Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 March 2012, at the Council Chambers, Edinburgh House, Wem, starting at 7.15pm

33/12 Public Statements

Presentation by North Salop Wheelers

Mrs P Ashton gave a presentation on the services provided by NS Wheelers and explained how Parish Councils could help the Community Bus Project. Members took the opportunity to ask questions. The Chair thanked the representatives present for attending and for providing a much needed and excellent service to the community.

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Richard Powell (Chair), Peter Broomhall, Bev Horsley, Mark Lockett, Laura McMahon, Bryan Morgan, Jon Murgatroyd, Len Staines and Tim Wilton-Morgan.

Clerk: Carole Warner

Shropshire Councillors: Pauline Dee and Chris Mellings

Members of the Public: None

34/12 Apologies for absence:

Owen Darlington and Angela Neame (both accepted)

35/12 Minutes of the meetings held on 7 February 2012 to be read, approved and signed.

The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

36/12 Declaration of Interest:

None

37/12 Parish Clerk's Report:

Traffic Management Briefing and Emergency Planning Briefing

The Clerk confirmed she would be attending the briefings on 28 March 2012.

Quina Brook Litter Bin

The Clerk advised the bin is scheduled to be emptied on Thursdays.

Pepper Street Verges

The Clerk advised that Shropshire Council would be placing cones to prevent overrunning on the verges prior to the safety barriers being installed.

38/12 Financial Matters:

Balances for Information

Noted and approved

Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment.

C Warner	391.51
Welshampton and Lyneal PC	148.60
Brierley Printers	295.00
	£835.11

Review of Asset Register

It was resolved to approve the Asset Register.

Review of Risk Assessment

It was resolved to approve the Risk Assessment.

39/12 Parish Plan:

Update Report

Cllr Murgatroyd advised that responses from the Business Questionnaire would be combined with the responses from the two other questionnaires. Work to agree actions from the data would take place during March and April. It was requested that the provision of £500 in the Council's Budget for the Parish Plan be drawn down.

40/12 Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 15 May 2012

To consider format and agenda

Discussion took place and a provisional agenda was agreed of Chair's Report, Parish Plan feedback, Parish Council Elections 2013, Severn Trent Water Mains Repairs and the Jubilee Celebrations. Further discussion to take place next meeting.

41/12 Planning:

The Lowe Cottage Farm, Lowe, Wem

It was noted that work was progressing at the Farm and that the noise previously generated by activities at the site had reduced.

Shropshire Council's Single Plot Exception Site Policy

Cllr Dee and the Clerk updated members on the discussions at the recent Shropshire Council's Scrutiny Committee meeting.

Decisions Received:

- 11/05611/FUL Erection of part open fronted 3-bay garage/store; closure and relocation of existing vehicular access; erection of walling; planting scheme
  Yew Tree Farm, Coton, SY13 2QZ
  Decision: Grant Permission
- 12/00031/FUL Installation of 178 roof mounted PV Solar Panels on two existing agricultural buildings
  Park Farm, Wolverley SY4 5NQ
  Decision: Grant Permission

Applications Received:

- 11/05082/FUL Conversion of barns to provide 2 residential dwellings, stables and storage to include erection of single storey extension and insertion of doors/windows and rooflights; installation of septic tank drainage systems; alterations to existing vehicular access and formation of parking areas and amenity areas
  Church Farm, Newtown, Wem, SY4 5NU

Following discussion it was resolved to object to the application due to concerns regarding issues relating to the activities from the working farm immediately adjoining the proposed development. The Parish Council supported the comments made by the Environmental Health Officer.

- 12/00695/FUL Erection of an extension to existing cubicle building
  Pyms House, The Lowe, Wem

  It was resolved that there were no objections to the application.
- 12/00711/FUL Erection of a milking parlour building to include dairy, tank room, collecting yard and cow handling areas
  Pyms House, The Lowe, Wem

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

Shropshire Council e-communication

The Clerk advised she would be attending a briefing on 8 March and that Shropshire Council wished to adopt a policy of e-communication only as standard with Planning Applications.

42/12 Councillor Reports:

Parish Councillors - *Wem Economic Forum*

The Chair advised that a meeting had recently been held.

Shropshire Councillor Reports

Cllr Mellings updated members on recent development by Shropshire Council on the changes in the Standards Regime (due July 2012), Rural Broadband Programme and the Site Allocation and Management of Development Preferred Options Consultation.

43/12 Highways

Severn Trent Water Main Works in Parish

Cllr McMahon updated members on the meeting held on 1 March.

Grit / Salt Piles

The Clerk reported on the problems with placing piles at Quina Brook. As guidance and agreement is required from Shropshire Council as to the location of bins and piles suggested locations in the Parish should be forwarded to the Clerk.

Pot Holes

Cllr Morgan drew members attention to the fact that reported highways repairs were taking an unacceptable length of time to be actioned by Shropshire Council. He used the example of Lighteach Road which was reported as unsafe in January and was now in an even worse condition. Cllr Mellings agreed to investigate.

44/12 Parish Matters:

The Queen's Diamond Anniversary Celebrations

Cllrs Wilton-Morgan and Broomhall updated members.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should apply for the Local Joint Committee Jubilee Celebration funds in respect of Wem Rural Parish residents.

Notice Boards in the Parish

The Clerk advised that although progress had been made she was still awaiting information from Shropshire Council.

Parish Council's Website including Social Media

General discussion took place regarding hosting and assistance with a new website. Quotes received were considered of an acceptable level.

It was resolved that the Clerk would create a Facebook page for the Parish.

45/12 Consultation Documents

Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly documents on:

- ***Commissioning***
- ***Performance***
- ***New Community Rights***

The documents were noted although no coments would be submitted. It was agreed that the Clerk would enquire of ALC whether similar discussions with Shropshire Council regarding New Community Rights were being considered.

46/12 Correspondence:

The correspondence listed on the agenda was noted and

The Chair advised that as the Clerk did not have a report to give regarding Shropshire Council Enforcement related issues in the Parish the remaining 2 items on the agenda would not be considered.

The Chair, Cllr Richard Powell, declared the meeting closed at 9.02pm

Signed…….. Date……