

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 February 2014, at the Council Chambers, Edinburgh House, Wem, starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Peter Broomhall (Chair), Fiona Ford, Bev Gee, Bev Horsley,
Peter Marsh, Jon Murgatroyd, Bob Parsons, Peter Slack, Len Staines
and Tim Wilton-Morgan

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: None

The Chair advised that Mr Ron Hall, who had served as a Parish Council for 46 years before standing down in 2010 had recently passed away. A minute's silence was observed.

15/14 Public Participation Period

None

16/14 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Lorraine Pugh and Liz Vernon, (accepted)

17/14 Minutes

a. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 January 2014 to be approved and signed.

The minutes were approved and signed.

18/14 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 Gee advised she would be leaving the meeting for Agenda item 12a (Parish Matters) due to the perception of bias and pre-determination.

b. To consider any requests for Dispensation

None

19/14 Planning

a. Decisions Received - to note

i. 12/02985/OUT Horton Gate Land Off B4397, Horton, Wem
Outline application for the erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling;
formation of new vehicular access
Decision: Grant Permission

ii. 13/03350/FUL Northwood Villa , Wem, SY4 5UF
Conversion of redundant agricultural barn to residential dwelling with

Clerk: Carole Warner, Orchard Cottage, Rowe Lane, Welshampton, Ellesmere, SY12 0QB

Tel. 01948 710672 email: wemruralpc@hotmail.co.uk

www.wemrural.org.uk

detached garage; including insertion of rooflights. Formation of new vehicle access.

Decision: Grant Permission

b. Applications Received - to consider response

- i. 13/05089/COU The Rookery, Northwood, SY4 5NH

Change of use of land to garden and paddock to include erection of post and rail fence

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

- ii. 14/00009/FUL Units E17-E18, Wem Industrial Estate, Wem, SY4 5SD

Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for erection of covered storage space (retrospective)

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

14/00147/LBC Aston House, Barkers Green, SY4 5JH

Remedial works to Listed Building to include: replace/repair rotten timbers; removal of infill panels; underpin where necessary; replace roof slates; repair damaged brickwork; installation of new, and replacement of windows; removal of internal walls

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

- iii. 14/00150/FUL Land Adj. The Laurels, Post Office Lane, Whixall, SY13 2RF

Erection of one detached dwelling with detached garage; formation of vehicular access

It was resolved that the Council would submit a holding objection to the application. It was noted that there was no Design and Access Statement as part of the application and would ask whether a Statement will be made available in due course.

- iv. 14/00287/DEM Prees Signal Box, Station Road, Prees

Prior Notification of proposed demolition of Prees Signal Box

Noted

20/14 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. Newsletter

It was agreed that Councillors would assist with the writing of articles.

21/14 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for Information

Noted and approved

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment.

C Warner	485.25
Silver Marbles Ltd	60.00
Viking	20.27

22/14 Soulton Road Wem Community-Led Housing

a. Update

The Clerk advised she had received confirmation that the Community-Led Housing Grant Application had been approved by Shropshire Council.

b. To appoint reserve Councillors to the Steering Group

It was resolved to appoint Cllr Murgatroyd and Slack as reserves.

23/14 Wem Locality Commissioning

a. Update

Cllr Murgatroyd updated members on progress made with funding of the 'Back to Work' project.

b. Support from Parish Council with 'Back to Work' project

It was resolved to potentially allocate some of the Clerk's time to assist with the 'Back to Work' project. Before confirming details the Council would need to understand the work involved to ensure it is linked to work required for the Community Plan.

24/14 Wem Youth Project

a. Update

Following an update and discussion Cllr Parsons volunteered to be involved with the project.

b. Shropshire Council Activities for young people in Shropshire – consultation

Noted.

25/14 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

Cllr Wilton-Morgan advised he had attended a meeting of the Noble Street Robert Hill Trust.

b. Shropshire Councillors

Cllr Dee advised she had attended a meeting of the West Midlands Ambulance Service.

Cllr Mellings arrived

Cllr Mellings reported on a meeting at Shirehall on 13 February regarding Broadband and that Councillors were invited to attend.

He also reported on issues with local rights of way that Shropshire Officers were dealing with.

26/14 Parish Matters:

Cllr Gee left the meeting

a. Update from Shropshire Council regarding permitted activities at PG Skips, Lowe Cottage Farm, Wem

The Clerk advised she was aware some noise problems had reported. The Clerk was asked to check progress of the scheduled work and whether any problems had been reported with the Environment Agency.

Cllr Gee re-joined the meeting

b. Update of the automation of signalling at Wem Level Crossing

The Clerk advised a further meeting with Network Rail had been arranged for Wednesday 26 March.

c. Wem road closures – Essential Gas Maintenance Work February 2014

It was noted that the works had commenced. It was also noted that residents of Barkers' Green and Aston were concerned traffic would use the lanes through the hamlets.

d. Wem Rural Responders – update on automated external defibrillators in the Parish

Cllr Staines advised the Group was very close to becoming active.

e. World War 1 Commemoration – update

The Clerk advised plans were being progressed and her assistance was with administration.

f. Tilley Timber Project – to consider support of project

Cllr Horsley advised local residents were involved with a project establishing social and cultural links with 3 settlements across Europe. Further details were not known.

27/14 Highways

a. Road closures Coton area

Noted

28/14 Correspondence:

The following documents had been distributed and were noted.

a. SALC Information Bulletins

29/14 Date of next meetings and to consider future agenda items:

Tuesday 4 March 2014

30/14 Resolved: That under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the item of business numbered 16 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the inclusion of confidential information in the business to be transacted.

31/14 To consider supporting Shropshire Council with a Grant Application.

It was resolved to issue a letter of support.

The Chair, Cllr Broomhall, declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed.....

Date.....