

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, 15 January 2026

Time: **7.00PM**

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, 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 December 2025 (appended).

4. PLANNING MATTERS

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

- ii) New National Planning Policy Framework - consultation
- iii) Planning Update

1) Decisions by Cheshire East Council

| App No | Application | Decision |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 25/4447/PRIOR-6 | Agricultural determination for proposed steel frame building for the storage of plant at Snape Bank Farm, Snape Lane, Weston | Prior Approval not required |

5. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

To receive an update.

6. POLICE MATTERS

To note the Beat reports and response from Cheshire Constabulary regarding the reduction in PCSOs.

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
- Budget and Precept 2026/27 (to follow)
- Audit Report

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 12 February 2026

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

PRESENT:

Councillors: John Cornell (in the Chair), Anne Broome, Janet Chamberlain, Gillian Grocott, and Chad Wilkinson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Janet Clowes and three members of the public.

25/077 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Chambers, Densem, Heler, Kiddie and Lewis.

25/078 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

25/079 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

25/080 PLANNING MATTERS

1) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cornell advised that the draft Neighbourhood Plan had been submitted to Cheshire East Council in accordance with Regulation 15. It was hoped that there would not be the requirement for a referendum though this would be the decision of the Inspector.

2) Newcastle-under-Lyme Local Plan

Following discussion with the Planning consultant, it had been decided not to submit any comments to the Plan modifications, as there were no proposed changes to the development at M6 Junction 16.

3) Local Transport Plan

Councillors noted the Council's submission to this consultation.

4) Signallers Croft

There had been a recent meeting with Onward/Lovell regarding this site. There would be two road closures early in the New Year to ensure the availability of mains water infrastructure to this site: Weston Lane (outbound from Crewe), and David Whitby Way (outbound from Crewe). The work associated with these closures would in total last for approx. 6 weeks

5) Planning Committee Decisions

| App No | Application | Decision |
|------------------|--|---------------------|
| 25/3999/FUL | Erection of building to provide for additional nursery floorspace, and all associated works at Crewe Nature Kindergarten, Weston | Comments re parking |
| 25/4180/HO US | Two storey side & rear extension with internal alterations at 54 Cemetery Road, Weston | No objection |
| 25/4135/FUL | Proposed change of use of the existing detached single storey garage into a residential dwelling and a construction of a single storey side extension at 1 West Avenue, Weston | No objection |

25/081 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Borough Cllr Clowes advised that a long-term solution for the positioning of the Christmas lights was being sought.

25/082 POLICE MATTERS

Concern was expressed at the proposal to reduce the number of PCSOs across Cheshire. Borough Cllr Clowes advised that this had been discussed at the Cheshire East Council meeting and a number of questions and comments submitted to the Chief Constable.

It was noted that there had been another two burglaries on Wychwood Park.

25/083 REPORTS OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Borough Cllr Clowes referred to ongoing concerns regarding the delays in the adoption of parts of the highway on Wychwood Village. In order for Cheshire East Council to adopt these highways, then agreements from Utility companies were required. There was an issue that the developer had given parts of the highway to homeowners and it was necessary that these be put back to accessible service strips before adoption could proceed.

25/084 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Concern was expressed at the road safety concerns along Weston Lane and the Clerk was asked to raise these with the Cheshire East road safety team.

25/085 OPEN FORUM – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Two residents attended to convey their concerns regarding speeding vehicles and associated road safety problems on Slaughter Hill, Crewe Green. The residents had worked with local Councillors, PCSOs and the highways authority and had suggested a weight restriction to deter HGVs. Councillors supported this request and would seek a meeting with road safety officers to take this matter forward. The support of Haslington Parish Council would also be sought.

Concern was once again expressed at the No 85 bus service, and the Clerk was asked to obtain operational data from Cheshire East Council. Cllr Wilkinson was asked to ascertain information about live bus tracking information.

25/086 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 (Nov) | 1,319.40 | | 1,319.40 |
| Scottish Power | Electricity | 402.29 | | 402.29 |

RESOLVED – to approve the following payments:

| Payee | Reason | Gross £ | VAT £ | Net £ |
|----------------|----------------------|---------|-------|--------|
| Don Fanstone | Audit | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| Andrew Thomson | Neighbourhood Plan | 378.00 | | 378.00 |
| Johnsons | Community Newsletter | 448.00 | | 448.00 |

25/087 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 08 January 2026 commencing at 7.00pm.

WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING: 08 JANUARY 2026

WYBUNBURY WARD CRIME DATA FOR DECEMBER 2025

- 01/12/25. Suspicious Vehicle/Person: Waybutt Lane Chorlton, two people reported in a field and a vehicle with red flashing lights. This was the police investigating possible Hare Coursing.
- 03/12/25. RTC: Main Road Wybunbury, 14 yr old hit by the wing mirror of a moving vehicle and thrown into the road, vehicle failed to stop.
- 04/12/25. Alarm Activation: Mill lane Blackenhall, set off in error.
- 06/12/25. Violence/Harassment: Hunsterson Road Hatherton, relates to a neighbour dispute.
- 07/12/25. Concern For Safety: Asphodel Road Shavington Park.
- 07/12/25. Concern For Safety: Birchall Moss Lane Hatherton, elderly male has fallen and banged his head, ambulance called.
- 08/12/25. Highway Disruption: London Road Doddington, car fire.
- 09/12/25. Highway Disruption: London Road Bridgemere, temporary lights have blown over.
- 09/12/25. Highway Disruption: London Road Bridgemere, tree fallen blocking the road.
- 09/12/25. RTC Damage Only: London Road Bridgemere, vehicle has hit fallen tree.
- 10/12/25. Domestic Incident: Hough.
- 12/12/25. Road Related Offence: Wychwood Park, reports of dangerous driving.
- 15/12/25. Burglary: Bridgemere Nurseries, shed broken into and a number of items taken including two buggies.
- 16/12/25. Highway Disruption: Back lane Walgherton, tree down blocking half of the road.
- 17/12/25. Concern For Safety: Mill Lane Blackenhall.
- 19/12/25. Abandoned 999 Call: Wychwood Park, set off in error.
- 20/12/25. Burglary Dwelling: Wychwood Park, property broken into via downstairs window and items taken.
- 21/12/25. Violence/Harassment: Dig Lane Wybunbury, relates to a neighbour dispute.
- 22/12/25. Suspicious Person: Shavington Park, male caught on ring doorbell acting in a suspicious manner.
- 22/12/25. Road Related Offence: Bridge Street Wybunbury, reports of a vehicle blocking the driveway, it has been moved.
- 23/12/25. Criminal Damage: Dig Lane Wybunbury, window has been smashed at a residential property.
- 24/12/25. Fraud: Wychwood Park Hotel, relates to unauthorised use of a credit card.
- 24/12/25. Road Related Offence: Wychwood Village, reports of a vehicle parked in a dangerous position.
- 25/12/25. Highway Disruption: Wrinehill Road Blackenhall, reports of two cows in the road.
- 26/12/25. Concern For Safety: Lodge Lane Hatherton.
- 27/12/25. Violence/Harassment: Asphodel Road Shavington Park.
- 27/12/25. Domestic Incident: Shavington Park.
- 29/12/25. Violence/Harassment: Asphodel Road Shavington Park.
- 29/12/25. Domestic Incident: Checkley.
- 29/12/25. Violence/Harassment: Newcastle Road Hough, fight after a funeral.
- 31/12/25. ASB: Shavington Park, relates to a dog bite.

BY EMAIL

18th December 2025

Dear Parish Council,

I am writing to inform you of an important decision regarding the future of neighbourhood policing in Cheshire.

Following conclusion of consultation and careful consideration of a counter-proposal as well as our current understanding of the difficult financial forecast, the proposal to reduce the number of PCSO posts from 87 to 27 will now be progressed.

This decision has not been taken lightly and all those affected by the changes are being supported throughout the process.

We fully recognise the valuable contribution that PCSOs make to our communities, and we are grateful for the support and partnership of parish councils in helping to keep Cheshire safe. However, the ongoing financial pressures facing the force, combined with the changing nature of crime and public expectations, mean that we must adapt our workforce model to ensure we remain fit for the future.

We have had a cumulative reduction in our budget of £115m since 2008/09 and currently need to make a further £13m in savings by 2029.

Reducing the number of PCSOs is essential to future-proofing the force, enabling us to balance our budget while maintaining our commitment to neighbourhood policing. These changes will also allow us to redeploy warranted police officers into local policing teams, ensuring we have the right resources and powers in place to tackle the issues that matter most to our communities. The sentencing review for example, will increase our demand to manage offenders in the community which requires more warranted police officers.

We understand that this news will be of significant interest to you and your residents. To ensure you are fully informed and have the opportunity to discuss the new neighbourhood



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policing model, your Local Policing Unit Chief Inspector Josh Jones will be in contact with you in the new year to provide further details and answer any questions you may have.

In the meantime, should you have any specific questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Ross'.

Alison Ross

**Assistant Chief Constable
Neighbourhood Policing
Cheshire Constabulary**

WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING: 15 JANUARY 2026

AGENDA ITEM 10 FINANCE

Meeting Date 15 January 2026

| 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 (Dec) | 1,319.40 | | 1,194.40 | Clerk's Salary | Yes |
| | | | | 125.00 | Clerk's Office Allowance | Yes |
| Payments FOR AUTHORISATION | | | | | | |
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| Income FOR INFORMATION | | | | | | |
| Unity Trust | Interest | 431.01 | | | | |

Section 3 – External Auditor’s Report and Certificate 2024/25

In respect of **Weston and Crewe Green Parish Council – CH0211**

1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02) as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website – <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/>

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2025; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

2 External auditor’s limited assurance opinion 2024/25

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

None

3 External auditor certificate 2024/25

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

External Auditor Name

PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP

External Auditor Signature



Date

18/09/2025