

# Wem Rural Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 September 2012, at the Council Chambers, Edinburgh House, Wem, starting at 7.30pm

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### 132/12 Public Statements

None

### Formal Meeting

#### Present:

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

Clerk: Carole Warner

Shropshire Councillors: Pauline Dee and Chris Mellings

Members of the Public: 6

### 133/12 Apologies for absence:

Owen Darlington (accepted)

### 134/12 Minutes of the meeting held on 7 August 2012 to be read, approved and signed.

The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

### 135/12 Declaration of Interest:

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.

*Due to members of the public attending the meeting  
it was agreed to bring forward agenda items 9bi and 12b*

### 136/12 Planning

#### a. Applications Received:

- i. 12/03329/FUL Erection of visitor and interpretation building; toilets; cafe and associated facilities including new access, car parking and landscaping.  
Northwood Hall, Northwood, SY4 5NU

**Following general discussion it was resolved that there were no objections to the application.**

### 137/12 Parish Matters

#### a. Footpath at Aston (letter received from J Ashton to Chair dated 14 August 2012)

Cllr Mellings advised members that it was expected Shropshire Council would recommend the footpath be designated as a bridleway. This would protect the route and respect the residents' opinion. Following discussion it was agreed that the Rights of Way Officer should be thanked for the considerable amount of work he had carried out reviewing all the evidence and for the encouragement to both residents and Councillors to be part of the investigation process.

**138/12 Parish Clerk's Report:**

**a. Notice Boards in the Parish (update)**

The Clerk advised that a date for installation had been agreed.

**b. Advisory sign at Wem Industrial Estate (update)**

The Clerk advised that Shropshire Council had advised there was insufficient space in the verge for a sign. It was agreed to approach the adjacent landowner.

**c. 'Consulting on Planning Issues' Task and Finish Group (update)**

The Clerk advised that a meeting was scheduled for the following evening.

**d. Acknowledgement from Prees Parish Council to WRPC email 9 August 2012**

The Clerk advised Prees Parish Council was to discuss the issues raised at its meeting during September.

**e. New Parish Council Website**

The Clerk advised that a training session had been arranged with Shropshire Council.

**f. Newsletter**

The Clerk advised the next edition would be published in September.

**139/12 Financial Matters:**

**a. Balances for Information**

Noted and approved

**b. Outstanding accounts**

The following accounts were approved for payment.

C Warner	447.88
Mazars	162.00

**c. Completion of Annual Audit for the year ended 31 March 2012**

The Clerk advised that the External Auditors had signed off the Annual Audit with no comment and the required public notification had been issued. She also advised that Mazars had been re-appointed as Auditors from 2012/13.

**140/12 General Power of Competence**

It was resolved that that the Parish Council satisfied the required criteria to utilise the power in that:

- a. the number of elected councillors exceeded two-thirds of the total number of members on the council, and
- b. the clerk was suitably qualified.

**141/12 Parish Plan:**

**a. Update Report**

Cllr Murgatroyd advised that work continued on the Plan.

***Due to the related discussions it was agreed to bring forward agenda item 12d***

## **142/12 Parish Matters**

### **a. Shropshire Council Community-Led Housing Grants**

The Clerk gave a brief overview of the scheme and advised that Severnside Housing had approached the Council with a view of progressing a project. It was agreed that it would be of interest to understand how a project of this kind could be delivered. The Council extended an invitation to Severnside to attend the October meeting and explain the process and involvement of the Parish Council.

## **143/12 Wem and Surrounding Area Place Plan 2012/2013**

**Following discussion the importance of the Parish's entry in the Place Plan was acknowledged and it was agreed that a Task and Finish Group of Cllrs Broomhall, Murgatroyd, Staines and Wilton-Morgan and the Clerk should meet to progress initial stages of the entry.**

## **144/12 Planning:**

### **a. Decisions Received:**

- i. 12/02548/FUL Erection of a two storey front extension and first floor rear extension to include alterations to existing window heights  
4 Coton, Whitchurch, SY13 3LQ  
Decision: Grant Permission
- ii. 09/01343/CPE Certificate of lawfulness for the continued use of egg production within the whole site and egg packing within identified building  
Oaklands, Edstaston, SY4 5RF  
Decision: Withdrawn

The Clerk read out a statement issued by Oaklands Farm Eggs Ltd regarding the site. The Clerk also reported on a conversation she had had with Shropshire Council's Enforcement Manager who had explained Shropshire Council's position.

### **b. Applications Received:**

- i. 12/03525/FUL Erection of first floor extension and replacement porch  
The Hazels, Quina Brook, SY4 5JA

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

***Cllr Morgan left the meeting***

## **145/12 Councillor Reports:**

### **a. Parish Councillors**

#### **i. Wem Economic Forum**

Cllr Powell and the Clerk updated members on the progress of the Wem Business Fair to be held on 17 October 2012.

**It was agreed to fund the printing of publicity material up to £100.**

**It was also agreed that 2 Councillors (Broomhall and Powell) and the Clerk should continue to attend.**

#### **ii. North West Flood Forum**

Cllr Walker gave a verbal report.

### **b. Shropshire Councillors**

Cllr Dee advised that a Parish resident had approached her for help with an application for a free school bus pass under the 'Extremely Hazardous Routes'

scheme. It was agreed that there were a number of routes in the Parish that members considered hazardous and that transport should be provided free.

**146/12 Highways:**

**a. Severn Trent Water Main Works in Parish**

Cllr Murgatroyd advised that repairs around Edstaston had been completed. It was agreed to request a video of the lanes where diversions had taken place to compare against the video taken prior to the works in order to accurately assess any damage.

**b. Repairs in the Parish (update)**

Cllr Mellings updated members with issues relating to Lighteach Road, Ossage Lane and Palms Hill.

**c. Road Closures**

Road Closures advised by Shropshire Council were noted.

**147/12 Parish Matters:**

**a. Shropshire Council Car Parking Consultation**

Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council continued to have concerns about the data relating to car parking which Shropshire Council uses to accurately assess income generated and expenditure incurred by the charges. Further clarification was to be sought.

**b. PG Skips Ltd (update on improvements and impact on neighbouring residents)**

The Clerk updated members on an incident brought to the Council's attention by a local resident and the resulting actions taken by the Environmental Agency.

**148/12 Consultation Documents**

None received

**149/12 Correspondence:**

- a. ALC Information Bulletins
- b. NSAC Email 8 August 2012
- c. NALC Legal Topic Note 62 Planning Control over Agricultural Land and Buildings

**150/12 Date of next meeting and to consider future agenda items:**

Tuesday 2 October 2012 start 7.15pm.

No items were suggested.

The Chair, Cllr Peter Broomhall, declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed.....

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