



Annual Report

Wem Rural Parish Council
May 2019 to April 2020

The Parish Council has an up-to-date website and issues newsletters to keep residents informed, but it is recommended good practice for each household to receive a copy of the Council's Annual Report.

We were sorry, early on in the year, to lose Councillors Geoff Glover and Georgia Bruce but we were pleased to welcome Huw Edwards for the Edstaston Ward and Julia Goode for the Newtown Ward. Jon Murgatroyd, who served on the Parish Council for over 12 years and two years as the Chair moved from the Parish and decided to stand down as Councillor. This was very sad for us all. Jon helped in the creation of the 2014 Community Plan and had been a wonderful Councillor with excellent knowledge to share with us. Glynis Nicholls put herself forward and was co-opted at the February Council meeting to fill the vacancy Jon left.

At the May Annual Meeting, where appointments are reviewed, Liz Vernon was re-elected Chair of the Parish Council. There was a change in Vice Chair; Cllr Tim Wilton-Morgan now holds this position. The Council thanks Cllr Peter Slack who was Vice Chair for the last 3 years.

It was very pleasing that three defibrillators were installed at The Horse and Jockey, Bull and Dog and Edstaston Village Hall. These were partly funded by a National Lottery grant. We were planning to hold a Community Defibrillator Seminar in March but that has been delayed due to COVID-19. The Council is looking to install two more defibrillators at the phone kiosks in Newtown and Quina Brook.

Saturday 21 September saw the launch of the Police, SmartWater and Parish Council's initiative "We Don't Buy Crime". Residents from all over the Parish came to Edstaston Village Hall to collect and register their free SmartWater kit.

Community Group for getting together to discuss what they would like to see in their area and then sharing it with the Parish Council. They asked for traffic calming for their area and with the Parish Council's assistance this was installed. A new notice board and planters are also planned.

One big achievement for the group was the creation of a Community Speed Watch team. Training was carried out by the Police and they were up and running early in 2020.

Another busy community group is the Edstaston Hall Management Committee. They continue to put on community events to raise funds for the Hall's extension. Well done to all on the Committee especially in difficult times.

The Council continues to have representatives on wider community groups, Wem Economic Forum and the newly formed Wem Area Climate Forum. A lot of good works are being planned by these groups and will positively impact the lives of our residents.

During the year the Council was awarded the Gold Quality Mark following attendance at the Local Councils' Award Accreditation Panel Meeting at the Shirehall. The Chair and Clerk attended to give a presentation and answer questions. The panel recognised our Council for being outstandingly proactive, highly committed and motivated to achieve improvements for our community.

If you have any questions on the Report, or in general please contact the Council Chair, Liz Vernon or the Parish Clerk, Carole Warner. Contact details on the left hand side of this page.

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Annual Financial Report 2019/20

Payments	Actual 2018/19	Actual 2019/20	Budget 2020/21
General Admin			
Clerk Salary / Allowance / Emp NI	£8,798.34	£9,307.09	£9,750.00
Admin Expenses	£1,259.79	£1,120.36	£1,500.00
Audit	£275.00	£287.00	£300.00
Newsletter	£1,428.51	£2,961.63	£2,500.00
Website	£160.50	£237.75	£250.00
Insurance	£602.8	£595.55	£625.00
Subscriptions	£700.14	£715.56	£750.00
Training	£247.00	£97.00	£350.00
Elections	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other			
Community Plan Actions	£205.00	£9,743.99	£5,000.00
Neighbourhood Fund	£75.00	£273.02	£0.00
cPADS	£0.00	£6,190.00	£0.00
Grants	£2,600.00	£3,200.00	£4,000.00
General Power of Competence	£94.95.00	£170.00	£170.00
Community-Led Housing Grant	£5,000.00	£0.00	£0.00
Repairs	£0.00	£335.00	£400.00
Play Equipment Inspection	£.66.50	£68.50	£75.00
Edstaston Village Hall	£0.00	£0.00	£3,000.00
Community Account	£0.00	£519.31	
Total Excl. VAT	£21,812.91	£35,821.76	£28,670.00
VAT	£483.84	£2,729.78	£1,000.00
Total Incl. VAT	£22,296.75	£38,551.54	£29,670.00

Receipts	Actual 2018/19	Actual 2019/20	Budget 2020/21
Precept	£26,000.00	£26,263.00	£26,788.00
Interest	£243.27	£292.83	£200.00
VAT Refund	£311.49	£172.35	£2,714.87
National Lottery Grant	£0.00	£5,780.00	£0.00
Community Account	£0.00	£290.00	£0.00
Sub Total	£26,554.76	£32,798.18	£29,702.87
Transfer from/to Reserves	£4,258.01	£5,753.36	£32.87
Total	£22,296.75	£38,551.54	£29,670.00

Balances as at 31 March 2020

Reconciled Bank Balances

Current Account	£3,367.22
Deposit Account	£30,494.45
Community Account	£290.00
Grant Account	£42,031.10
Net Assets	£76,182.77

Represented by Reserves

Balance as at 1 April 2019	£81,936.13
Less excess receipts over payments	£5,753.36
Balance as at 31 March 2020	£76,182.77

Reserves Breakdown as at 31 March 2020

Earmarked Reserves

Legal Fees	£500.00
Website	£500.00
VAS	£2,200.00
Community Plan Actions	£4,000.00
Bus Shelter VAT	£516.00
Community-Led Housing	£41,230.16
Edstaston Village Hall	£11,000.00
Highways	£1,010.00
	£61,246.16
<i>Contingency Reserves</i>	£14,936.61
	£76,182.77