

# Wem Rural Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 February 2013, at the Council Chambers, Edinburgh House, Wem, starting at 7.30pm

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### 17/13 Public Participation Period

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr N Weston advised he was attending to support his request (item 14c of the agenda). He explained the background to his request and asked the Parish Council for help. Mr Weston stressed his concerns regarding road safety.

Mr N Robinson advised he was attending in respect of item 7, Saulton Road Community-Led Housing Project. He took exception to the way the Parish Council had handled the matter to date. The Council continued to support the project and had ignored community views. Mr Robinson also questioned the Housing Need figures which he considered to be far from robust. He questioned if the Council was following Planning Policy.

Mr J Lumb advised he was speaking on behalf of a number of those attending to request the help of the Parish Council to find the cause of flooding in Barkers Green. Although there had been a long history of flooding along the lanes and gardens the recent incident involved the flooding of homes. This was unacceptable.

### Formal Meeting

#### Present:

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

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: 20

### 18/13 Apologies for absence:

Owen Darlington, Don Edwards, Mark Lockett and Moya Walker (all accepted)

Shropshire Councillors: Pauline Dee and Chris Mellings

### 19/13 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2013 to be read, approved and signed.

The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

### 20/13 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.

*b. To consider any requests for Dispensation*

- i.* Request from Chair for all Councillors to be granted dispensation to discuss Budget and set Precept for 2013/14 for the period up to April 2013.

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It was resolved to grant the dispensation as requested.

*It was agreed to bring forward item 14 Highways*

#### **21/13 Highways**

**a. Repairs in the Parish**

Areas of Parish were identified as needing urgent repairs in particular New Road, Coton and Edstaston. Discussion then centred on the flooding at Barkers Green.

**It was agreed that Shropshire Council Highways Officers would be requested to attend a site meeting with Parish Councillors and residents. Actions to be requested included jetting of drains and a full drain survey.**

**b. Road Closures**

Updates received included the delay to the repairs at Palms Hill due to the emergency repairs in Soulton Road by Severn Trent Water.

**c. Request received from Mr N Weston dated 25 January 2013 for the Parish Council to assist in resolving issues relating to Gilbert's Lane**

**Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate the current position and assist Mr Weston.**

**d. Letter from Prees Parish Council dated 21 January 2013 regarding speeding issues on B5065 at Soulton**

**It was resolved to support Prees Parish Council with the speeding issues identified in the letter. Councillors discussed the lack of action by both Shropshire Council and Police with monitoring and enforcement of the speed limit at Quina Brook. It was noted that the Vehicle Activated Sign is regularly ignored.**

*It was agreed to bring forward item 7 Soulton Road Community-Led Housing Project*

#### **22/13 Soulton Road Community-Led Housing Project**

**a. To review replies to outstanding questions about the scheme and proposal**

The Clerk advised replies were still outstanding.

**b. To consider feedback from the Public Meeting held on 29 January 2013**

*A letter received from Mr R Drummond dated 3 February 2013 confirming comments made at the Public Meeting had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.*

General discussion took place and the following key points were made

- It was believed those attending the public meeting held the wrong impression about the project.
- Severnside Housing will proceed with the development. By participating in the project the Parish Council together with the Steering Group will have influence on key areas of lettings policies and plans.
- Cllr Murgatroyd had been mis-quoted in the North Shropshire Chronicle and an agreement with the Editor of the paper had been reached to rectify this error.
- It was reiterated that the Parish Council had requested numerous answers to questions from Shropshire Council and Severnside Housing to understand both the proposed development and the Community-Led scheme under which the Parish Council had been asked to participate in prior to making a decision to take part in the project.

- Detrimental opinions voiced during the public meeting regarding the ‘type’ of residents living in affordable homes were strongly deplored.
  - Local resident participation in the Steering Group was to be encouraged.
  - Concerns from local residents on the impact of local infrastructure were noted and would be reviewed.
  - Further research to clarify the Housing Need for the development was requested.
  - The fact that Severnside Housing approached the Parish Council about the project should be remembered.
- c. To receive acceptance of membership to the Steering Committee from non-Parish Council members**
- It was noted that Cllr Chris Mellings (Shropshire Councillor), Mrs Helen Pugh (Severnside Housing) and Mrs Maria Howells (Shropshire Council Officer) would be joining the Steering Committee.
- d. To agree next steps**
- It was agreed that a Press Release would be issued under the agreement reached with the North Shropshire Chronicle to request local residents put themselves forward as members of the Steering Group. Cllrs Murgatroyd and Staines would attend the Wem Town Council Planning Committee meeting to be held on 11 February 2013.

**23/13 Parish Clerk’s Report:**

- a. Council Meetings**
- It was resolved that Council Meeting would start at 7pm in order to accommodate the request from Shropshire Council to vacate Edinburgh House by 9pm.
- b. Newtown Notice Board**
- It was agreed to organise and fund the replacement notice board.

