

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 January 2019, in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, Wem starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Liz Vernon (Chair), Peter Broomhall, Georgia Bruce, Jon Murgatroyd,
Len Staines, Stella Whyte, Ruth Williams and Tim Wilton-Morgan
Shropshire Councillors: Pauline Dee and Chris Mellings
Clerk: Carole Warner
Members of the Public: 3

01/19 Public Participation Period:

Councillors took the opportunity to ask questions of representatives of Edstaston Village Hall Management Committee regarding their Community-Led Housing Grant Application.

02/19 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Geoff Glover, Fiona Ford and Peter Slack (accepted)

03/19 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 4 December 2018 were approved and signed.

04/19 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 Whyte advised she would be leaving the meeting for Agenda item 5bi (Planning) due to the perception of bias and pre-determination.
Cllr Williams advised she would be leaving the meeting for Agenda item 7g (Finance) due to the perception of bias and pre-determination.
Cllr Vernon advised she would be leaving the meeting for Agenda item 7g (Finance) due to the perception of bias and pre-determination.
- b. To consider any requests for Dispensation**
None
- c. Members were reminded that they are required to declare any acceptance of gifts and hospitality.**

05/19 Planning

- a. Decisions Received - noted**
 - i. 18/04668/FUL The Chapel, Pool Head, Wem, SY4 5UH
Erection of an agricultural storage building
Decision: Grant Permission

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- ii. 18/05212/FUL Brook Farm, Coton, SY13 3LJ
Erection of extension and alterations
Decision: Grant Permission

b. Applications Received

Cllr Whyte left the meeting

- i. 18/05534/FUL Oakwood Grange, Grange Farm Barns, Northwood, SY4 5NP
Erection of a one and a half storey rear extension with balcony and glass balustrade
It was resolved to support the application.

Cllr Whyte re-joined the meeting

- ii. 18/05655/FUL Field Cottage, 4 Coton, Whitchurch, SY13 3LQ
Erection of two storey and single storey extension(s) to rear elevation
It was resolved to support the application.
- iii. ENO20021 Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network
The application was noted.

c. Shropshire Local Plan Review 'Preferred Sites' Consultation

It was resolved that the Council supported Shropshire Council introducing a cross-subsidy exception site policy, allowing an element of open market housing to support the delivery of affordable housing and that the development mix should be assessed on a site by site basis with a limit of open market development of 25% per site.

The Clerk advised the following:

d. Proposed Tilley Conservation Area

The Clerk reported she had received from Shropshire Council regarding the consultation. She would request more information.

06/19 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. Annual Parish Meeting

It was resolved to hold the meeting on 2 April 2019 at 7pm.

07/19 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved:

C Warner	791.88
The Right Sort Mailing Co Ltd	621.82

c. West Mercia PCC Grants

General discussion took place. The price of 100 Smartwater kits would be requested and traffic calming solutions would be researched. It was agreed the Clerk should write to a courier company regarding the speed of its vehicles along country lanes.

d. Precept and Budget 2019/20

The Budget was approved, and the Precept set for £26,263.

e. Audit Programme 2018/19

The Audit Programme was approved

f. Internal Auditor 2018/19

Linda West was appointed as Internal Auditor.

Cllrs Williams and Vernon left the meeting

Cllr Murgatroyd Chaired the following item

g. Community-Led Housing Grant Scheme Applications

Following review of the application it was resolved to grant Edstaston Village Hall Management Committee £25,000 subject to match funding.

*Cllrs Williams and Vernon re-joined the meeting
Cllr Broomhall left the meeting*

08/19 Policies and Procedures:

- a. Freedom of Information Publication Scheme**
The Scheme was re-approved
- b. Media Policy**
The Policy was re-approved

09/19 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.

- a. Newtown School car parking**
The Clerk advised the Council should submit an Expression of Interest to Shropshire Council for CIL Local funds. She would prepare the appropriate document.
- b. Community Plan refresh**
The Clerk advised she was meeting with the Community Council later in the month.

10/19 Councillor Reports:

- a. Parish Councillors**
The Chair advised she had attended the Local Plan Review meeting.
- b. Shropshire Councillors:**
Cllr Mellings had submitted a written report.

11/19 Parish Matters

- a. Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)**
Cllr Staines updated Councillors on 2 AEDs in Wem. The AED sited at Robison and Young was still maintained by Wem Rural Responders but with no call system. It was known to West Midlands Ambulance Service for use in emergencies. The AED sited at Edinburgh House was still maintained by the Town group of volunteers on a call system basis. It was noted that all AEDs should be registered with the Ambulance Service and the British Heart Foundation was leading an awareness campaign to register AEDs.
- b. Wem Economic Forum**
It was reported a meeting had been held in December with 2019 projects to be agreed at the February meeting.
- c. Shropshire Council Bring Banks Consultation.**
It was resolved to object to the proposal to remove the Bring Banks at 120 sites. It was considered the facilities were important for people who do not have storage facilities at their own homes for all their recycling and some do not have adequate transport to travel to Household Recycling Centres. The Council also considered there would be an increase of fly-tipping in the countryside

12/19 Highways

A pot hole on the B5063 close to A49 was reported.

13/19 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

5 February 2019

The Chair, Cllr Vernon, declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed.....

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