

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

PRESENT:

Councillors: John Densem (Chairman), Janet Chamberlain, John Chambers, John Cornell, Annelene Kiddie, and Chad Wilkinson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Janet Clowes and three members of the public.

25/111 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Grocott, Heler, and Lewis.

25/112 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

25/113 CO-OPTION

Councillors were reminded that there were currently four vacancies on the Parish Council; one in Weston and three in Wychwood. Two residents had expressed their interest in joining the Parish Council.

RESOLVED – that:-

- i) Adam Clubbe be co-opted to the Weston Ward; and
- ii) Jim Gibson be co-opted to the Wychwood Ward.

25/114 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

25/115 PLANNING MATTERS

1) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cornell advised that the Plan had been submitted to the Independent Examiner, who had commenced review of the Plan and asked a number of questions.

2) Draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Basford East

It was noted that the Parish Council's response to the consultation had been submitted, taking into account the comments made at the last meeting. A meeting had been held with Senior Planning Officers from Cheshire East Council to discuss the implications for Basford East developments.

3) Cheshire East Council Local Plan and Call for Sites

With regards to the Call for Sites for the new Local Plan, it was recommended that the Parish Council submits a response that the existing strategic housing allocations of circa 1,500 houses was adequate and no further development should be included.

RESOLVED – that the Council's formal response be submitted by the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee.

4) Planning Committee Decisions

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

25/116 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

A meeting had been held with a current Committee member to receive an update on any issues regarding the Village Hall. It was noted that a new alarm system had bene

installed, bookings had increased and three trees had been felled following the advice of an arboriculturist. A management meeting would be held shortly and it was hoped that additional Committee members would be identified.

25/117 POLICE MATTERS

Councillors reviewed the Beat report for the Haslington and Wybunbury wards.

25/118 REPORTS OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Borough Cllr Clowes referred to continued concerns regarding the areas of Wychwood Village highways that were still not adopted. There were still issues which had been caused by the developers advising residents that they could maintain parts of the highway but this had resulted in the inability to access service strips. Clearly this required remedial action before these areas could be adopted.

Despite a plethora of forthcoming roadworks in the area, the poor condition of Newcastle Road, Wychwood was still a concern.

25/119 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

There had been an increase in HGVs travelling to Crotia Mill and Cllr Densem agreed to raise this with the developers again.

Cllr Cornell referred to the lack of a suitable response from the highways authority following discussions at the last meeting regarding Englesea Brook Lane and Snape Lane, although it was now noted that a contact had been identified and the site meeting would be sought.

The fencing on Snape Lane was still a concern and a solution from Cheshire East Council would continue to be sought.

It had been confirmed that Cheshire East Council would clear the site following the removal of the campsite on Mill Lane.

Concern was expressed at the flooding on Whites Lane was being caused by the highways repairs being lower than the drains.

25/120 OPEN FORUM – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A discussion ensued regarding the location of the 7.5T weight limit through Englesea Brook.

25/121 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 (Feb)	1,319.00		1,319.00
Parish Online	Mapping Software	180.00		180.00

RESOLVED – to approve the following payments:

Payee	Reason	Gross £	VAT £	Net £
Chalc	Planning Training	315.00		315.00
John Cornell	Re-imburements	92.32		92.32
Acorn Lighting	Lighting Survey	300.00	50.00	250.00
David Williamson	Lengthsman	702.00		702.00

2) Risk Schedule

RESOLVED – that this Risk Schedule be approved.

3) Fixed Asset Register

Councillors queried a number of the values, which the Clerk would review.

RESOLVED – that the Fixed Asset Register be approved.

4) Schedule of Payments 2026/27

Councillors reviewed the list of contractual and regular payments being made by Standing Order or upon receipt of invoice for the next financial year.

RESOLVED – that the payments as set out in the list be approved.

25/122 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 09 April 2026, commencing at 7.30pm.