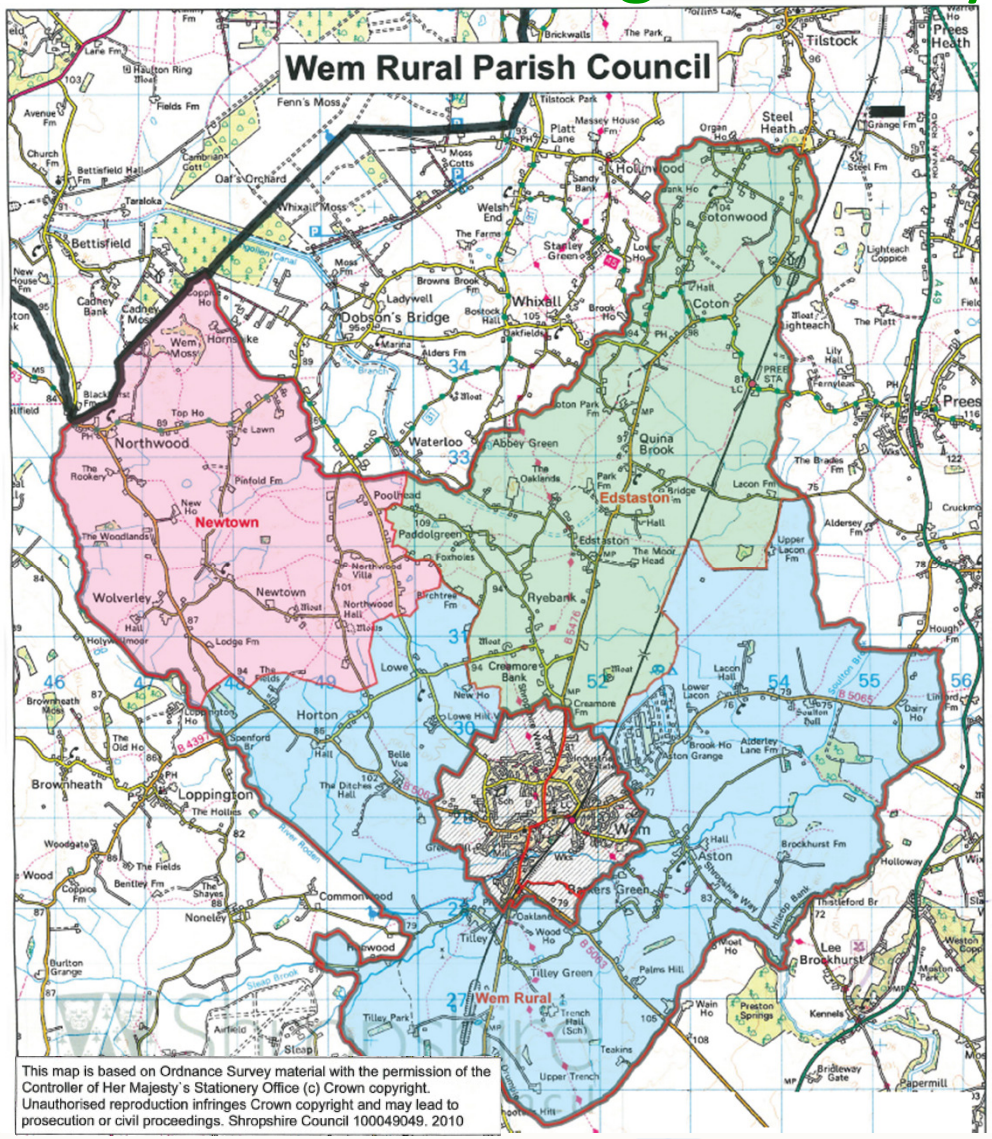
Wem Rural Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting – 20 May 2014



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Agenda

Welcome by the Chair of the meeting: Cllr Tim Wilton-Morgan

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 20 March 2013

Annual Report of the Parish Council

Community Plan Update

Round Meadow – update from the Steering Group

Planning and Wem Rural Parish

Highways

Local Commissioning in Wem and Wem Rural

Parish Debate

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Annual Report of the Parish Council

