

**WESTON AND CREWE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2026**

PRESENT:

Councillors: John Densem (Chairman), Janet Chamberlain, John Chambers, John Cornell, Jim Gibson, Simon Lewis, Annelene Watson and Chad Wilkinson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Janet Clowes and eleven members of the public.

26/041 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Clubbe and Heler.

26/042 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lewis declared an interest in the Planning Matters pertaining to the Cheshire East Local Plan Call for Sites.

26/043 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

26/044 PLANNING MATTERS

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cornell advised that the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum had provided a positive response to the question "Do you want Cheshire East Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Weston and Crewe Green to help it decide planning applications in the area?", with 332 voting Yes and 44 voting No, therefore, 89% of those who voted were in favour of the Plan - a clear vote of confidence. Turnout had been 16.35%. Cheshire East Council was in the process of formally making the Plan and rescinded the previous plan. This should afford some protection to the Parish Council area until 2030 when the current Cheshire East Local Plan expired. Thanks were conveyed to everyone involved in the development of the Plan.

Planning Committee

RESOLVED – that Adam Clubbe be appointed to the Planning Committee.

Cheshire East Council Local Plan

The Borough Council had undertaken a scoping consultation with regards to the new Local Plan. As this had been held over the summer, the Council's submission had been formulated under delegated powers and Councillors noted the submission.

Basford East

Cllr Cornell had attended the Southern Planning Committee meeting where the planning application for the school was approved. It was noted that the housing developers had agreed to provide a piece of land to provide additional parking.

A500 Corridor Improvement Scheme

The Borough Council had commenced a consultation regarding improvements to the A500 corridor and access to the train station. The proposals were welcomed and Councillors considered that improvements to the Meremoor Moss Roundabout were imperative and should be top priority.

RESOLVED – that the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee, be authorised to submit the Council's response.

Traffic Management

There were a number of areas where dialogue with Cheshire East Council highways officers had been sought, such as Main Road, Weston, Snape Lane and Slaughter

Hill. The Council would continue to press for these discussions.

Taylor Wimpey Liaison Group

It was noted that the drainage works were likely to be ongoing until the end of the year.

Planning System

Concern was expressed at the potential changes to the planning system following the publication of the new National Planning Policy Framework and it was imperative to ensure that Parish Councils continued to contribute in a meaningful way.

Planning Update

Decisions of the Planning Committee

App No	Application	Decision
26/2877/17HS2	Application for agreement of a site restoration scheme required under Schedule 15 to the Act for the land back of land to the landowner on land To The East Of Shavington, Basford	No comment
26/3012/FUL	Increase to previously approved dayroom on Land off Cemetery Road, Weston	Objection
26/2484/HOUS	Single storey extension and alterations to existing dwelling at White Cottage, Englesea Brook Lane, Englesea Brook	No objection

26/045 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Chairman provided an update on the works undertaken over the past six months and referred to proposals for further improvements over the short to medium term. In order ensure continuation of the Village Hall, the Council needed to employ the Village Hall manager, although this would be funded in totality by the Village Hall Committee. A Management Agreement, which detailed the relationship between the Council and Village Hall Committee, had also been drafted.

RESOLVED – that the Village Hall Management Arrangement and the Village Hall Manager Agreement be approved.

26/046 POLICE MATTERS

Councillors reviewed the Beat report for the Wybunbury ward. A beat report had not been received for Haslington, though reference was made to the availability of an online report.

26/047 REPORTS OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Borough Cllr Clowes advised that the repairs to Newcastle Road were scheduled to commence on 06 November.

With regards to Wychwood Village country park, Option 3 was the favoured option. Cheshire East Council officers had also been working on including any practicable residents' comments. The completed maintenance agreement would be agreed with Haddon Properties and Cloverland.

Councillors referred to a number of planning applications where HS2 safeguarded land was being handed back to the landowners.

Borough Cllr Clowes provided an update on the development of the Wybunbury Parishes Neighbourhood Plan and the Shavington-cum-Gresty Neighbourhood Plan.

26/048 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

It was reported that there was graffiti on Basford Bridge and that HGVs were still travelling along Cemetery Road/Mill Lane.

Concern was expressed at the number of missed bin collections there had been recently. Borough Cllr Clowes referred to a communication from Cheshire East Council which apologised for recent missed bin collections which were due to staff shortages and vehicle problems. Residents were advised to submit complaints directly to Cheshire East Council whenever a collection was missed.

Although the caravan had moved from the Snape Lane lay-by, discussions were ongoing regarding how vehicles could be dissuaded from parking overnight.

It was noted that the Mere Road Playing Field had not been mown since June and Borough Cllr Clowes was asked to liaise with Cheshire East Council officers.

Concern was raised regarding flooding from the highway at times of heavy rain in which was badly affecting Bridge House in the centre of Englesea Brook. Thanks were conveyed to Borough Cllr Heler for the support in getting Cheshire East Council to monitor the situation.

It was noted that Cheshire East Council had commenced a consultation regarding a Public Space Protection Order.

26/049 OPEN FORUM – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Concern was expressed at the speed of vehicles along Cemetery Road. A survey of vehicles indicated that in excess of 50% were travelling faster than the speed limit. The rules around a Community Speedwatch team were discussed and there were a number of volunteers to undertake the necessary training. It was agreed that a speed awareness campaign would be published in the next Community Newsletter.

26/050 FINANCE REPORT

1) Payments

RESOLVED:-

i) to note the payments approved in accordance with the Financial Regulations and the Payment Schedule, as set out in the Finance report

ii) to approve the following payments:

Payee	Reason	Gross £	VAT £	Net £
Johnsons	Printing	265.60	19.60	246.00
John Cornell	Printing	72.89		72.89
Potts Electrical	Fire Alarm Testing (VH)	360.00	60.00	300.00
David Williamson	Lengthsman (July)	846.00		846.00

26/051 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 15 October 2026, commencing at 7.00pm