

**WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: John Densem (Chairman), Janet Chamberlain, Adam Clubbe, John Cornell, Annelene Watson and Chad Wilkinson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Borough Cllr Janet Clowes

**26/016 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Chambers, Gibson, Heler and Lewis.

**26/017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Chamberlain declared an interest in planning application 26/1876/HOUS.

**26/018 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Annual meeting held on 14 May 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**26/019 PLANNING MATTERS**

1) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cornell advised that the examiner's report had been received and had been placed on the Council's website. Regarding the date of the referendum, Cheshire East Council had commenced the necessary processes, and it was likely to be held in early September. A leaflet would be produced to provide an update on progress, with a view to undertaking an awareness campaign prior to the date of the referendum.

2) MUSE/Wimpey, Basford East

There were still concerns regarding the impact of the collapsed sewer and road on the development. It was noted that over 80 dwellings had been completed on the Taylor Wimpey site.

3) Planning Committee Decisions

<b>App No</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Decision</b>
26/1642/HOUS	Proposed Rear Single Storey Extension at 30 Abbey Park Way, Weston	No objection
26/1876/HOUS	Erection of single storey rear side extension and first floor rear extension at Elveden, Snape Lane Englesea Brook	No objection
26/1754/HOUS	Single storey extension to rear of dwelling and removal of existing conservatory at 11 Gorsty Hill Close, Balterley	No objection
26/1599/DSC	Discharge of condition 21 relating to application 19/5934N - approval of reserved matters following outline approval 14/4025N. This relates to internal landscaping (including hard landscaping) and lighting within the development, along with the phasing of the development ONWARD / LOVELL Housing area on the east side of David Whitby Way.	No objection

**26/020 WYCHWOOD COUNTRY PARK (WCP)**

Borough Cllr Clowes referred to the recent meeting with Cheshire East Council officers and Councillors, Parish Councillors and Coverland/Haddon Properties regarding the maintenance of the Wychwood country park. An ecology survey had been produced which provided the baseline for three options for the country park.

The objectives for the management plan were to undertake periodic maintenance as necessary, including weeding and pruning, to ensure the successful establishment of

proposed new planting; maintain all planting to achieve healthy growth and the intentions of the overall landscape management plan; keep the WCP litter free and maintained to achieve an attractive POS; and inform the public of the WCP boundaries, landscape and nature areas. It would also maintain a safe place within the reasonable expectations of a country park; replace dead and dying proposed plants/trees and key individual trees; provide enough resources to carry out effective landscape maintenance with the right machinery for the job; and for CEC to inspect the WCP annually to monitor the management plan and proposed planting progress for a minimum of five years.

It was agreed that a leaflet be produced and distributed to all houses on Wychwood Village, which would also invite residents to a drop-in event at the Village Hall. Councillors were asked to review the options and submit their comments/preferred option to the Clerk no later than 19 June 2026. The Council's comments would then be submitted to Borough Cllr Clowes.

**26/021 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

The Chairman provided an update on recent changes to the membership of the Village Hall Committee.

**26/022 POLICE MATTERS**

Councillors reviewed the Beat report for the Wybunbury ward, and the Clerk provided data for the Haslington ward.

**26/023 GOVERNANCE**

RESOLVED – that the following policies be approved:

- Dignity at Work Policy
- Grievance Policy
- Training and Development Policy
- Disciplinary Policy

**26/024 REPORTS OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS**

Borough Cllr Clowes referred to two vehicle accidents adjacent to the Wychwood Park roundabout, which had damaged the railings, and advised that a signage and road safety survey would be requested for this location. There had also been complaints that the streetlights were not working at this site.

At Cheshire East Council, it was noted that the Council had moved from a committee structure to a Cabinet structure. The Council had also formally commenced the Local Plan process.

**26/025 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Concern was expressed regarding the speed of motorcyclists leaving the White Lion pub following the motorbike meeting and the Clerk was asked to report this to the police.

There were still concerns regarding graffiti on the railway bridge and HGVs travelling along Cemetery Road.

It was suggested that the developers for the housing sites on David Whitby Way be asked to donate community noticeboards.

Following complaints from residents, the Clerk was asked to contact Cheshire East Council to request a 'No through road' sign at the entrance to Stephenson Drive.

**26/026 OPEN FORUM – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None.

**26/027 FINANCE REPORT**

1) Internal Audit Report 2025/26

The internal auditor had reviewed the Council's accounts for 2025/26 and concluded that the Council was 100% compliant with all accounting requirements.

RESOLVED – that the report be accepted.

2) Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

Councillors reviewed the Annual Governance Statement, which outlined the requirements for a sound system of internal control and identified that the Council was compliant in all areas.

RESOLVED – that the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

3) Accounting Statement 2025/26

The Accounting Statement summarised the Council's income and expenditure over the past two financial years.

RESOLVED – that the Accounting Statement be approved.

4) Payments

RESOLVED – to note the payments approved in accordance with the Financial Regulations and the Payment Schedule.

Payee	Reason	Gross £	VAT £	Net £
Unity Trust	Fees	7.00		7.00
Mark Robinson	Salary and Office Allowance (tax code change)	1,858.52		1,858.52
Scottish Power	Electricity	146.15	6.96	139.19
Parish Online	Website and Email addresses	432.00	72.00	360.00

RESOLVED – to approve the following payments:

Payee	Reason	Gross £	VAT £	Net £
Thomson Planning Partnership	Neighbourhood Plan	122.40		122.40
Royal Mail	Response Licence	119.88	19.98	99.90
John Densem	Chairman's Allowance	1,100.00		1,100.00
John Cornell	Vice-Chairman's Allowance	300.00		300.00
John Cornell	Planning Chairman's Allowance	1,100.00		1,100.00
John Chambers	Planning Vice-Chairman's Allowance	300.00		300.00
Don Fanstone	Internal Audit	230.00		230.00
Defib Store	Defibrillator - Englesea Brook	1,698.00	283.00	1,415.00
David Williamson	Lengthsman (May)	720.00		720.00

**26/028 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 09 July 2026, commencing at 7.30pm