

# Wem Rural Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 August 2019, in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, Wem starting at 7pm

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### Formal Meeting

#### Present:

Councillors: Liz Vernon (Chair), Peter Broomhall, Huw Edwards, Julia Goode, Peter Marsh, Jon Murgatroyd, Peter Slack, Len Staines and Ruth Williams

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: One

#### 108/19 Public Participation Period:

A resident spoke in support of his planning application which was to be considered later in the meeting. He outlined the application and acknowledged that some aspects were retrospective. Councillors asked whether a Design and Access Statement had been submitted. The applicant advised it had been. Discussion took place regarding the possible increase of traffic movements in the area.

#### 109/19 Shropshire Wildlife – update on Wem Moss management:

Jan McKelvey, Conservation Manager, Shropshire Wildlife Trust (SWT), outlined the history of the Moss and SWT involvement. The management plan over the next 2½ years, part of a 5-year project, and the expected outcomes were explained. One main outcome was to manage the water levels of the moss. The felling of trees was part of the plan and it was an accident that an old oak tree had been felled in the process. Ms McKelvey agreed to pass on the comment that a replacement oak tree should be planted.

An invitation was extended to the Council for a tour of the Moss.

The Chair thanked Mrs McKelvey for her informative talk.

#### 110/19 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Stella Whyte and Tim Wilton-Morgan (accepted)

Shropshire Councillor Pauline Dee and Chris Mellings

#### 111/19 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 2 July 2019 were approved and signed.

#### 112/19 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.

**b. To consider any requests for Dispensation**

None

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

### **113/19 Planning**

**a. Decisions Received - noted**

- i. 19/01999/FUL Oakwood Grange, Grange Farm Barns, Northwood, SY4 5NP  
Erection of a one and a half storey rear extension  
Decision: Grant Permission
- ii. 19/01885/FUL Lowe Hall Farm, The Lowe, Wem, SY4 5UE  
Erect a greenhouse on concrete base  
Decision: Grant Permission
- iii. 19/01382/FUL The Chapel, Pool Head, SY4 5UH  
Erection of a single storey extension with glazed link extension; re-sited vehicular access  
Decision: Refuse
- iv. 19/02652/FUL New House Farm, Coton, SY13 2RD  
Erection of single storey side extension  
Decision: Grant Permission

**b. Applications Received**

- i. 19/02814/FUL Merryfields, Foxholes, SY4 5UJ  
Formation of larger riding arena; erection of a field shelter to act as horse wash-box/solarium and hay store; formation of parking area and retrospective planning permission for a lean to off the Dutch Barn and formation of muck heap
- ii. 19/03071/VAR Merryfields, Foxholes, SY4 5UJ  
Removal of condition no.4 (usage restriction) attached to planning permission reference NS/07/0215/FUL dated 27/12/2007

**Councillors considered both applications at the same time. General discussion took place regarding potential traffic issues. It was noted that there were other businesses in the area and initial comments were that the proposal may not add significantly to existing traffic movements. It was agreed that without a Design and Access Statement which should explain the application in more detail, it was not possible to fully assess the application. It was noted that Highways could not comment for the same reason.**

**It was resolved to make representations that the Parish Council could not respond at this time until a Design and Access Statement and other relevant information eg traffic movements were available.**

**c. Appeal Notification**

- i. 19/02741/REF Proposed Garage at, Tilley Green, Wem  
Erection of a detached domestic garage/store (resubmission)  
Noted

**d. Non-designated heritage properties**

The Clerk advised Ian Kilby had offered to meet delegates from the Parish Council. It was agreed Cllrs Murgatroyd, Vernon and the Clerk would represent the Council.

### **114/19 Parish Clerk's Report:**

**a. Local Council Award Scheme Quality Gold**

The Clerk advised the application and presentation had been successful. The Council had been recommended for Quality Gold status.

**b. Shropshire Council Highways Dept**

Following a suggestion from Shropshire Cllr Mellings it was agreed that representatives from Highways Dept should attend the September meeting.

**c. Cattery Opening**

The opening of a new cattery in Northwood was to take place on 10 August, the Chair would be conducting the formal opening.

**115/19 Financial Matters:**

**a. Balances for information**

Noted

**b. Outstanding accounts**

The following payments were approved:

C Warner	£1081.41
Shropshire RCC	£498.29

**c. CIL Local Application**

The Clerk advised that although a formal appeal process was not allowed, additional information could be submitted. She was working towards a re-submission.

**116/19 Parish Council's Action Plan**

**a. Community Plan refresh**

The Clerk advised she had completed the writing of the Plan and it was with Cllr Whyte for final layout.

**b. We Don't Buy Crime/Smartwater**

The Clerk reminded Councillors the launch would take place on Saturday 21 September.

**c. Northwood Village Enhancements**

The Clerk advised that she had met with representatives of the Residents Group to update them on projects.

**d. Community Speed Watch**

The Clerk advised she had passed on volunteer forms to the Northwood Residents Group.

**e. Defibrillators**

The Clerk advised she had submitted a grant application to the National Lottery.

**117/19 Councillor Reports:**

**a. Parish Councillors**

None.

**b. Shropshire Councillors:**

Cllr Mellings had advised he would be submitting a written report by email.

Cllr Dee had advised she had been approached by a resident with issues over the road closure at Foxholes.

**118/19 Parish Matters**

**a. Shropshire Council Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations**

**It was agreed to submit the response prepared by the Clerk in that the stations remained suitable.**

**119/19 Highways**

**a. Shropshire Bus Campaign**

The Clerk recommended that consultation with residents about bus services should be considered as part of the newsletter.

**120/19 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:**

3 September 2019

The Chair, Cllr Vernon, declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed.....

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