

MINUTES OF WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 15th January 2009

Present: Councillors, D Allcock, J Cornell (Chairman), J Chambers (arrived 10 minutes before close of the meeting), G Cook, J Densem, A Dickenson, T Eatough, M Jones, T Longstaff and Borough Council M Campbell

Also present were PCSO Neil Flanagan, Mr D Fanstone (Chairman of Parish Plan Steering Group), Ms C Yoxall (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

121.09 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Johnson.

122.09 RESIGNATION OF THE CLERK

The Clerk announced her resignation from post and it was **resolved** to refer the matter to the staffing sub-committee. It was then further **resolved** to amend standing orders to increase the staffing committee to five and for Cllr's Campbell and Chambers to become members.

123.09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were invited to declare personal or prejudicial interests arising from matters on the agenda, there were none.

124.09 MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th December 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

125.09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Footpath Link to Weston Hall – a meeting to be set up with all concerned.
- b) Speed Gun – a thank you to Cllr Longstaff and Mr J Quigley for arranging for the rota of volunteers.
- c) Whites Lane – a meeting has been arranged with County Highways, Parish Council and residents on Monday 2nd February 2009 at 11am.
- d) Public Footpaths – Public Rights of Way Office have actioned all requests for work to be carried out; Cllr Dickenson reported on the footpaths in Basford.
- e) Basford Notice Board – is now on site in the new location junction of Back Lane and Weston Lane; thank you to Cllr Campbell for making this happen.
- f) Walnut Farm, Barthomley – the Clerk reported that she had written to Barthomley Parish Council and they were taking the matter up with the Environment Agency.
- g) Wychwood Village dog bins – one of the dog bins will be re-sited following concerns regarding its location by a resident.
- h) Parish Council website – Cllr Chambers not at the meeting at this point to update.
- i) Town and Parish Grant – the Chairman reported that both applications for the Church and the Cricket club had been submitted to the Borough Council.
- j) Freedom of Information – will be dealt with at the next meeting
- k) Police Matters – PCSO Neil Flanagan attended the meeting as PC Dam Sambrook was unable to attend. He reported that although he was the PCSO for Shavington he did intend to cover the Weston and Basford area too. He also reported that there had been 7 incidents of anti-social behaviour in the Parish in December (although none were youth related) and that the total number of crimes for the Parish was 6 (none were classed as serious). The Parish Council thanked him for his attendance and for him having a presence in the Parish.

126.09 PARISH PLAN

The Chairman welcomed Mr Don Fanstone to the meeting and explained that he was in attendance to update the Parish Council on the Parish Plan Steering Group. Don explained the events that had taken place during 2008. He then went on to explain his aims for the Steering Group in 2009, which included; meeting every 3 weeks; the questionnaire being delivered to residents by the end of January; more fund raising events; more newsletters later in the year; a public meeting once the

questionnaires had been analysed; two members have resigned from the Steering Group and new members from Weston are required

127.09 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- a) It was asked if other residents could attend the meeting with the County Highways at Whites Lane on 2nd February and the Chairman confirmed that this would be okay.

128.09 REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Cllr Campbell reported the following:

- a) Basford Notice Board was now in position and passed on her thanks to the County Council for the relocation of the Basford Sign to be attached to the rear of the Shavington sign. Cllr Dickenson pointed out that Shavington Parish Council should be notified and it was **agreed** that the Clerk seek the approval of Shavington. It had also been **agreed** that the Borough Council remove the old notice board, resite the paving slabs to the new notice board, move the Back Lane sign and move the grit bin too.
- b) To pass on her thanks to the Borough Council for the removal of fly tipped rubbish on the A500, to the rear of the Cricket Club; the rubbish had been checked for evidence but none had been found.
- c) The Weston Hall planning application had been resubmitted.
- d) The Cemetery planning application had been approved with conditions
- e) The contactor who had been used for the Parish notice board would also be positioning a seat on Wychwood village Country Park and will also refurbish the seat at Basford, all this will be carried out using the Borough Councillor's ward budget.

129.09 STANDARDS BOARD

Cllr Eatough reported that she was now on the Standards Board for Cheshire East; the Parish Council passed on their congratulations. She had attended a training session about how members and officers were expected to behave and had enquired whether the video shown could be shortened and then shown to Parish Council's.

130.09 REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS

- a) Cllr Campbell reported that she had attended the Rope Green Surgery patients group. They had discussed; Green Travel Plan, missed appointments, more seats in the waiting area, a bar to lean on for the disabled and tea and coffee facilities.
- b) Cllr Allcock reported potholes in the road up to Wychwood roundabout on the A531 and Cllr Dickenson reported; lamp column no.7 Weston Lane not working, pot hole on Whites lane and pothole on Casey Lane. It was **agreed** that the clerk contact County Highways regarding these issues.