Cllr Peter Broomhall

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Wem Rural Community Plan

Cllr Jon Murgatroyd

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Wem Rural Community Plan

- Completion - End September 2013
- Adoption - October 2013
- Circulation – October / November 2013
- Action Plan review and implementation

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Wem Rural Community Plan

- Initial projects identified for action
  - Improved communication with Parishioners
  - Fly tipping / litter in parish
  - Parish Paths Partnership (P3)
  - Highways – road maintenance and speeding
  - Crime Awareness Day - Saturday 5th July (EVH)
  - Cycle Safari – Sunday 14th September
- On-going review, update and support

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Round Meadow

Cllr Bob Parsons
Steering Group Chair

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Round Meadow

- What is being built?

- Who are these homes for and how will they be let?

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Round Meadow

- What will be the benefit for the whole community of Wem Rural Parish?
  - Affordable homes
  - Growing the whole community
  - Diversity for Wem Rural Parish
  - Sustainability

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Round Meadow

- The Steering Group
  - Who can be on the Group
  - What is it for

- The future for Round Meadow

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Planning and Wem Rural Parish

Carole Warner
Clerk to Wem Rural Parish Council

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Planning and Wem Rural Parish

- Shropshire Council as Planning Authority
- Current position with development policies
- Lack of 5 year land supply
- ‘Sustainable Development’
- What are the implications to Wem Rural

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Planning and Wem Rural Parish

- Community Infrastructure Levy
  - Shropshire Council infrastructure
  - ‘Neighbourhood Fund’
  - Parish infrastructure
- How will it be used?
- Grant Funding
  - Community-Led Housing Grant

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Highways

Victoria Doran

Highways Manager

Environmental Maintenance

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Local Commissioning in Wem and Wem Rural

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Local Commissioning

A successful approach would support people in communities to take control of their lives, and to live in a place where they can feel happy and safe, and where they can feel a sense of pride and ownership - www.locality.org.uk

- Collaborative / partnership working between public sector organisations and communities leads to better local outcomes for individuals and communities
- Maximise the use of all public sector and community assets: buildings & land; finance; people; skills & expertise

Local commissioning in practice…

- Local Area Youth Boards
- Transfer of the market rights and operation to Wem Town Council and Wem Town Hall respectively
- Into Work approach in Wem
- Community ‘Ageing Well’ Hub in Wem

Community Infrastructure Levy - Neighbourhood Plans - Community Right to Challenge - Community Right to Buy

Ageing Well in Wem

High percentage of over 65s

High number of hip & knee replacements

High number of emergency hospital admissions for hip fractures

High number of people in receipt of Adult Social Care Services

Community Co-ordinator

Ageing Well Conversations → **Independence Plans** → **Signposting** → **Networking** → **Outreach Work**

Thursday drop-in sessions and Friday outreach work have allowed us to address our key project aims, "**to develop a sustainable community based solution that supports older people to live independently, actively and healthier for longer"**, by :

- Placing the emphasis on 'prevention' within the community
- Supporting 'hard to reach' and 'socially isolated' groups
- Adopting a 'whole person' approach that best understands and supports people's needs
- Developing and maximising the use of all local assets: buildings, organisations, individuals
- Providing older people with a 'gateway' for advice and guidance support services
- Co-ordinating voluntary activity and supporting the growth of community based initiatives
- Challenging people's negative attitudes towards their age and health (and their community)

Case Studies

Mrs W

- Mrs W lives in Wem with her daughter
- Both Mrs W and her daughter have been diagnosed with learning disabilities
- Mrs W presented herself to the Ageing Well Hub quite clearly distressed. She and her daughter had been the victims of varying levels of harassment, intimidation and abuse by her neighbourhood community
- Further stress was placed upon Mrs W and her daughter due to her Housing Association's refusal to help in this matter despite ongoing involvement with local police
- Following Mrs W's visit to the Hub, STAR Housing has taken the lead in this matter, as a result of which Mrs W and her daughter are finally receiving the right level of support, and are close to securing accommodation in a neighbourhood where they will be valued, not judged

Mrs M (83)

•Mrs M lives alone in Wem

•She presented herself to the Ageing Well Hub with a concern about her steadily decreasing lack of confidence in her ability to remain mobile

