

**WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 MAY 2026**

PRESENT:

Councillors: John Densem (Chairman), Janet Chamberlain, Adam Clubbe, John Cornell, Alison Heler, Simon Lewis and Chad Wilkinson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Janet Clowes and one member of the public.

26/001 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – that Cllr Densem be elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

26/002 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – that Cllr Cornell be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

26/003 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Chambers, Gibson and Kiddie.

The Clerk advised that Cllr Grocott had resigned from the Parish Council and the vacancy would be publicised in accordance with the appropriate legislation.

26/004 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

26/005 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 09 April 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

26/006 COMMITTEES

RESOLVED – that the Committee memberships for 2026/27 be confirmed as follows:-

Planning Committee:

John Cornell (Chair), John Chambers (Vice-Chair), John Densem (ex-officio), Annelene Kiddie and Simon Lewis

Finance Committee:

Janet Chamberlain, John Cornell, John Densem, Jim Gibson and Simon Lewis.

Staffing Committee:

John Chambers, John Cornell and John Densem.

26/007 PLANNING MATTERS

1) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cornell advised that the report was expected shortly from the Independent Examiner, which would include confirmation whether a referendum was required.

2) MUSE, Basford East

A liaison meeting had been held on 23 April. There were concerns regarding the impact of the collapsed sewer and road on the development.

3) Planning Committee Decisions

| App No | Application | Decision |
|---------------|--|-----------------|
| 25/2465/VOC | Variation of condition 3 approved plans on application 17/2879N at THE OLD ORCHARD, 10 Cemetery Road, Weston | Approved |

26/008 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported on the recent Annual General meeting of the Village Hall Committee. There was still a shortage of Trustees and Keyholders, and recruitment for both roles was ongoing. The Parish Council’s representative was confirmed as Cllr Gibson.

The Hall remained busy, with both regular and ad hoc bookings, alongside increased turnover and reduced expenditure. The Council’s lengthsman had been undertaking maintenance work at the Hall.

26/009 WYBUNBURY UNITED CHARITIES, TOWNSHIPS OF WESTON & BASFORD - ANNUAL STATEMENT

A report was circulated which summarised the grants awarded in 2025/26 and the charity’s current financial position

26/010 POLICE MATTERS

No reports.

26/011 REPORTS OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillors were advised that, with regard to the maintenance of Wychwood Country Park, it was anticipated that the landowner would submit a proposed contractual arrangement to the arbitrator by July.

It was confirmed that the site on Mill Lane had been cleared.

Roadworks were scheduled for Old Park Road, which would be closed on Sunday 31 May, overnight on 01 to 04 June, and daytime on 14 to 15 June.

26/012 PARISH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Cornell provided feedback from a Cheshire Association of Local Council Executive meeting with the interim Chief Executive of the Cheshire and Warrington Strategic Authority.

Councillors welcomed the notification about improvements to the public footpaths which run between Abbey Park Way and Snape Lane, Footpath No. 4 (part) and 5. The proposed works would involve the laying of a HopPath surface, which would create a path suitable for use year-round to help residents reach local facilities such as shops, schools, eateries and onward transport connections. Further details would be sought regarding the timescale and changes to any of the footpath furniture.

Cllr Wilkinson reported that, following complaints, Cheshire East Council had agreed to schedule works to clear part of FP10 which was currently overgrown.

Concern was expressed regarding the condition of the site following tree works along Weston Road. Whilst it was noted that local residents were pursuing this matter, the Chairman advised that he would liaise with the Duchy of Lancaster on the issue.

With regards the repairs to fencing along the Whites Lane footpath, Borough Cllr Heler agreed to take this matter forward.

26/013 OPEN FORUM – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

26/014 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 | 7.00 | | 7.00 |
| Mark Robinson | Salary and Office Allowance | 1,453.12 | | 1,453.12 |
| Scottish Power | Electricity | 176.38 | 8.40 | 167.98 |
| Norris & Fisher | Village Hall Insurance | 1,066.39 | | 1,066.39 |
| Shires | Payroll Services | 97.20 | 16.20 | 81.00 |

RESOLVED – to approve the following payments:

| Payee | Reason | Gross £ | VAT £ | Net £ |
|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Johnsons | Community Newsletter | 445.00 | | 445.00 |
| Jim Gibson | Footpath repairs | 98.42 | | 98.42 |
| David Williamson | Lengthsman (March/April) | 1,422.00 | | 1,422.00 |
| ChALC | Affiliation | 776.00 | | 776.00 |
| Zurich | Council Insurance | 641.62 | | 641.62 |

26/015 DATES OF MEETINGS 2026/27

2026

11 June, 9 July, 10 September, 08 October, 12 November, 10 December

2027

14 January, 11 February, 11 March, 08 April, 13 May