**24/13 Financial Matters:**

- a. Balances for Information**
- Noted and approved
- b. Outstanding accounts**
- The following accounts were approved for payment.
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| C Warner                | 214.80 |
| C Warner                | 518.83 |
| FSL                     | 50.51  |
| Brierley Printers Ltd   | 85.00  |
| NS Print                | 197.00 |
| 1st Wem Scout Group     | 200.00 |
| Welshampton & Lyneal PC | 135.19 |
| C Warner/Ivor Downes    | 100.00 |
- c. Budget 2013/14**
- The Budget for 2013/14 was agreed and the Precept set at £15,125.
- d. Grant Applications**
- It was agreed that in future all grant applications would be invited during the months of September and October in order to be considered during the November meeting.

**25/13 May 2013 Parish Council Elections – to consider and agree publicity**

**It was agreed to approve the Information for Candidates document and to place the A5 brochure in public buildings around the Parish and Wem Town in March.**

**26/13 Automated External Defibrillators – update on Public Meeting held on 22 January 2013**

Cllr Staines updated members on progress. He advised that he was aware of at least 10 local residents were interested in joining a 'responder's' group. Ben Young of Robinson and Young had offered a site for the location of the AED. An application had been submitted to the LJC for funding and if successful a further grant would be submitted to the Community Council of Shropshire. A meeting was planned to formally constitute the group.

**27/13 Annual Parish Meeting – to consider agenda and format**

General discussion took place and an outline agenda to include the Community-Led Housing Project, AED update and 2013 Elections was agreed. The Chair and Clerk agreed to contact Shropshire Council for a speaker to assist with the Community-Led Housing Project item.

**28/13 Parish Plan:**

***a. Update Report***

Cllr Murgatroyd advised that work continued on the Plan.

**29/13 Planning:**

***a. Decisions Received:***

- i. 12/04946/FUL Conversion and extension of existing outbuilding to form annexe to existing dwelling  
Brook House, Wem Lane, Wem, SY4 5RT  
Decision: Grant Permission
- ii. 12/03385/FUL Conversion of barn into dwelling with ancillary accommodation and garage  
Bank Farm , Wem, SY4 5QZ  
Decision: Refuse

***b. Applications Received:***

- i. 13/00004/FUL Erection of agricultural building and covered yard  
Yew Tree Farm, Paddol Green, Wem, SY4 5QZ  
**It was resolved that there were no objections to the application providing the recommendations of Shropshire Council's Planning Ecologist were adhered to.**
- ii. 12/05203/FUL Proposed extension, re-roofing and recladding to existing commercial garage  
Coton Garage, Coton, Whitchurch, SY13 2RB  
**It was resolved that there were no objections to the application. The Council was disappointed to note however, that work had commenced during September 2012 and the application was**

submitted a few months later. The Council does not approve of any unauthorised development in the Parish. It is also unfair to the vast majority of residents who investigate and go through the correct planning process.

- iii. 13/00274/FUL Erection of a rear sun lounge extension  
1 Dairy House Barns, Wem Lane, Soulton, Wem, SY4 5RT

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

### **30/13 Councillor Reports:**

#### **a. Parish Councillors**

- i. The Chair reported on the recent Robert Hill and Noble Street Charity Meeting.
- ii. Cllr Powell reported that Newtown Community Recreation Association will be putting the Council's Grant towards new bark for the playing area. A 100 Club will be set up and requested publicity in the next newsletter.
- iii. The Chair and Clerk reported on the recent meeting to consider setting up a Wem Business Forum.

#### **b. Shropshire Councillors**

None

### **31/13 Parish Matters:**

#### **a. Snow Lines – to consider setting up local schemes**

It was agreed that the Council would participate in the pilot scheme with Shropshire Council.

It was also agreed to request a supply of grit at Quina Brook.

#### **b. Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership Scheme: Community, Access and Learning Working Group – to appoint Parish Council Representative**

It was agreed to appoint the Clerk as the Parish Council Representative

### **32/13 Consultation Documents**

#### **a. Police and Crime Commissioner - Draft Police and Crime Plan**

It was agreed to submit the response drafted by the Clerk.

#### **b. Shropshire Council's Site Allocations and Management of Development Plan – draft Development Management Policies**

It was agreed to defer this item until the March meeting.

#### **c. Shropshire Council – Re-tendering of Local Bus Service Contracts**

It was agreed not to respond.

### **33/13 Correspondence:**

- a. SALC Information Bulletins

### **34/13 Date of next meeting and to consider future agenda items:**

Tuesday 5 March 2013 start 7pm.

The Chair, Cllr Peter Broomhall, declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed.....

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