Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 September 2018, in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, Wem starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting
Present:

Councillors: Liz Vernon (Chair), Geoff Glover, Peter Marsh, Len Staines and Ruth Williams and Tim Wilton-Morgan,
Shropshire Councillor: Pauline Dee and Chris Mellings
Clerk: Carole Warner
Members of the Public: None

115/18 Public Participation Period:

None.

116/18 Tim Shrosbree - Shropshire Council Planning Policy and 'Right Home, Right Place'

Tim Shrosbree explained the new format of Housing Needs Surveys and their role in supporting Planning Policies. It was agreed this new format would be of interest to the Council when it next carried out a survey.

117/18 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Georgia Bruce, Peter Broomhall, Fiona Ford, Jon Murgatroyd, Peter Slack and Stella Whyte (accepted)

118/18 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 7 August 2018 were approved and signed.

119/18 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 R Williams advised she would be leaving the meeting for item 6b(i) (Planning) due to the perception of bias and predetermination.

b. ***To consider any requests for Dispensation***
None

c. *Members were reminded that they are required to declare any acceptance of gifts and hospitality.*

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LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME QUALITY

120/18 Planning

a. Decisions Received - noted

i. 18/02833/FUL Forest View, Aston, SY4 5QJ
Erection of a general purpose farm building
Decision: Grant Permission

ii. 18/01828/FUL The Summer House, Shrewsbury Road, Wem, SY4 5PW
Conversion of garage into 1no. holiday let
Decision: Grant Permission

b. Applications Received

Cllr Williams left the meeting

i. 18/03531/VAR Coton Lodge, Coton, SY13 3LR
Variation of condition no 2 (plans) attached to planning permission reference 18/01163/FUL dated 29/06/2018
It was resolved to support the application.

Cllr Williams re-joined the meeting

ii. 18/03310/VAR Merryfields, Foxholes, SY4 5UJ
Variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission reference 17/03450/FUL dated 31/01/2018 to extend the length of the wall from 12m to 22m
It was resolved to support the application.

iii. 18/03740/FUL Forest View Farm, Brockhurst, Aston
Installation of a roof cover over existing passage between two agricultural buildings
It was resolved to object to the application on the basis there was no supporting evidence that the key factor of a change in the ventilation of the 2 sheds has been considered. Without this evidence it was agreed the proposal could not be considered to be of a sustainable design.
Ventilation is extremely important to maintain air quality for the welfare of livestock. Without adequate ventilation design the proposed linked buildings could see an increase of heat, water vapour, microorganisms, dust and gases, a lack of a uniform distribution of air and correct air speed for stock.

c. Appeal Notification

i. 18/02667/REF Toad Hall, Abbey Green, Whixall
Erection of a single storey rear extension

Noted

121/18 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. Newsletter

The Clerk advised the next edition would be issued in September.

b. Skills Audit

The Clerk advised the audit would identify training needs and requested Councillors complete the form.

c. Council Performance Review

The Clerk explained the review would identify any areas of development for the Council and requested Councillors complete the form.

d. Tree Charter

The Clerk explained the Charter aimed to encourage good management of trees/woodland. She requested Councillors review the Tree Charter's website

e. Community Plan

The Clerk advised that support from Shropshire RCC would not be available until the end of the month. She had prepared a draft questionnaire which had been circulated to Councillors.

f. Wem Town Mayor's Civic Service

It was agreed Cllr Wilton-Morgan would represent the Parish Council.

122/18 Financial Matters:

a. ***Balances for Information***

Noted.

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved:

C Warner	1,377.15
Viking	40.67
PKF Littlejohn LLP	240.00

c. Bank reconciliation

Cllr Marsh reported he had agreed and signed the bank reconciliation.

d. External Audit

The External Auditor's Report for the year ending March 2018 was noted. The Clerk confirmed she had publicised the conclusion of the Audit as instructed by the Auditors.

e. Community Grants

It was agreed to invite grant applications through the newsletter.

f. Community Infrastructure Levey/Neighbourhood Funds Annual Return

The Monitoring report was approved and signed.

g. Community Led Housing Grant Annual Return

The Monitoring report was approved and signed.

123/18 Parish Council's Action Plan

The Action Plan was reviewed, and updates noted. The Clerk confirmed the Plan was available on the Council's website for all to inspect.

General discussion took place on the wireless broadband solution provided by Airband and the experiences of Councillors. It was agreed to invite representatives from Airband to the November meeting.

124/18 Wem Economic Forum

The Clerk provided updates on some of the Steering Groups and in particular the Dementia Friendly Wem project. The next WEF meeting would be held on 20 September.

125/18 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

None

b. Shropshire Councillors:

Cllr Mellings had submitted a written report.

Cllr Dee reported that Local Members Planning Group meeting to discuss the Local Plan Review had been postponed until November.

126/18 Parish Matters

a. ***Wem Rural Responders***

Cllr Staines explained he was liaising with the Wem Town Group.

b. Shropshire Council Banner Application Process

It was agreed there were no suitable sites in the Parish.

127/18 Highways

a. Soulton Bridge

It was noted that work to repair the bridge had started.

128/18 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

2 October 2018

The Chair, Cllr Vernon, declared the meeting closed at 8.30m

Signed……. Date……