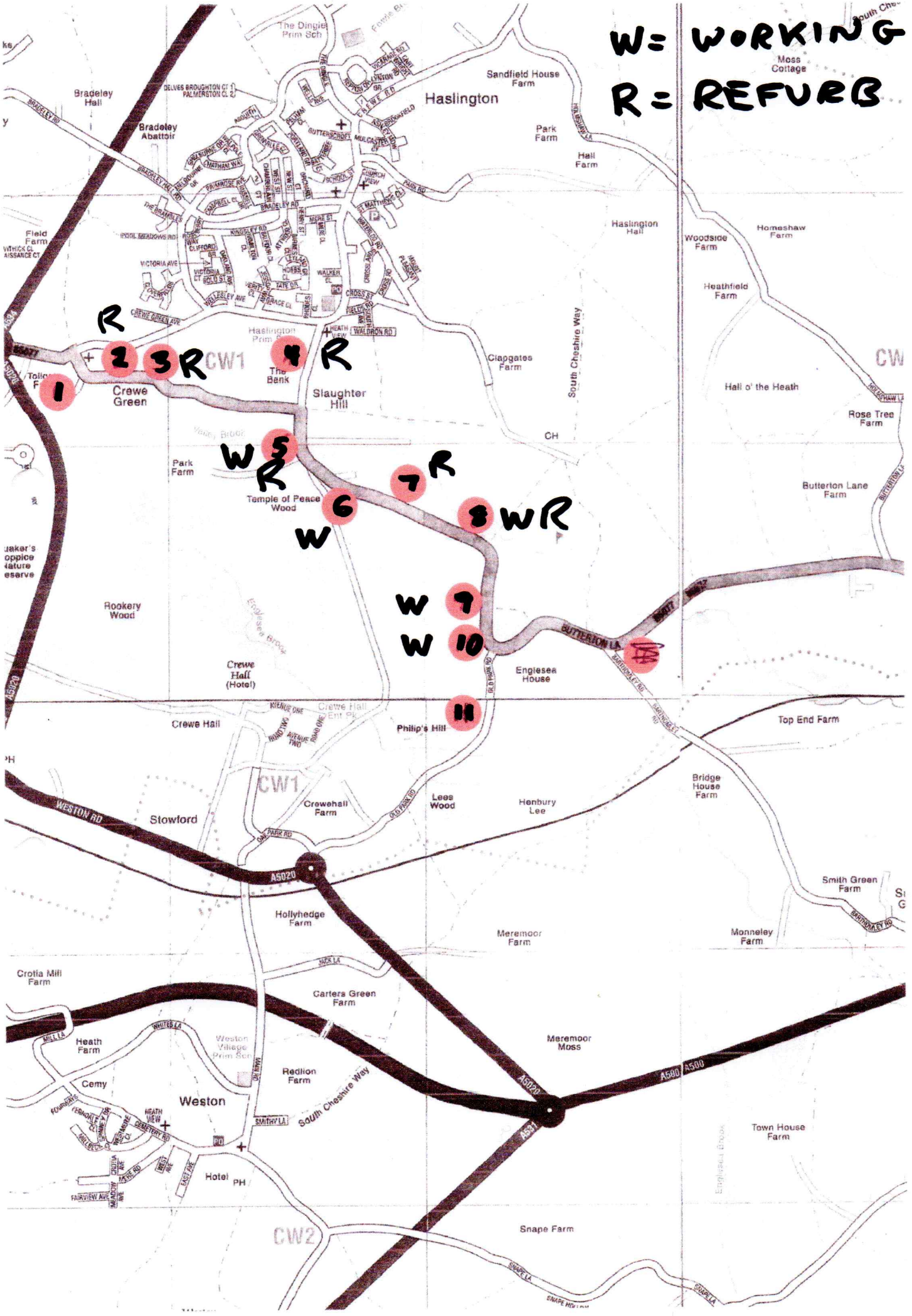
- All access will be fully available for installation
- There is no additional traffic management required.
- It is anticipated that these costs are accurate, and any minor changes will be accepted within our overall cost, however if there are significantly higher costs (this is not anticipated but cannot be guaranteed) then these costs will be included in the final costings.
- As soon as we are made aware of any significant potential cost increases these will be informed immediately.
- The lighting that is replaced will remain in the ownership of Weston and Crewe Green Parish once the replacement work is complete and the responsibility of Maintenance and Electricity Payments remains with the Parish Council.

It had been hoped that Cheshire East Council would adopt the upgraded lights. However, as this is not the case, the Parish Council will continue to pay for electricity (£2,159 in 2024/25).

The cost of decommissioning the lights is £1,737.86 per light. It should be noted that the current lights are obsolete therefore must be upgraded to continue working once they stop working.

In the recent Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire exercise, two of the responses made reference to the lack of operational streetlights.

W = WORKING
R = REFURB



WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING: 12 JUNE 2025

AGENDA ITEM 07: POLICE REPORT

WYBUNBURY WARD CRIME DATA FOR MAY 2025

- 01/05/25. Suspicious Activity: Dig Lane Wybunbury, 3 youths causing issues on electric bikes.
- 02/05/25. Burglary: London Road Walgherton, workshop broken into and brass items taken plus the lead from around a window.
- 06/05/25. Complaint Against Police: Wybunbury.
- 08/05/25. Domestic Incident: Weston.
- 09/05/25. Road Related Offence: Main Road Wybunbury, report of two vehicles showing the same number plate.
- 09/05/25. Violence/Harassment: Weston Hall Roundabout, relates to a road rage incident.
- 09/05/25. Wanted Male: Wychwood Park Hotel.
- 12/05/25. Domestic Incident: Weston.
- 13/05/25. Theft: Chorlton Lane Chorlton, theft of gates from a property.
- 13/05/25. Fraud: Weston.
- 14/05/25. Domestic Incident: Shavington Park.
- 15/05/25. Suspicious Activity: Chorlton, relates to the sale of a caravan.
- 21/05/25. Violence/Harassment: Bickley Close Hough, relates to dispute of work on a driveway.
- 26/05/25. RTC No Injury: Wychwood Park Roundabout.
- 28/05/25. Alarm Activation: Audlem Road Hatherton, false alarm activated by workers on a property.
- 29/05/25. ASB: Crewe Road Hatherton, neighbour issues with a drone.
- 31/05/25. Suspicious Activity: Main Road Wybunbury, reports of drug dealing from a vehicle.
- 31/05/25. Abandoned 999 call: Chorlton Lane.

WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING: 12 JUNE 2025

AGENDA ITEM 12: FINANCE REPORT

Meeting Date 12 June 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 (May)	1,319.40		1,194.40	Clerk's Salary	Yes
				125.00	Clerk's Office Allowance	Yes
Parish Online	Website Hosting	432.00	72.00	360.00	Communications	Yes
Payments FOR AUTHORISATION						
John Densem	Chairman's Allowance	1,100.00		1,100.00	Chairman's Allowance	Yes
John Cornell	Vice-Chairman's Allowance	300.00		300.00	Vice-Chairman's Allowance	Yes
John Cornell	Planning Chairman's Allowance	1,100.00		1,100.00	Planning Chairman's Allowance	Yes
John Chambers	Planning Vice-Chairman's Allowance	300.00		300.00	Planning Vice-Chairman's Allowance	Yes
Income FOR INFORMATION						
Redwood Bank	Bank Interest (annual)			1,174.91		
Weston Allotment Group	Allotment Rental			1,000.00		