

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 February 2019, in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, Wem starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Liz Vernon (Chair), Peter Broomhall, Geoff Glover, Fiona Ford, Peter Marsh, Peter Slack, Len Staines, Stella Whyte and Ruth Williams.

Shropshire Councillor: Pauline Dee

Clerk: Carole Warner

In attendance: Shropshire Council Officers Joe Crook and Andy Wigley

Members of the Public: 6

14/19 Public Participation Period:

A member of the public spoke in support of a development site within Wem Rural Parish. He and partners proposed that the site be included in the Local Plan Review as a preferred sites for Wem Town. They had spoken to Wem Town Council at a recent Town Council Committee meeting. The member of the public explained the benefits the site had over the other suggested site for future development around Wem.

Councillors had the opportunity to ask questions of the member of the public. The Clerk explained the Parish Council had responded to the latest consultation on the Local Plan Review and that several hamlets had been put forward as a development Cluster. Individual sites were not required to be identified.

15/19 Proposed Tilley Conservation Area:

Dr George Nash explained the context and background to the proposal. The proposal had followed on from the Tilley Timber Project. He advised 13 questionnaires had been issued and 9 returned and that there was support for Tilley to be classed as a Conservation Area from residents.

Shropshire Council officers advised that the Council's consultation was the formal consultation and a decision would be made based on Council policies.

Councillors asked questions of Dr Nash and Shropshire Council Officers to understand the process of consultation and the impact of the designation.

16/19 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Georgia Bruce, Jon Murgatroyd and Tim Wilton-Morgan (accepted)
Shropshire Councillor Chris Mellings

17/19 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2019 were approved and signed.

18/19 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

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- 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.*

19/19 Planning

- a. **Proposed Tilley Conservation Area**
General discussion took place which included concerns about the wood within the area. The Clerk was requested to seek a postponement of the Officer's paper to Cabinet so that Councillors had more time to understand the implications for the village and both current and future residents
- b. **Decisions Received - noted**
 - i. 18/05655/FUL Field Cottage, 4 Coton, Whitchurch, SY13 3LQ
Erection of two storey and single storey extensions to rear elevation
Decision: Grant Permission
- c. **Applications Received**
 - i. 18/05564/FUL Rose Cottage, Edstaston, SY4 5RF
Erection of a single storey enclosed porch replacing existing smaller open porch
It was noted the application had been granted permission. The Council resolved to support that decision.
 - ii. 19/00017/FUL Units B3 And B4, Wem Industrial Estate, SY4 5SD
Erection of single storey extension to rear of existing offices
It was resolved to support the application.

20/19 Parish Clerk's Report:

- a. **Annual Parish Meeting**
It was agreed to invite representatives from the Shropshire and Telford Dementia Action Alliance and Smartwater to give short presentations.
- b. **SALC's Area Committee Review 2019**
It was resolved that the Clerk and Chair would agree the response to the survey.
- c. **Newsletter – March 2019 edition**
The Clerk advised work was starting on the newsletter.

Cllr Geoff Glover left the meeting

21/19 Financial Matters:

- a. **Balances for information**
Noted
- b. **Outstanding accounts**
The following payment was approved:
C Warner 556.07
- c. **VAT**
It was agreed to de-register after the financial year end. The Clerk advised VAT would continue to be claimed back under the Local Council Scheme
- d. **West Mercia PCC Grants**
The Clerk advised further work on this was required.
- e. **Community-Led Housing Grant Scheme Applications**

Following a review of the application it was resolved to grant NCRA £15,000 subject to the project for the car park commencing within 12 months.

22/19 Complaints Procedure:

It was resolved to re-approve the Procedure.

23/19 Parish Council's Action Plan

a. Newtown School car parking

The Clerk advised she was working on the Expression of Interest to be submitted to Shropshire Council for CIL Local funds.

b. Community Plan refresh

The Clerk advised the re-refresh questionnaire would be distributed with the March newsletter.

24/19 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

CLlr Whyte advised she had met with members of the Crewe and Shrewsbury Passenger Association.

CLlr Ford advised she had attended a function at Whixall to unveil the new AED.

b. Shropshire Councillors:

CLlr Mellings had submitted a written report.

CLlr Dee reported on a meeting with a Guardian journalist regarding Soulton Long Barrow.

25/19 Parish Matters

a. Wem Economic Forum

It was reported the next meeting was to be held the following day.

b. Litter picking equipment

It was noted that Shropshire Council had equipment it would lend to community groups.

c. WEM ATM

It was agreed the ATM at the Co-op was not adequate for the number of users following the closure of the banks. The Clerk was asked to write to the managers of the ATM

26/19 Highways

No issues were reported.

27/19 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

5 February 2019 Items to include: Litter and dog waste

The Chair, CLlr Vernon, declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....

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