•After further conversation, it became apparent that Mrs M had been victim to a number of falls in her home (three) within the past 12 months

•The most recent fall resulted in a number of broken ribs and admittance into A&E services

•By working in partnership with the Community Health Trust, Age UK and Extend, we have provided Mrs M with a range of support aimed at reducing falls within the home, rebuilding her physical and mental confidence/ability to access services, and levels of participation within the community

Benefits of the approach, 24/02/2014 to 30/04/2014

Costs

Employment of Community Co-ordinator, room hire, promotional material	**£2,315**

Estimated Fiscal Savings: 24/02/2014 – 30/04/2014

Avoiding Residential Care for 9 weeks =	£4,257
Reduced potential incident of fall resulting in hospital admission X 2 =	£5,484
Reduced potential use of Domiciliary Care (total 6 weeks) =	£1,164
Reduced risk of Anti-Social Behaviour incident (further action necessary) =	£648
Reduced risk of A&E admittance X 3 =	£390
Other Health savings =	£217.50
Total =	**£12,160.5**

Social Benefits: 24/02/2014 – 30/04/2014

Income to the Shropshire Economy through benefits claims = (Carers Allowance, Attendance Allowance, Disability Allowance)	£931.60
Increased volunteer hours/activity (48 hours)=	£504.48
Total =	**£1,436.08**

Personal Wellbeing Outcome Data is currently being collected

What next?

- ‘Test’ in local communities?
- Discussions with Adult Social Care and People2People in order to develop a long term solution for the continued provision of similar services within the Wem locality (and elsewhere); Let’s Talk local drop-in sessions
- Continued delivery of the successful Thursday drop-in sessions in Wem
- Develop a model of local small-scale investment; one which best supports the community and individuals to become more resilient; delivered by the community for the community

Into Work in Wem

- Higher than average number of people unemployed [152]
- Increase in youth unemployment [49 young people]
- Skills gap identified by local businesses
- Low proportion of residents qualified to level 4 or above
- [Loss of public sector jobs]
- [Above average number of households on lower income]
- [Above average number of empty shops]

Identified as a key local priority by Wem residents in August 2013

Our approach

Purpose & Scope

1. To give people unemployed for less than 52 weeks within the Wem and Wem Rural area the best chance of getting into work by providing support, obtaining work experience and / or receiving skills training

2. Through this approach to provide the best possible outcomes for the individual and for the local community

3. To develop an approach that is 'owned' by the community, carried out by the community, and is delivered for the community

What's different?

A personal, bespoke support service which is not process driven or prescriptive: people are treated as individuals and consistently encouraged to
believe in themselves

What we do

What we do:

- Weekly direct support for unemployed people to find work
- Multi-agency conferencing
- Engage with local employers

Outcomes at March2014:

- 14 clients; 4 apprenticeships; 1 self-employed; 1 signed off; 4 into employment; 2 moved away; 2 unemployed
- Benchmark against normal JCP uptake

Applying cost benefit analysis:

- Fiscal cost ratio = 2.42
- Economic cost ratio = 1.18
- Social cost ratio = 2.02

Measuring success

- Individual financial benefit
  - Fiscal (Treasury)
  - Personal
  - Improved employment prospects
- Wider financial impact benefit
  - Other benefit costs e.g. housing benefit
  - Health costs
  - Costs associated with debt recovery
  - Costs associated with tenancy management, eviction and homelessness
  - Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime
- Benefits to the local economy
- Employer and business outcomes
- Community outcomes
- Social benefits

Cost Benefit Analysis

Next steps – next 6 months

- Work being delivered by Wem Town Hall on behalf of the Wem Local Governance Board
- Funding from Shropshire Council, Local Joint Committee, Shropshire Housing Group, Bronze Level Tasking Group, Wem Rural Parish Council, Wem Town Hall (Police & Crime Commissioners)
- Weekly direct support for up to 40 unemployed people to find work
- Engagement with local employers supported by multi-agency conferencing
- Develop local volunteers to provide support
- Develop Wem Town Hall as the local 'job agency';
  weekly job list

Sustaining the work in the medium term ?

What next in Wem?!

Parish Debate

Your opportunity to raise questions
and
matters of interest or concern
regarding the Parish.

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Thank you

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