

# Wem Rural Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 3 November 2020, remotely by Zoom starting at 7pm

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### Formal Meeting

#### Present:

Councillors: Liz Vernon (Chair, Huw Edwards, Julia Goode, Glynis Nicholls, 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: Two

#### 83/20 Public Participation Period:

Two members of the public wished to bring the Council's attention to the fact that 2 static caravans had been sited in a field behind the houses in the centre of Aston. They had been installed close the boundaries with the houses and were impacting the privacy of the residents.

The members of the public explained the background as they believed to the siting of the caravans.

Ward Parish Councillors understood the concerns and confirmed they had been approached by other residents. The matter had been raised formally with Shropshire Council.

The Clerk warned the members of the public and Councillors that the process carried out by Shropshire Council in these situations would take some time.

#### 84/20 Apologies for absence:

Shropshire Councillor Pauline Dee

#### 85/20 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 6 October 2020 were approved and would be signed outside the meeting.

#### 86/20 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.

**b. *To consider any requests for Dispensation***

None

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

#### 87/20 Development in the Parish

**a. *Planning Decisions received - noted***

Clerk: Carole Warner,  
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- i. 20/02496/FUL Yew Tree Cottage, 6 Coton, SY13 3LQ  
Erection of replacement outbuilding within existing residential curtilage  
Decision: Grant Permission
  - 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  
Decision: Grant Permission
  - iii. 20/03565/FUL 5 Brookside, Newtown, Wem, SY4 5NR  
Erection of single storey extension to side and rear  
Decision: Grant Permission
- b. Planning Applications Received - to consider response**
- i. 20/03950/FUL Brook House, Newtown, SY4 5NU  
Erection of two storey rear extension following removal of conservatory  
**It was resolved there were no objections to the application.**  
***Cllr Peter Slack joined the meeting***
  - ii. 20/03931/LBC Lowe Hall Farm, The Lowe, Wem, SY4 5UE  
We wish to open up a small part of the garden wall to create a doorway, putting hardwood door in its place. The wall is in a poor condition after many years of neglect and poor restoration. We have taken down a small part of it to make safe because coping stones had already fallen and vegetation had got behind the bricks and weakened it.  
**It was resolved to support the application**
  - iii. 20/04053/FUL Brook House, Wem Lane, Soulton, Wem, SY4 5RT  
Erection of a two storey side extension  
**It was resolved to support the application subject to the Conservation Officer's recommendations.**

#### 88/20 Parish Clerk's Report:

**a. Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme: Shropshire Council Top-Up Scheme**

The Clerk advised she had met with Cllrs Edwards, Staines and Williams. They were waiting for information from Airband regarding planned fibre infrastructure in the Parish before taking the project forward.

#### 89/20 Financial Matters:

**a. Balances for information**

Noted.

**b. Outstanding accounts**

The following payments were approved:

C Warner	£895.53
Viking Direct	£127.62
SALC	£30.00
The Right Sort Mailing Co Ltd	£597.51

**c. Budget 2021/22**

General discussion took place.

**d. Community Grants**

The Clerk reminded Councillors of the deadline for application of 20 November.

#### 90/20 Parish Council's Action Plan

**a. We Don't Buy Crime/SmartWater**

The Clerk advised the signage had been installed by the Police.

**91/20 Councillor Reports:**

**a. Parish Councillors**

Cllr Nichols advised she had attended Planning training.

Cllr Staines advised the Wem Area Climate Forum had arranged a P3 meeting with Shropshire Council which would now be held remotely. He advised he was taking part in the ACTIVAGE project promoted by the Parish Council in the summer newsletter.

**b. Shropshire Councillors:**

Cllr Mellings had provided a written report.

**92/20 Parish Matters**

**a. Unauthorised Development in the Parish**

The Clerk advised the unauthorised development in Aston which had been discussed in the Public Participation Period had been reported to Shropshire Council.

She also advised that the Planning Officer had advised the recent planning application at Long Barn, Northwood would not be withdrawn so she would submit an objection response to the application.

**93/20 Highways**

Cllr Marsh reported an overgrown hedge at Bridge Farm, Aston. Councillors commented on the number of potholes appearing following the wet weather.

General discussion took place on the lack of progress in improving the service provided by Shropshire Council Highways Dept despite highly paid consultants being commissioned.

**94/20 Consultation: Shropshire Council Community and Rural Strategy**

The Clerk drew Councillors attention to the fact deadlines for action had been set prior to the closure of the consultation period. Shropshire Council's intention to listen to community input was questioned. It was agreed to monitor the progress of this strategy.

**95/20 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:**

Tuesday 1 December 2020

Grant Applications

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

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