

**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

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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
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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.