

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 3 December 2019, in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, Wem starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Liz Vernon (Chair), Huw Edwards, Julia Goode, Peter Marsh Stella Whyte, Ruth Williams and Tim Wilton-Morgan.

Shropshire Councillor: Pauline Dee

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: 1

167/19 Public Participation Period:

None.

168/19 Victoria County History Shropshire - presentation by Judith Everard

Judith reported on a successful launch of the Victoria County History Shropshire (VCHS) Wem book on Saturday 30 November. She advised copies of work and drafts completed were available on the British History on-line or VCHS own website. Judith outlined the background and history of VCHS.

Judith advised that following the launch of the Wem book, fieldwork continued on the dozen townships making up Wem Parish. Funds had been obtained for 8 townships but £20,000 was still required for 4 townships. Judith explained VCHS was open to sponsorships and donations. Judith explained fieldwork included reading parish council minutes, visiting houses and reading title deeds and the papers included in the deed packs.

Judith answered questions from Councillors and suggestions and ideas of how the Council could support the project were discussed. Judith agreed to explore those with colleagues. The Chair thanked Judith for her informative presentation.

169/19 Apologies for absence:

Peter Broomhall, Peter Slack and Len Staines (accepted)

Shropshire Councillor: Chris Mellings

170/19 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 5 November 2019 were approved and signed.

171/19 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 Liz Vernon advised she would leave the meeting for agenda item 6bi (Planning) due to the perception of bias and predetermination.

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b. To consider any requests for Dispensation

None

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

It was agreed to bring forward item 11a and 11b and to suspend Standing Orders to allow participation by the member of the public.

172/19 Environmental protection in Wem Rural and Wem Area Climate Forum

The notes of the Wem Area Climate Change Forum meeting of 20 November and a resident's email was noted. General discussion took place and although the Council owned no assets which could be considered under this topic, there was still a carbon footprint relating to the Council's activities. It was noted that some positive actions were already planned eg tree and hedge planting around Edstaston Village Hall, but further investigations should be carried out. It was noted that businesses should be made aware of the Area Climate Forum. Attendance of the next Forum meeting was recommended.

173/19 Planning

a. Decisions Received - noted

- i. 19/03704/FUL Brook House, Wem Lane, Soulton, Wem, SY4 5RT
Alterations to existing field access, to allow for the erection of double garage and workshop building, to include the change of use of land from countryside to domestic land.
Decision: Refuse
- ii. 19/03429/FUL Yew Tree Cottage, 6 Coton, Whitchurch, SY13 3LQ
Erection of proposed building for the stabling, alongside storage of equipment associated with the horses and hay and straw.
Decision: Grant Permission
- iii. 19/02814/FUL Merryfields, Foxholes, Wem, 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; retrospective planning permission for a lean to off the Dutch Barn and formation of muck heap and proposed change of use to commercial livery use
Decision: Grant Permission
- iv. 19/03071/VAR Merryfields, Foxholes, Wem, SY4 5UJ
Variation of condition no.4 (usage restriction) attached to planning permission reference NS/07/02151/FUL dated 27/12/2007
Decision: Grant Permission
- v. 19/04462/FUL Church House, Newtown, SY4 5NU
Erection of part single storey and first floor extension; replacement of outbuilding with link extension; removal of two chimney's and replacement with one chimney
Decision: Grant Permission
- vi. 19/04586/VAR The Small Barn, Coton, Whitchurch
Variation of Conditions 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10 attached to application number 17/03802/FUL
Decision: Grant Permission

b. Applications Received - to consider response

Cllr Vernon left the meeting

- 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

The Council was pleased to note that one benefit of the proposal was the significant reduction of transport movements to and from the site. It was resolved to support the application subject to a condition being placed on the consent that the proposal will only process manure produced on site with no import of manure. The submitted Environmental Statement 5.2 and Planning Statement 8.2.5 referred.

Cllr Vernon re-joined the meeting

- i. 19/04932/FUL The Croft, 2 Abbeygreen, Whixall, SY13 2PT
Conversion of outbuilding to form self-contained residential unit as ancillary accommodation to the main house
It was resolved to support the application.
- ii. 19/04948/FUL 1 Barkers Green, Wem, SY4 5JN
Installation of 10m steel lattice mast and antennas on the 2 metre amateur radio band
It was resolved to support the application.
- iii. 19/05000/FUL Newtown Villa Farm, Newtown, SY4 5NU
Erection of agricultural building following demolition of existing; construction of new access track
It was resolved to support the application.
- iv. 19/05001/FUL Newtown Villa Farm, Newtown, SY4 5NU
Erection of cattle building
It was resolved to support the application.
- v. 19/05081/FUL The Swallows, Horton, SY4 5ND
Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of an open fronted storage shed
It was resolved to support the application.

174/19 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk advised an election had not been called by the electorate and the Council could fill the vacancy by co-option. This would be pursued in the new year.

175/19 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

C Warner	703.25
HMRC	76.60

c. Bank reconciliation

Cllr Edwards reported he had agreed and signed the bank reconciliation.

d. Budget 2020-2021

General discussion took place.

176/19 Parish Council's Action Plan

a. Updates

The updates were noted. The Northwood white traffic gates had been installed but adjustments to the poles displaying the settlement and 30mph signs were required.

b. We Don't Buy Crime/Smartwater

An updated report on registered kits had been circulated. General discussion took place on methods of distribution. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Police contact for assistance.

c. Community Public Access Defibrillators (cPADs)

The Clerk advised she had received agreement to site the third cPAD at another public house in the Parish.

It was resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk to progress the installation of 3 cPADS.

d. Northwood Community Speed Watch

The Clerk advised a group of 10 residents had been trained on the equipment and monitoring of vehicles could now take place. Councillors expressed their thanks to all the volunteers for giving their time to this initiative.

177/19 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

The Chair reported she, Cllr Staines and the Clerk had attended SALC AGM and 70th Anniversary event. The Chair was pleased to report the Parish Council had been highly commended for its application under the Jan Snell Award
It was reported that Wem Economic Forum Traffic Working Group had met and was progressing the change of the one-way system around Drawwell. A proposed one-way system around the town had been put forward to Shropshire Council for a feasibility study.
It was reported that the Wem Economic Forum Emergency Planning Working Group had met and was progressing the detailed completion of the Plan. A Wem Rural Parish resident had come forward to assist.

It was reported that Wem Economic Forum/Wem Town Council would be holding an Economic Regeneration Workshop in January 2020. The Clerk was to attend a planning meeting later in December.

b. Shropshire Councillors:

Councillor Dee reported that the sale of the Tilley Raven had experienced delays of a legal nature.

178/19 Parish Matters

a. Commemorations for VE Day and VJ Day 2020

The written report of the meeting was noted.

b. Crewe and Shrewsbury Passenger Assoc meeting 2 October 2019

The minutes of the meeting were noted.

179/19 Highways

a. Dangerous driving in Parish and Residents' concerns

The Clerk advised a meeting with Shropshire Council officers had been arranged for mid-December. Councillors reported on specific incidents of speeding and irresponsible driving which the Clerk would report to the Police.

180/19 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

7 January 2020

The Chair, Cllr Vernon, declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed.....

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