

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 January 2020, 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, Peter Slack, Len Staines Stella Whyte, Ruth Williams and Tim Wilton-Morgan.
Shropshire Councillor: Chris Mellings
Clerk: Carole Warner
Members of the Public: 3

01/20 Public Participation Period:

Residents spoke in connection with their planning application which the Parish Council was to consider later in the meeting. They explained the difficulties they were experiencing in designing a scheme which was acceptable to the Planning Authority. The Council agreed to consider their comments in the later discussions.

02/20 Apologies for absence:

Shropshire Councillor: Pauline Dee

03/20 Minutes

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

04/20 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 Ruth Williams advised she would leave the meeting for agenda item 6bi (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.**

05/20 Planning

- a. **Decisions Received - noted**
 - i. 19/03912/FUL The Oaklands, Shrewsbury Road, Wem, SY4 5PA
Formation of new vehicular access
Decision: Grant Permission
 - ii. 19/04948/FUL 1 Barkers Green, Wem, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5JN
Installation of 12m luffable steel lattice mast and antennas on the 2 metre amateur

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radio band

Decision: Grant Permission

- iii. 19/04369/EIA Oaklands, Edstaston, Wem, SY4 5RF
Installation of a Solid Biomass Combined Heat and Power (CHP) System Including Ancillary Buildings and All Associated Works
Decision: Grant Permission
- iv. 19/05001/FUL Newtown Villa Farm, Newtown, Wem, SY4 5NU
Erection of cattle building
Decision: Grant Permission

b. Applications Received - to consider response

Cllr Williams left the meeting

- i. 19/05265/FUL The Chapel, Pool Head, Wem, SY4 5UH
Erection of a single storey extension attached by a small glazed link (re-submission
The Council noted the difficulties the applicants were experiencing while trying to comply with Shropshire Council's Conservation Dept's requirements. The Council resolved to support an on-site meeting with relevant parties from Shropshire Council.

Cllr Williams re-joined the meeting

- ii. 19/05250/FUL The Rookery, Northwood, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5NH
Erection of two-story extension, single story entrance porch, re-rendering existing house, replacement windows, remodel existing side entrance and clad in timber to match new extension
It was resolved to support the application. The Council considered the height of the extension to be a design feature which would reduce maintenance of the property as it would be a seamless addition to the property.
- iii. 19/05040/FUL Sundorne Farm, Soultion Road, Soultion, Wem, SY4 5RT
Erection of agricultural livestock handling building
It was resolved to support the application.

06/20 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk advised she would publicise the vacancies through the newsletter, posters and a press release.

b. Newsletter

General discussion took place and contents for the February edition was agreed.

c. Website upgrade

The Clerk advised she would update the theme (layout) of the website over the next few months.

d. Wem Economic Forum

The Clerk advised the Traffic Working Group and the Forum would be meeting in January.

07/20 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

C Warner	£965.14
JACS (UK) Ltd	£4,266.00
Community Heartbeat Trust	£5,755.00

c. Grant Applications

Following review of the applications it was resolved to grant:

£400 to Newtown Community and Recreation Association

£400 to Newtown Church.

£400 to Friends of Whitchurch Road Cemetery

As £1,800 remained in the Grant Budget, it was resolved to remind all community groups of the Community Grant Scheme in the February newsletter. A deadline of 28 February 2020 for applications was set for consideration at the March 2020 meeting.

d. *Precept and Budget 2020/21*

The Budget was approved, and the Precept set for £26,788.

e. *Audit Programme 2019/20*

The Audit Programme was approved

f. *Internal Auditor 2019/20*

Linda West was appointed as Internal Auditor

08/20 Freedom of Information Publication Scheme

It was resolved to re-approve the prepared Publication Scheme.

09/20 Parish Council's Action Plan

a. *Updates*

The updates were noted.

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

The Clerk had contacted the Police liaison officer who had offered to attend events. General discussion took place on events and methods of distribution.

c. *Community Public Access Defibrillators (cPADs)*

The Clerk advised on-line installation forms had been issued to Edstaston Village Hall and the Dog and Bull.

10/20 Councillor Reports:

a. *Parish Councillors*

None.

b. *Shropshire Councillors:*

Councillor Mellings reported on the Wem Eating Well project.

11/20 Parish Matters

a. *Wem Area Climate Forum*

Cllr Staines reminded Councillors of the meeting held in November and his subsequent written report. He agreed to attend the follow-up meeting on 15 January. General discussion took place regarding initiatives the Parish Council could consider.

It was resolved:

- the Parish Council was supportive of the Wem Area Climate Forum,**
- Cllr Staines would represent the Council, and**
- initiatives would be included in the Council's Action Plan for 2020/2021.**

b. *'Nextdoor Wem Rural'*

The existence of the private online network was noted.

12/20 Highways

a. *Highways issues in Parish*

The Chair advised she and the Clerk had met with a Shropshire Council officer and several issues/required repairs had been explained in detail. This included flooding and general maintenance issues

13/20 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

4 February 2020

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

Signed.....

Date.....