

**WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2026**

PRESENT:

Councillors: John Densem (Chairman), Janet Chamberlain, John Chambers, John Cornell, Gillian Grocott, Alison Heler, and Chad Wilkinson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Janet Clowes and three members of the public.

25/099 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Kiddie and Lewis.

25/100 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

25/101 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Cllr Wilkinson joined the meeting at 7.15pm

25/102 OPEN FORUM – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the public attended the meeting to express concern about regular gridlock on Snape Lane and throughout Englesea Brook, as a result of traffic problems on the M6 or A500. There was concern that emergency vehicles would be unable to attend in the area during these events and there was also increasing damage to highway and verges. There were a number of suggestions made at the meeting which could alleviate these issues, and it was agreed to request a site meeting with Cheshire East Highways to discuss the matter further.

25/103 PLANNING MATTERS

1) National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Cllr Cornell submitted reports which summarised the changes proposed in the consultation NPPF and also the Council's proposed response. This was the largest change to planning legislation for many years. It was noted that, given the advanced stage of preparation of the Weston & Crewe Green Neighbourhood Plan, it would be decided within the existing rules.

There were a number of specific issues, including concern that the revisions to the NPPF would seriously undermine the democratic process and would curtail the voice of local people who would have to live with the consequences of inappropriate development which has been imposed on them.

It was agreed that the response would be deferred pending the outcome of the forthcoming meeting with Cheshire East Council planning officers.

2) Planning Committee Decisions

App No	Application	Decision
25/4770/HOUS	Installation of an Air Source Heat Pump at 8 Gorsty Hill Close, Balterley Heath, Crewe	No objection

25/104 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Cllr Densem provided feedback from a Committee Trustee, Paul Bate. The alarm system had been replaced, and discussions were ongoing regarding felling a number of trees. It was hoped that there would be increased local interest in representation on the Committee at the forthcoming meeting in May. It was noted that the Parish

Council was entitled to one seat on the Committee.

25/105 POLICE MATTERS

Councillors reviewed the Beat report for Wybunbury ward. With regards the Haslington ward, it was confirmed that the PC covering this area was PC Kirsty Germain.

25/106 GOVERNANCE

Councillors reviewed the report submitted by the Clerk, which outlined the requirements for compliance with new Assertion 10 which formed part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26. This included email management, website accessibility compliance, website information requirements, compliance with GDPR and adequate Information Technology policies.

The Council was compliant in these areas, but the Clerk considered it an opportune time to review the Data Processing Roadmap. In addition, Councillors reviewed an overarching IT Policy, which had been developed by the National Association of Local Councils.

RESOLVED – that the Council adopts the Information Technology Policy, as drafted.

25/107 REPORTS OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Borough Cllr Heler advised that a call-in had been submitted regarding the planning application for the new school in Basford East. There were also works planned for Newcastle Road, Wychwood on 16 February and Slaughter Hill, Crewe Green on 20 February.

Borough Cllr Clowes referred to the current position regarding the maintenance agreement for Wychwood Country Park, whereby the ecology report was still awaited. There were issues with damage to verges and roadways on Maureen Campbell Way.

25/108 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillors welcomed the resurfacing of East Avenue, although noted the increasing number of potholes across other roads in the area. It was also noted that there would be an increase in traffic through Weston whilst the roadworks were ongoing on David Whitby Way.

25/109 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 (Dec)	1,319.40		1,319.40
Scottish Power	Electricity	221.62	10.55	211.07

RESOLVED – to approve the following payments:

Payee	Reason	Gross £	VAT £	Net £
David Williamson	Lengthsman (Nov/Dec)	990.00		990.00
Cheshire East Council	Footpath Maintenance	1,000.00		1,000.00

25/110 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 12 March 2026, commencing at **7.00pm**.