

# **Wem Rural Parish Council**

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 April 2013, at the Council Chambers, Edinburgh House, Wem, starting at 7pm**

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### **Formal Meeting**

#### **Present:**

Councillors: Peter Broomhall (Chair), Don Edwards, Bev Horsley, Bryan Morgan, Angela Neame, Jon Murgatroyd, Len Staines, Moya Walker and Tim Wilton-Morgan.

Shropshire Councillors: Pauline Dee and Chris Mellings

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: 2

### **54/13 Public Participation Period**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr van der Westhuizen expressed his opinions against the proposed development next to Ash Grove where he is a resident. He stated that for the project to succeed there must be support from both the immediate neighbours and the Parish Council and there was no support from the neighbours. Mr van der Westhuizen was disappointed that comments made at one of the recent meetings were dismissive of the dangers relating to the railway crossing. He strongly urged the Parish Council not to support the scheme which could lead to Severnside not proceeding with the proposal.

### **55/13 Statement by the Chair of the Parish Council**

As it was the last meeting before the Elections, the Chair wished to take the opportunity to thank those Councillors who were not standing again for election for their service on the Council. He paid particular tribute to Don Edwards, Bryan Morgan and Angela Neame. Cllr Staines seconded the Chair's sentiments and thanked all Councillors for their support over his period of Chairmanship.

### **56/13 Apologies for absence:**

Owen Darlington, Mark Lockett and Richard Powell (all accepted)

### **57/13 Minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2013 to be read, approved and signed and to note the minutes of the Soulton Road Community-Led Housing Project Steering Group meeting of 26 February 2013.**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 February were approved and signed. The minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2013 were noted.

### **58/13 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:**

- a. Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the register of members' interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.  
Cllr Murgatroyd advised he would be leaving the meeting for item 11 Planning b i due to the perception of bias and pre-determination.  
Cllr Horsley advised she would be leaving the meeting for item 11 Planning b i due to the perception of bias and pre-determination.  
Cllr Edwards advised he would be leaving the meeting for item 11 Planning b ii due to the perception of bias and pre-determination.  
Cllr Wilton-Morgan advised he would be leaving the meeting for item 11 Planning b ii due to the perception of bias and pre-determination.
- b. **To consider any requests for Dispensation**  
None

### **59/13 Parish Clerk's Report:**

- a. **Update on new website and consider purchasing .gov.uk domain name**  
The Clerk requested this item be deferred to a future meeting.
- b. **Newsletter – to review Parish Council fulfilment v mailing house and consider purchase of pre-paid envelopes.**

The Clerk outlined the cost differences between the two options.  
**It was resolved that to ensure control and flexibility the fulfilment would remain 'in-house' for this financial year.**

- c. **May 2013 Parish Council Elections – reminder nomination deadline 5 April at noon**  
Noted.

### **60/13 Financial Matters:**

- a. **Balances for Information – to note**  
Noted and approved
- b. **Outstanding accounts – to approve**  
The following accounts were approved for payment.

C Warner	635.83
Wem Town Hall	36.00
Shropshire Council	40.00
I Downes/C Warner	130.00
ICO	35.00

### **61/13 Souton Road Community-Led Housing Project**

- a. **Update from Steering Group Meeting 12 March 2013**  
Members were updated and advised that the next meeting was scheduled for 4 April 2013
- b. **To review appointments to the Steering Committee**  
The Clerk advised that two local residents had come forward to join the Committee.  
**It was resolved to appoint Mr Delwyn Davies and Mr Pieter van der Westhuizen to the Steering Group.**

*c. To consider general progress of the project and any actions required of the Parish Council including:*

- i. Review of responses received to the Steering Group's enquiries to date*
- ii. Drop-in Event at Wem Cricket Club Tuesday 9 April 2013*

It was agreed that the Clerk should reply to the letters received from the Wem Civic Society (25 March 2013) and Wem Town Council (25 March 2013). It was further resolved that Wem Town Council be offered a place on the Steering Group but nomination should take place in May after the Elections.

It was resolved that a survey be produced for completion by attendees of the Drop-in Event.

**62/13 Annual Parish Meeting – to review**

General consensus was that the meeting had achieved its purpose.

**63/13 Parish Plan:**

*a. Update Report*

Cllr Murgatroyd advised that the draft Plan was due for circulation imminently.

**64/13 Planning:**

*a. Decisions Received:*

- i. 13/00361/FUL Erection of detached stable block  
Land East Of Coton Grove, Coton, SY13 2QZ  
Decision: Grant Permission
- ii. 13/00352/FUL Erection of single storey extension  
Spode Cottage, Wem, SY4 5RJ  
Decision: Grant Permission

*b. Applications Received:*

*Cllrs Horsley and Murgatroyd left the meeting due to the perception of bias and pre-determination*

- i. 13/0736/FUL Erection of an affordable dwelling and detached garage.  
Installation of septic tank, provision of vehicular and pedestrian access  
Land adjacent to The Park, Edstaston, Wem

**It was resolved that there were no objections to the application.**

*Cllrs Horsley and Murgatroyd re-joined the meeting*

*Cllrs Edwards and Wilton-Morgan left the meeting due to the perception of bias and pre-determination*

- ii. 13/01066/FUL Erection of agricultural building for storage of hay/straw  
Hawthorne Farm, Palms Hill, Wem

**It was resolved that there were no objections in principle to the application. However, the Council supported the comments made by the Rights of Way Officer in that access to all rights of way on the site should be restored and retained.**

*Cllrs Edwards and Wilton-Morgan re-joined the meeting*

**65/13 Councillor Reports:**

*a. Parish Councillors*

None

**b. Shropshire Councillors**

Cllr Mellings updated members on the Right of Way at Alummy Lane.

**66/13 Highways**

**a. Parish Update and to note email from Shropshire Council dated 21 March 2013**

Clir Staines updated members on progress with the flooding issues at Barkers Green. A number of serious highways issues were identified. The email from Shropshire Council was noted.

**b. Road Closures**

The Clerk advised that there were no new closures

**c. Local Parish Councils' and NFU Flyer re road and verge condition – to consider production**

It was agreed that a generic flyer encouraging all users of the roads and lanes to be mindful of the road conditions and verges should be investigated.

**67/13 Parish Matters:**

**a. Wem Rural Responders**

Clir Staines advised members that the Community Council of Shropshire had approved a grant of £600. A bank account for the group was in the process of being opened.

**68/13 Correspondence:**

- a. SALC Information Bulletins

**69/13 Date of next meeting and to consider future agenda items:**

Tuesday 14 May 2013 start 7pm.

The Chair, Clir Peter Broomhall, declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed.....

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