

# Wem Rural Parish Council

---

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 August 2015, in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, Wem starting at 7pm

---

### Formal Meeting

#### Present:

Councillors: Len Staines (Chair), Peter Broomhall, Cath Coppinger, Trevor Hayward, Bev Horsley, Peter Marsh, Jon Murgatroyd, Peter Slack and Liz Vernon  
Shropshire Councillor: Chris Mellings  
Clerk: Carole Warner  
Members of the Public: None

### 194/15 Public Participation Period

None

### 195/15 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Fiona Ford and Tim Wilton-Morgan

### 196/15 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 2015 were approved and signed.

### 197/15 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**  
None
- c. **Members were reminded that they are required to declare any acceptance of gifts and hospitality.**

### 198/15 Planning

- a. **Decisions Received - noted**
  - i. 15/02117/FUL Holly House, Northwood, SY4 5UG  
Erection of two-storey rear extension and re-construction of single storey lean to  
Decision: Grant Permission
  - ii. 15/02456/FUL Newtown C Of E School, Newtown, SY4 5NU  
Erection of demountable classroom  
Decision: Grant Permission
- b. **Applications Received**
  - i. 15/01036/FUL Land Adj To The Builders Yard, Known As No. 8, Barkers Green  
Change of use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes

for 1no. gypsy pitch together with the formation of hardstanding and an utility/dayroom ancillary to that use *(to consider any update)*

Cllr Staines reported that Shropshire Council North Planning Committee had met that day and had approved the application. Councillors thanked Cllr Staines for the work carried out on behalf of residents.

- ii. 15/02472/FUL Forest View, Aston, SY4 5QJ  
Erection of general purpose agricultural building and extension to existing agricultural building, for the purpose of storing straw and fodder  
**It was resolved there were no objections to the application.**
  - iii. 15/02496/FUL School House, Quina Brook, SY4 5RJ  
Conversion of previous school building into residential accommodation to be used as part of existing School House, including alterations, improvement & elevational changes together with a new proposed garage/store and reposition and improvement to existing vehicular access  
**It was resolved there were no objections to the application.**
  - iv. 15/02870/FUL The Shrubbery, Paddol Green, SY4 5QZ  
Erection of a two storey link extension and conversion of attached disused building to residential; formation of new vehicular access  
**It was resolved there were no objections in principle to the application. However, serious concerns were expressed regarding the siting of the new access on the bend of the lane. Highways opinion should be sought and any recommendations to be carried out. An alternative siting of a new access would be appreciated.**
- c. Appeals Received – to consider
- i. 15/0227//REF Land Adjacent Ash Grove, Wem  
Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of five pairs of demi-detached dwellings.  
**It was resolved to forward a response to the Inspector advising the appeal basis was not the proposal consulted on and therefore the ‘Wheatcroft’ principles had not been met. Any decision should be made on the original proposal.**

### **199/15 Parish Vacancy**

The Clerk advised that dates for nominations had not yet been received.

### **200/15 Parish Clerk’s Report:**

#### **a. Notice Boards**

Progress on repairs and new boards was continuing.

*The following was advised:*

#### **b. Newtown Bus Shelter Scheme**

The Clerk advised that the concrete pad was due to be laid between 10th and 14th August.

### **201/15 Financial Matters:**

#### **a. Balances for Information**

**Noted and resolved to transfer £69,000 into a Barclays Deposit Account**

#### **b. Outstanding accounts**

**The following accounts were approved:**

C Warner	1,072.83
Besthost	75.00
FSL Ltd	56.57
SLCC	150.00
Shropshire Council	100.00

**202/15 Parish Council's Action Plan**

**a. Broadband**

Cllr Murgatroyd reported on his recent experience of attempting to obtain fibre broadband. Discussion took place on the 3 alternative options where fibre broadband will not be available: mobile phone, WiFi and more fibre boxes. It was agreed that further investigation was required.

**b. Future Development in the Parish**

The Clerk advised the deadline for responses had now passed. The results would be analysed over the next couple of months.

**c. To improve the range of local facilities**

General discussion took place it was agreed that further discussion was required prior to any formal decision.

**203/15 Councillor Reports:**

**a. Parish Councillors**

Cllr Coppinger reported on the recent Round Meadow Residents' Meeting.

**It was resolved to follow up the maintenance/re-seeding of the Play Area.**

Cllr Staines reported on his attendance at Wem Town Council meeting.

**b. Shropshire Councillors:**

Cllr Mellings reported on the following topics: CIL report to Cabinet, SAMDev briefing to Planning Agents, Wem Library and the shortfall in Shropshire Council's Budget up to 2020.

**204/15 Parish Matters**

**a. Land East of Ash Grove**

The Clerk advised that an update had not been received from Shropshire Council.

**b. Footpaths in the Parish and Ramblers Big pathwatch campaign**

**It was agreed to approach the Ramblers to assist with mapping the footpaths. An article should be included in the next edition of the Rural Review.**

**c. Footpath diversion Weir Cottage**

**It was agreed the new diversion was acceptable.**

**205/15 Highways**

**a. B5063 Barkers Green/Tilley Green junction**

The Clerk advised that she was still progressing a response.

**b. Palms Hill**

Cllr Mellings confirmed Shropshire Council had acknowledged responsibility for the wall. Work to ensure the wall remains safe will now be pursued.

**206/15 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:**

Tuesday 1 September 2015.

It was agreed to add the on-going problems associated with the Wem Level Crossing to the next agenda. A meeting with Network Rail and statistics relating to Prees Level Crossing would be requested prior to the Council's meeting.

**207/15 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 15 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the inclusion of personal nature in the business to be transacted.

**208/15 To consider evidence of Local Connection.**

**Evidence of Local Connection was considered and decisions made.**

The Chair, Cllr Staines, declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed.....

Date.....