

Wem Rural Parish Council

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

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Liz Vernon (Chair), Peter Broomhall, Huw Edwards, Peter Slack and Len Staines.

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: None

150/19 Public Participation Period:

None.

151/19 Apologies for absence:

Julia Goode, Peter Marsh, Stella Whyte, Ruth Williams and Tim Wilton-Morgan (accepted)
Shropshire Councillors: Pauline Dee and Chris Mellings

152/19 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 1 October 2019 were approved and signed.

153/19 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 5bi (Planning) due to the perception of bias and predetermination.

Cllr Liz Vernon advised she would leave the meeting for agenda item 5bi (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.*

154/19 Planning

a. *Decisions Received - noted*

i. 19/03970/FUL Sedgeford, Edstaston, SY4 5RG

Formation of new vehicular access

Decision: Refuse

ii. 19/04276/FUL 2 Oakhurst Villas, Newtown, SY4 5NT

Erection of single storey rear extension, associated alterations and improvements;

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Replacement detached garage

Decision: Grant Permission

- 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

Decision: Withdrawn

- iv. APP/L3245/D/19/3233793 The Chapel, Poll Head, Wem, SY4 5UH

Erection of a single storey extension with glazed link extension; re-sited vehicular access

Decision: Appeal Dismissed

b. Applications Received - to consider response

Cllrs Broomhall and Vernon left the meeting

The following item was not discussed as the meeting was not quorate

- i. 19/04369/EIA Oaklands, Edstaston, SY4 5RF

Installation of a Solid Biomass Combined Heat and Power (CHP) System Including Ancillary Buildings and All Associated Works

Cllrs Broomhall and Vernon re-joined the meeting

- ii. 19/04462/FUL Church House, Newtown, SY4 5NU

Erection of part single storey part two storey extension; replacement of outbuilding with link extension; removal of two chimney's and replacement with one chimney

It was resolved to support the application.

- iii. 19/04586/VAR The Small Barn, Coton

Variation of Conditions 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10 attached to application number 17/03802/FUL

It was resolved to support the application subject to the agreement of Highways Dept.

- iv. 19/04479/FUL Coton Lodge, Coton, SY13 3LR

Change of use from agricultural land to car parking facility and play area for Coton Lodge School

It was resolved to support the application.

155/19 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk advised the vacancy had been formally advertised.

156/19 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

C Warner	£891.73
The Right Sort Mailing Co Ltd	£613.52

c. Budget 2020-2021

General discussion took place.

157/19 Policies

The following policies were reviewed and approved:

Hospitality and Gifts

Training

158/19 Parish Council's Action Plan

a. Updates

The updates were noted.

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

The Clerk advised she had requested an updated report on registered kits which she would circulate.

c. *Community Public Access Defibrillators (cPADs)*

The Clerk advised she had obtained permission to locate a defibrillator on the Horse and Jockey yard wall. A revised quote had been received and she would place an order for 2 defibrillators

d. *BT Payphones*

It was resolved to request Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) to adopt the payphone kiosks in the parish and that the Council would work with CHT to install cPADs in them.

159/19 Councillor Reports:

a. *Parish Councillors*

None

b. *Shropshire Councillors:*

None.

160/19 Parish Matters

a. *Improvements to Prees Railway Station car parking*

The Clerk had received a response from Network Rail. They had requested further information to the improvements required. The Clerk had contacted Prees Parish Council which had originally raised the request.

b. *Edstaston Village Hall*

The Chair and the Clerk had met with the Chair of the Hall Management Committee and an introduction to the new Shropshire Wildlife Trust's local representative had been offered.

c. *Helicopter activity*

The Clerk advised she had received notification from the helicopter company that the pleasure flights had finished for the year and none were planned for 2020.

d. *Flooding in the Parish following high rainfall 25/26 October 2019*

The Clerk advised gulley clearance had taken place in some of the flooded areas, which were not the cause of the floods in some areas. The Clerk advised gulley clearance would be one of the topics to be raised with Shropshire Council's Highways Dept

161/19 Highways

a. *Dangerous driving in Parish and Residents' concerns*

The Clerk advised she had raised several issues reported by residents with Highways. She was waiting for confirmation of a meeting with Shropshire Council officers.

It was agreed to defer discussion on dangerous driving to the next meeting.

162/19 Consultations – to consider responses

a. *West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner – Rural Crime Strategy*

The consultation was noted. No response was to be submitted

b. *Shropshire Council – Library Strategy*

It was noted that responses from individuals were requested at this stage.

163/19 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

3 December 2019

164/19 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.

165/19 To consider evidence of Local Connection

It was resolved that based on the evidence submitted Local Connection to the Parish would be confirmed.

166/19 Parish Council acting as Custodian Trustee

It was noted that the transfer document and the letter from Edstaston Village Hall Management Committee were in order. It was resolved that the Council, acting as Custodian Trustee would sign the transfer document.

The Chair, Cllr Vernon, declared the meeting closed at 8pm

Signed.....

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