

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 October 2020, remotely by Zoom starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Liz Vernon (Chair), Peter Broomhall, Huw Edwards, Julia Goode, Glynis Nicholls, Peter Marsh, Ruth Williams and Tim Wilton-Morgan
Shropshire Councillor: Pauline Dee
Clerk: Carole Warner
Members of the Public: One

70/20 Public Participation Period:

None.

71/20 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Peter Slack, Len Staines and Stella Whyte (accepted)
Shropshire Councillor Chris Mellings

72/20 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 1 September 2020 were approved and would be signed outside the meeting.

73/20 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 5b.v (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.***

74/20 Development in the Parish

- a. *Planning Decisions received - noted***
 - i. 20/02738/FUL Pimhill, Weir Lane, Barkers Green, Wem, SY4 5JL
Erection of a first floor extension over garage and construction of a balcony to first floor
Decision: Grant Permission
 - ii. 20/03209/VAR Church House, Newtown, Wem, SY4 5NU
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 19/04462/FUL dated 8.10.2019
Decision: Grant Permission

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- iii. 20/02957/FUL Corner Cottage Farm, Coppice Lane, Coton, SY13 3LT
Erection of porch, car port and replacement 2m gate and wall
Decision: Grant Permission
- iv. 20/03199/FUL Cinema Cottage, Shrewsbury Road, Wem, SY4 5PW
Erection of single storey extension and first floor extension; elevational alterations
Decision: Grant Permission

b. Planning Applications Received - to consider response

- i. 20/03483/FUL Long Barn, Northwood, Wem, SY4 5NP
The siting of five converted container units to provide holiday accommodation together with associated drainage facilities and increased parking provision.
A review took place on the application as submitted and the consents issued from previous applications. There appeared to be issues relating to specific conditions within those consents. Councillors expressed serious concerns as to whether all current activities and development were authorised. There were also concerns with the current proposed development. It was resolved to object to the application until existing issues were addressed.
- ii. 20/03550/VAR New Dwelling North Of The Oaklands, Shrewsbury Road, Wem
Variation of condition no.s 2 (approved drawings), 5 (access) and 6 (parking and turning area) attached to planning permission ref 14/01216/FUL
It was resolved to support the application subject to Highways recommendations.
- iii. 20/03565/FUL 5 Brookside, Newtown, Wem, SY4 5NR
Erection of single storey extension to side and rear
It was resolved to support the application
- iv. 20/03670/FUL The Rookery, Northwood, 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.

Cllr Williams left the meeting

- v. 20/03690/FUL Greenfields Ossage Lane Whixall Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 2QB
Erection of Animal Rescue Centre to provide a 20 unit kennel building and a 8 unit cattery; to include all associated works.
It was agreed the application could not be supported as there were concerns with the following matters:
Highways: It was appreciated that the entrance was already in use, but the proposed development would result in additional traffic over a short period most days. It was asked whether the entrance should have improved visibility.
Noise: It was noted that the development is in a rural location, but 20 dogs can make a significant amount of noise. It was asked whether insulation of the kennels had been considered or recommended.
Flooding: The response by WSP on behalf of Shropshire Council was noted and the Council would ask to be re-consulted, once the applicant's preferred option has been submitted for review.

Cllr Williams re-joined the meeting

- vi. To re-consider on request of applicant's agent
20/00979/FUL proposed Conversion Of Agricultural Building To The North Of, Coton.
Change of use of agricultural building to pet crematorium to include erection of extension and some demolition; formation of access road, driveway and parking area

Following review of the agent's letter in response to the Council's objection, it was resolved to continue with the objection.

75/20 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. Parish Newsletter

The Clerk advised the newsletter would be published mid-October.

b. Meetings with Community Groups

The Clerk reported on meetings with members of Edstaston Village Hall Management Committee, Newtown Community and Recreation Association together with Ward Parish Councillors. The meetings had been considered beneficial for all involved and would feed into the Budget 2021/22 discussions.

Cllr Broomhall left the meeting

76/20 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted.

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

C Warner	£1,143.21
The Community Heartbeat Trust	£2,390.00
NCRA	£216.00

c. Budget 2021/22

General discussion took place on earmarked reserves.

77/20 Policies

The following policies were approved

- a. Equal Opportunities Policy
- b. Dignity at Work Policy
- c. Staff Performance Management Policy and Procedure
- d. Grievance Procedure
- e. Disciplinary Procedure

78/20 Parish Council's Action Plan

a. We Don't Buy Crime/Smartwater

The Clerk advised that locations for signage had been agreed and the Police were hoping to install them during October.

79/20 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

Cllr Wilton-Morgan gave an update on Wem Economic Forum , 20 November.

b. Shropshire Councillors:

Cllr Mellings had provided a written report.

Cllr Dee reported the work carried out at Wem Youth Club.

80/20 Parish Matters

None

81/20 Highways

None

82/20 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:
Tuesday 3 November 2020

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

Signed.....

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