

# Wem Rural Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 February 2020, 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, and Peter Marsh.  
Shropshire Councillor: Chris Mellings  
Clerk: Carole Warner  
Members of the Public: 1

#### 14/20 Public Participation Period:

A resident expressed an interest in the Councillor vacancy for Edstaston Ward. Councillors asked the residents questions about their community involvement.

#### 15/20 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Peter Slack, Len Staines Stella Whyte, Ruth Williams and Tim Wilton-Morgan (accepted)  
Shropshire Councillor: Pauline Dee

#### 16/20 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 7 January 2020 were approved and signed.

#### 17/20 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 Liz Vernon advised she would leave the meeting for agenda item 5biii (Planning) due to the perception of bias and predetermination.  
Cllr Peter Broomhall advised he would leave the meeting for agenda items 5bi and iii (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.**

#### 18/20 Planning

- a. **Decisions Received - noted**
  - i. 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  
Decision: Grant Permission

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- ii. 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  
Decision: Grant Permission
- iii. 19/05040/FUL Sundorne Farm, Soulton Road, Soulton, SY4 5RT  
Erection of agricultural livestock handling building  
Decision: Grant Permission

**b. Applications Received - to consider response**

***Cllr Broomhall left the meeting***

- i. 19/05534/FUL Brookdale, Station Road, Prees, SY13 2DW  
Erection of extension and expansion of office building (B1 use); provision of car parking

**It was resolved to support the application**

***Cllr Broomhall re-joined the meeting***

- ii. 19/05471/LBC 2A Horton Villa, Horton, SY4 5ND  
Works to facilitate artificial drying and cleaning including internal strip out and reinstatement to plasterboard walls and ground floor construction (modern concrete with underfloor heating) following flood using the same materials affecting a Grade II Listed Building

**It was resolved to support the application.**

***Cllrs Broomhall and Vernon left the meeting***

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

- iii. 20/00299/FUL Gwiwer, Woodhouse Farm, Tilley Green, SY4 5PF  
Erection of portal steel framed building for the storage of classic vehicles and gardening machinery/equipment (resubmission of application 19/04073/FUL

***Cllrs Broomhall and Vernon re-joined the meeting***

**19/20 Parish Councillor Vacancies**

**a. Update**

The Clerk confirmed she would publicise the vacancies in the newsletter

**b. Edstaston Ward**

- i. To confirm co-option procedures**

**Confirmed.**

- ii. To consider co-option of Parish Councillor**

**It was resolved to co-opt Mrs Glynis Nicholls as Councillor for Edstaston Ward**

**20/20 Parish Clerk's Report:**

**a. Newsletter**

The Clerk confirmed the Spring edition would be published in February.

**b. Wem Economic Forum**

The Clerk advised a project to promote Wem was agreed at the last WEF meeting.

**c. Annual Parish Meeting**

**It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 7 April.**

**d. Wem Place Plan**

The Council's entries in the Place Plan were noted

**e. Letter from Westlands Community Group**

**It was agreed to forward the Community Grant Policy and Application Form.**

**21/20 Financial Matters:**

**a. Balances for information**

**Noted**

**b. Outstanding accounts**

**The following payments were approved:**

C Warner	£745.75
Viking	£59.71
The Community Heartbeat Trust	£522.00

**22/20 Parish Council's Action Plan**

**a. Updates**

The updates were noted.

**b. Highways**

The Clerk updated Councillors on various projects including the settlement and speed restriction signs, grit bin and planters in Northwood. The Clerk had contacted the highways contractor who had quoted a daily rate for maintenance work. The Clerk would research tasks that could be carried out.

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

The Clerk had contacted other Councils and feedback had confirmed distribution was best carried out at community events or door to door.

**d. Community Public Access Defibrillators (cPADs)**

The Clerk advised it was hoped installation of the three cPADs would take place on Monday 10 February.

**23/20 Councillor Reports:**

**a. Parish Councillors**

Cllr Goode reported on a recent Newtown Community and Recreation Assoc meeting.

**b. Shropshire Councillors:**

Councillor Mellings had circulated a written report.

**24/20 Parish Matters**

**a. Wem Area Climate Forum**

The Clerk confirmed Cllr Staines had written an article for the Council's newsletter. The notes and reports from the January meeting were discussed. It was agreed that emphasis on buying local should be suggested.

**b. Shropshire-Wide Bus Upgrade Project**

Noted but no suggestions would be submitted.

**c. Crewe & Shrewsbury Passenger Association**

Noted

**25/20 Highways**

**a. Highways issues in Parish**

This had been covered earlier in the meeting

**26/20 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:**

3 March 2020

The Chair, Cllr Vernon, declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed.....

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