

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 March 2026

Time: **7.00PM**

Venue: Weston Church Hall



Clerk to the Parish Council

Members of the Parish Council

John Densem (Chairman), 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.

Prior to the meeting, Councillors will attend from 6.15pm to meet two people who have expressed an interest to be co-opted to the Parish Council.

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. CO-OPTION

To consider the co-option to vacancies on the Parish Council

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2026 (appended).

5. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee to update on

- i) Neighbourhood Plan
- ii) Draft NPPF and Basford East
- iii) Call for Sites
- iv) Planning Update

1) Decisions by the Planning Committee

App No	Application	Decision
26/0279/RES	The planning application is anticipated to relate to a 2 storey building, including 7 classrooms on Land to north-western corner of David Whitby Way, Basford	Support and comments
26/0095/VOC	Variation of Condition 2 approved plans on 21/4434N on Land To The West Of David Whitby Way, Basford	No objection

2) Decisions by Cheshire East Council

App No	Application	Decision
24/4671/FUL	Proposed infill at the head of an existing cul-de-sac head with the construction of 2 detached houses on land adj 12 And 15 Fourways, Weston	Approved
25/3117/FUL	Installation of a new sewage treatment plant at Amicia Villa Slaughter Hill, Crewe Green	Approved
25/4135/FUL	Proposed change of use of the existing detached single storey garage into a residential dwelling at 1 West Avenue, Weston	Approved

6. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

To receive an update.

7. POLICE MATTERS

To note the Beat reports (appended)

8. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

To receive reports from Cheshire East Ward Councillors

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. FINANCE REPORT (to follow)

To consider the:

- Payment and Income Schedule
- Risk Schedule
- Fixed Assets

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 09 April 2026

**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**.

WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING: 12 MARCH 2026

ITEM 7 : POLICE MATTERS

Update regarding PCSOs from Assistance Chief Constable

Dear Parish Council,

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

As you are aware from previous correspondence, in November we launched a collective consultation process to reduce the number of PCSO posts from 87 to 27. Since then, we have been working with the Police and Crime Commissioner Dan Price to explore all financial options available on these proposals.

As a result of this work, additional funding has been secured by the Police and Crime Commissioner following feedback from residents, Unison and local councillors and MPs. This means that we will now be able to keep a total of 57 PCSO posts for the upcoming financial year and will therefore be reducing the number of PCSO posts by 30.

We fully recognise the valuable contribution that PCSOs make to our communities, 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. 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 allow us to redeploy warranted police officers into local policing teams in place of those posts, ensuring we have the right resources and powers in place to tackle the issues that matter most to our communities. As previously promised, once we have finalised the proposed changes to the new model your Local Policing Unit Chief Inspector will be in contact with you to provide further details and answer any questions you may have.

WYBUNBURY WARD CRIME DATA FOR FEBRUARY 2026

04/02/26. Road Related Offence: Wychwood Park Roundabout, reports of vehicles drifting around the roundabout being filmed.

04/02/26. Highway Disruption: London Road Bridgemere, reports of 15 cows in the road.

04/02/26. Burglary Dwelling: Dingle Lane Bridgemere, house and outbuildings targeted.

05/02/26. Concern For Safety: Dig Lane Wybunbury.

05/02/26. Road Related Offence: Newcastle Road Chorlton, male arrested for failing to provide breath test.

07/02/26. Complaint Against Police: Winehill Road.

10/02/26. Burglary Dwelling: Pewit Lane Bridgemere, appears nothing has been taken.

10/02/25. Violence/Harassment: Wybunbury.

11/02/25. Highway Disruption: London Road Stapeley, cow in the road.

13/02/26. Domestic Incident: Wybunbury.

13/02/26. RTC Damage Only: Weston, vehicle has hit another vehicle and driven off.

13/02/26. Highway Disruption: London Road Bridgemere, sheep in the road.

15/02/26. Fraud: Weston, relating to concert tickets.

16/02/26. Concern For Safety: Moss Lane Wybunbury.

16/02/26. Criminal Damage: Audlem Road Hatherton, damage to a fence.

16/02/26. Domestic Incident: Weston.

16/02/26. Abandoned 999 Call: Bridgemere Lane Hatherton.
19/02/26. Concern For Safety: Newcastle Road Hough.
19/02/26. Highway Disruption: London Road Walgherton, cow in the road.
20/02/26. Domestic Incident: Weston.
21/02/26. Suspicious Activity: Newcastle Road Hough, possible drink driver in the pub.
23/02/26. Highway Disruption: Crewe Road Walgherton, burst water main
24/02/26. Road Related Offence: Checkley lane, reports of possible Drug Driver.
24/02/26. Theft From Motor Vehicle: Dingle Lane Bridgemere, catalytic converter taken.
25/02/26. Stop and Search x 3: Wychwood Park Hotel.
25/02/26. Domestic Incident: Weston.
25/02/26. Criminal Damage: Wychwood Park Hotel.
26/02/26. Road Related Offence: Checkley Lane, reports of possible drug driver.
26/02/26. Highway Disruption: London Road Stapeley, broken down vehicle.
27/02/26. Missing person: Weston, found safe and well.