

**WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2025**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: John Densem (Chair), Janet Chamberlain, John Chambers, Gillian Grocott, Alison Heler, Annelene Kiddie, Simon Lewis, Simon Sanderson and Chad Wilkinson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Borough Cllr Janet Clowes and two members of the public.

**25/016 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Broome, Cornell and Schafer.

**25/017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**25/018 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**25/019 PLANNING MATTERS**

1) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Chambers advised that the plan had been reviewed and was being proofread. It was hoped that the Plan would be submitted to Cheshire East Council by the end of June.

2) Enforcement – Cemetery Road

The groundworks behind Cemetery Road had been reported to the Cheshire East Council planning enforcement team.

3) Stanier Close

Councillors were reminded that the certificate of lawful use application for the Children’s Home had been approved in 2024 and the latest application referred to the change of use from a garage to an office. Cllr Heler advised that a formal complaint had been submitted regarding how the planning department had described the planning application. It was noted that the residents were discussing the situation with the Duchy of Lancaster.

4) Planning Committee Decisions

<b>App No</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Decision</b>
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

**25/020 CREWE GREEN STREET LIGHTING**

Councillors reviewed the current position regarding the street lighting with a number of options and costings for either refurbishment or decommissioning. It was noted that £15,000 had been allocated from CIL monies, which would enable four of the eleven to be refurbished.

Councillors supported the refurbishment of any lights adjacent to bus stops and Cllr Lewis was asked to identify the four priority lights.

**25/021 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

No update.

**25/022 POLICE MATTERS**

The Clerk provided details of the police incidents from the Haslington and Wybunbury Beat areas.

**25/023 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN**

Cllr Chambers provided an update on the development of the plan. It had been circulated to the emergency services and a number of revisions had been suggested. It was noted that a redacted copy of the plan would be published on the Council website. Thanks were conveyed to Cllr Chambers for the work in progressing the plan to completion.

RESOLVED - that once Cllr Chambers had implemented the changes referred to at the meeting, then the Plan would be adopted.

**25/024 REPORTS OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS**

Borough Cllr Clowes referred to a visit to Wychwood Park and Wychwood Village by the MP for Chester South and Eddisbury. Concern had been expressed regarding the condition of Newcastle Road some of the fencing on Wychwood village.

Borough Cllr Heler referred to a selection of roadworks being undertaken in Weston in June.

**25/025 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Wilkinson referred to a tour of AO and their offer to provide support for local organisations.

Concern was expressed regarding an overgrown hedge at Holly Hedge Farm.

Cllr Sanderson reported an incident regarding car thieves entering premises to steal keys.

It was noted that the Village Fete had raised £1,100. Thanks were conveyed to Cllr Kiddie for the hard work in arranging the Fete.

**25/026 OPEN FORUM – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There was a discussion regarding drainage on Whites Lane

**25/027 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
Mark Robinson	Salary and Office Allowance (May)	1,319.40		1,319.40
Parish Online	Website Hosting	432.00	72.00	360.00
Royal Mail	Responses - Neighbourhood Plan	18.36	3.06	15.30

RESOLVED – to approve the following payments:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Gross £</b>	<b>VAT £</b>	<b>Net £</b>
John Densem	Chairman's Allowance	1,100.00		1,100.00
John Cornell	Vice-Chairman's Allowance	300.00		300.00
John Cornell	Planning Chairman's Allowance	1,100.00		1,100.00
John Chambers	Planning Vice-Chairman's Allowance	300.00		300.00

2) Annual Governance Statement 2024/25

Councillors reviewed the Annual Governance Statement, which outlined the requirements for a sound system of internal control and identified that the Council were compliant in all areas.

RESOLVED – that the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

3) Accounting Statement 2024/25

The Accounting Statement summarised the Council's income and expenditure over the past two financial years and included explanations for major variances between the years.

RESOLVED – that the Accounting Statement be approved.

**25/028 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 10 July 2025 commencing at 7.30pm.