

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 1 October 2019, in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, Wem starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Liz Vernon (Chair), Peter Broomhall, Huw Edwards, Julia Goode, Peter Marsh, Jon Murgatroyd, Peter Slack, Len Staines, Stella Whyte, Ruth Williams and Tim Wilton-Morgan.
Shropshire Councillor Pauline Dee
Clerk: Carole Warner
Members of the Public: Two

134/19 Public Participation Period:

None.

135/19 Apologies for absence:

Shropshire Councillor Chris Mellings

136/19 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 3 September 2019 were approved and signed.

137/19 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 Peter Broomhall advised he would leave the meeting for agenda item 5biii (Planning) due to the perception of bias and predetermination.
Cllr Jon Murgatroyd advised he would leave the meeting for agenda item 5biii (Planning) due to the perception of bias and predetermination.
Cllr Stella Whyte advised she would leave the meeting for agenda item 5biii (Planning) due to the perception of bias and predetermination.
Cllr Liz Vernon advised she would leave the meeting for agenda item 5biii (Planning) and 11c (Parish Matters) 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.**

138/19 Planning

- a. Decisions Received - noted**

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- i. 19/01720/FUL Land Adjoining The Croft, 2 Abbeygreen, SY13 2PT
Change of use of land from agricultural to tourism use for the siting of two geodomes for holiday accommodation and the including access and parking
Decision: Grant Permission
- ii. 19/03647/FUL Tilley Park Farm, Shrewsbury Road, Wem, SY4 5PW
Erection of cattle housing shed
Decision: Grant Permission
- iii. APP/L3245/W/19/3231457 Land at Tilley Green, Wem
Erection of a detached domestic garage and store
Decision: Appeal Dismissed

b. Applications Received - to consider response

- i. 19/03912/FUL The Oaklands, Shrewsbury Road, Wem, SY4 5PA
Formation of new vehicular access
It was resolved to support the applications subject to the agreement of Highways Dept.
- ii. 19/03970/FUL Sedgeford, Edstaston, Wem, SY4 5RG
Formation of new vehicular access
It was resolved to support the applications subject to the agreement of Highways Dept.
Cllrs Broomhall, Murgatroyd, Vernon and Whyte left the meeting
Cllr Wilton-Morgan chaired the meeting for the following item
- iii. 19/04073/FUL Gwiwer Barn, Tilley Green, Wem, SY4 5PF
Erection of portal steel framed building for the storage of classic vehicles and gardening machinery/equipment
It was resolved to support the application.

Cllrs Broomhall, Murgatroyd, Vernon and Whyte re-joined the meeting

c. Non-designated heritage properties

Cllrs Murgatroyd, the Chair and Clerk reported on their meeting with Dr Andy Wigley, Shropshire Council's Natural and Historic Environment Manager. It was noted that Shropshire Council's policies with respect to non-designated heritage properties were more robust than the National Planning Policy Framework. Councillors had made clear to Dr Wigley that in a rural parish a great number of properties could be classed non-designated heritage properties. This made it more difficult to adapt them as suitable for modern day family living. Councillors were concerned it would make local people buying local properties more difficult. It was agreed that in future, more detailed reasons should accompany planning consultation responses relating to non-designated heritage properties.

139/19 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. Newtown Community and Recreation Association representative

It was resolved to appoint Cllr Julia Goode.

b. Round Meadow Play Equipment and Area

The Clerk reported that whilst organising repairs to the play equipment both Wem Town Council and Shropshire Council officers had reported a lack of maintenance to the gate to the area and no 'dogs not allowed' sign. The Clerk advised she had advised both officers that the Parish Council was only responsible for the equipment and not the grass, fencing or gate. These were the responsibility of Severnside Housing. The Clerk confirmed she had forwarded the inspection report (which highlight the repairs to the gate) and the officers' concerns to Severnside Housing.

c. Office of Police and Crime Commissioner's email 6 September 2019

It was noted that the reference to Wem Rural was a mistake and the email should have been addressed to Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council.

d. Display of LCAS Quality Gold Certificate

It was agreed the certificate should be displayed in Edstaston Village Hall.

140/19 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

C Warner	£785.91
Scott Burrows Building Services	£283.00

141/19 Policies

The following policies were reviewed and approved:

Community Grants

Planning Applications Procedures

Planning Pre-Application Discussion Policy

Confirming Local Connections

Round Meadow Local Connection Appeals Process

142/19 Parish Council's Action Plan

a. Community Plan refresh

It was resolved to adopt the Community Plan 2019.

b. We Don't Buy Crime/Smartwater

The Clerk reported on a successful launch on Saturday 21 September. Councillors would continue to distribute kits to residents

c. Northwood Road signs survey

The Clerk advised Shropshire Council were reviewing the survey.

d. Community Speed Watch

The Clerk advised details of six volunteers had been forwarded to the Police for checking.

e. Defibrillators

The Clerk advised signed agreements from two of the three proposed locations had been received.

143/19 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

The Chair, Cllr Staines and Cllr Whyte reported on a successful visit to Wem Moss to view the work being carried out by Shropshire Wildlife Trust.

Cllr Wilton-Morgan reported on 2 meetings:

WEF Traffic Working Group – this had had to be re-arranged due to the absence of Shropshire Council member and officers.

WEF Meeting which Shropshire Councillor Gwilym Butler had attended.

b. Shropshire Councillors:

Cllr Mellings had submitted a written report by email.

Cllr Dee reported on the Tilley Raven.

144/19 Parish Matters

a. Improvements to Prees Railway Station car parking

The Clerk was awaiting a response from Network Rail.

b. Edstaston Village Hall

General discussion took place regarding assisting the Hall Management Committee in developing the Hall as a community hub. It was agreed that Cllrs Vernon, Williams and the Clerk would meet with Management Committee members to discuss further.

Cllr Vernon left the meeting

Cllr Wilton-Morgan chaired the meeting for the following item

c. Helicopter activity

Councillors reported that residents had approached them regarding concerns with commercial helicopter trips from a business location in the Parish. Residents had stated that the constant noise and impact on privacy on the days when the trips were operating were unreasonable. It was reported that advice had been sought from Shropshire Council as the Parish Council had no powers to act in this area. The Clerk was asked to follow this up.

Cllr Vernon re-joined the meeting

145/19 Highways

a. Traffic disturbance at Horton (B5063)

The Clerk advised she had requested the business in question to contact the concerned resident. No further feedback had been received from the resident.

b. Edstaston Residents' Concerns

The Chair reported on highways issues which had been brought to her attention including hedges obstructing visibility. General discussion took place and the Clerk was asked to follow the issues up with Shropshire Council.

146/19 Consultations – to consider responses

a. Shropshire Council consultations:

i. Post 19 Travel Assistance

It was resolved to support the proposed policy

ii. Youth Support

It was agreed that Cllrs Williams, Vernon and the Chair would review the consultation and support a response.

iii. Amendments to Shropshire Council's parking strategy

The consultation was noted. No response was to be submitted

b. Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government: 5G Mobile Coverage in Rural Areas

It was resolved to support the proposals

147/19 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

5 November 2019

Agenda Item: Dangerous driving in the Parish, Removal of BT Payphone and consider alternative use of kiosks.

148/19 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 16 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the inclusion of personal nature in the business to be transacted.

149/19 To consider evidence of Local Connection

It was resolved that based on the evidence submitted Local Connection to the Parish had been proved.

The Chair, Cllr Vernon, declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm

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