131.09 UNITED UTILITIES

Cllr Eatough asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to United Utilities regarding the work that had been carried out by Morgan Est in Mere Road, Weston. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should write and the letter be signed by the Chairman.

132.09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) The Parish Council's Planning Committee considered the following applications on 15th December and has **made its representations to the Borough Council.**

Address	Detail	Ref	Parish Council Comments
Land at the Jcn Cemetery Road and Whites Lane	Change of use of agricultural land to burial land with provision of lay-by with pedestrian access	P08/1253	No objection in principle
7 Chesterton Way, Weston	Rear conservatory	P08/1264	No objections
Land off Crewe Road, Basford West, Crewe	Reserved matters for Grounds Works for Spine Road, Drainage, Balancing Ponds, Plot Formation, Structural Landscaping, Public Art, (with ecological assessments, lighting strategy, construction management plan, flood risk assessment)	P08/1258	No objection in principle – copy of parish council observations attached given the strategic importance of this proposal to resident's of the parish
Weston Hall, Main Road,	Replacement dwelling	P08/1274	Concerned expressed

Weston		about the design
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- b) Decision notices have been received from the Borough Council in respect of the following applications.

Address	Detail	Given	Date	Ref
Site at land off East Avenue/Poppy Close, Weston	Removal of planning condition 11 on P05/0110 requesting details of bio disc drainage system	Full permission	9.12.08	P08/1170
Cemetery Road, Weston	New agricultural workers dwelling (dormer bungalow) with disabled accommodation on ground floor	Refusal of planning permission	4.12.08	P08/0583
7 Chesterton Way, Weston	Rear conservatory	Full permission	19.12.08	P08/1264

133.09 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) The following **agreed** payment of the following:

Cheque number	Name	Reason	Amount
536	C M Yoxall	Salary from 25 th Nov to 25 th Dec	£275.91
537	D Williamson	Lengthsman duties for Dec 08 £120.00 and Jan 09 £88.00 & re-issued for June/July £120 (cheque 511 cancelled due to being mislaid)	£328.00
538	D Fanstone	Refreshments at parish plan meeting*	£10.87 & £1.63 VAT = £12.50
539	J Cornell	Paper and ink cartridges	£37.84 & VAT £5.68 = £43.52
540	Summit 360Ltd	Prepay envelopes for Parish Plan questionnaires*	£113.80

* The Parish Council is the accountable body responsible for the monitoring and payment of monies relating to the Parish Plan.

- b) **Chairman's allowance and travel expenses**

Following the working party meeting to discuss this matter it was **agreed** that after further clarification the Chairman's allowance will be set at £175 from May 2009. It was **resolved** that the mileage rate for travel expenses should be increased to 40p per mile to be payable for all journeys outside the Parish and not after 5 miles had been travelled from Weston Church. It was also **resolved** to pay an addition 5p per mile per passenger; again following clarification from ChALC.

- c) **Precept for 2009/10**

It was **resolved** to set the precept at £7,500.

134.09 CORRESPONDENCE

To consider/review the following items of correspondence received since the last meeting.

- a) Mid-Cheshire footpath society – programme of walks Jan to June 09
- b) Cheshire East – Precept Arrangements for 2009/10 to be submitted by 16th January 2009
- c) Cheshire East – Introducing Cheshire East – Budget Consultation Event, 12th January 2009 (Cllr Cornell, Cook and Eatough attended)
- d) Cheshire East – Facilitated Stakeholder Event for the Parish Council's principal member on planning, 19th January (Cllr Cornell & Campbell to attend)
- e) ChALC – Newsletter
- f) Communities and Local Government – Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity
- g) Cheshire East – Licensing consultation
- h) Cheshire East – Macclesfield and Trafford Area Meeting, 29th January 7.30pm
- i) Police – notification of public meeting, 22nd January at Civic Hall, Nantwich (Cllr Dickenson to attend)
- j) CNBC – notification of Standards Committee Meeting cancelled.
- k) CCC – Invitation to Service of Thanksgiving to Celebrate 120 years of Cheshire County Council (Chairman and Cllr Dickenson to attend)

Confidential item (press and members of the public excluded)

135.09 WYCHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Chairman reported that he had attended a further meeting with Cllr's Cook and Campbell, the Borough Council and Countryside Properties. It was now necessary to seek legal advice regarding the negotiations that were taking place. It was **resolved** that the Chairman contact ChALC to seek legal advice.