

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 1 December 2020, remotely by Zoom starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Liz Vernon (Chair), Peter Broomhall, Huw Edwards, Julia Goode, Glynis Nicholls, Peter Marsh, Len Staines, and Tim Wilton-Morgan

Shropshire Councillor: Pauline Dee

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: None

96/20 Public Participation Period:

None

97/20 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Peter Slack, Stella Whyte and Ruth Williams (accepted)

Shropshire Councillor Chris Mellings

98/20 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 3 November 2020 were approved and would be signed outside the meeting.

99/20 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 Peter Broomhall advised he would leave the meeting for agenda item 7f (Finance) due to the perception of bias and predetermination

Cllr Julia Goode advised she would leave the meeting for agenda item 7f (Finance) due to the perception of bias and predetermination

Cllr Glynis Nichols advised she would leave the meeting for agenda item 5bi (Planning) due to the perception of bias and predetermination

Cllr Liz Vernon advised she would leave the meeting for agenda item 5bi (Planning) due to the perception of bias and predetermination

Cllr Tim Wilton-Morgan advised he would leave the meeting for agenda item 7f (Finance) 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.

100/20 Development in the Parish

a. Planning Decisions received - noted

Clerk: Carole Warner,

Orchard Cottage,

Rowe Lane,

Welshampton,

Ellesmere, SY12 0QB

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- i. 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

Cllrs Nicholls and Vernon left the meeting

Cllr Wilton-Morgan chaired the meeting for this item

- i. 20/04437/FUL Proposed Agricultural Buildings North Of Bridge Farm, Quina Brook, Wem
Erection of cattle housing building including robotic milking system, dairy and associated office
It was resolved to support the application.
Cllrs Nicholls and Vernon re-joined the meeting
- ii. 20/04590/FUL The Croft, 2 Abbeygreen, Whixall, SY13 2PT
Installation of replacement roof, increased height of the dwelling and provisions for rooms in the roof and reconfiguration of the ground floor
It was resolved to support the application.
- iii. 20/03930/FUL Lowe Hall Farm, The Lowe, Wem, SY4 5UE
Creation of a doorway in part of garden wall
It was resolved to support the application.
- iv. 20/03483/FUL Long Barn, Northwood, Wem, SY4 5NP (re-consultation)
The siting of five converted container units to provide holiday accommodation together with associated drainage facilities and increased parking provision.
The re-location of the pods was welcomed and would reduce the impact on neighbours. However, the Council's comments regarding the quality of design had not been addressed.
The Conservation Officer's response was noted, in particular the comments that excessive lighting would not maintain the character and appearance of the countryside setting. This comment was supported and it was considered it justified the Council's strong recommendation that all unauthorised development be reviewed prior to the determination of this application.
It was resolved to continue to object to the application.
- v. 20/03690/FUL Greenfields, Ossage Lane, Whixall, SY13 2QB (re-consultation)
Erection of Animal Rescue Centre to provide a 20 unit kennel building and a 8 unit cattery; to include all associated works
The application was reviewed, and additional information was noted. It was unclear whether the SUDS response was being addressed by the applicant. It was agreed that clarification on whether the Council was to be formally re-consulted would be sought.

101/20 Parish Clerk's Report:

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

The Clerk advised she was for information from Airband regarding planned fibre infrastructure in the Parish before taking the project forward but recommended applications to other infrastructure providers would be obtained.

b. Newtown Car Park

The Clerk advised she had made progress with Shropshire Council and the matter had been raised at SALC Executive meeting for potential review by Shropshire Council's Chief Executive

102/20 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted.

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

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| C Warner | £817.64 |
| HMRC | 174.51 |
| PKF Littlejohn LLP | £240.00 |
| RC Wakefield Ltd | £480.00 |
| The Community Heartbeat Trust (Solutions) Ltd | £33.00 |

c. Bank reconciliation

Cllr Wilton-Morgan reported he had agreed the bank reconciliation

d. External Audit

The External Auditor's Report for the year ending March 2020 was noted. The Clerk confirmed she had publicised the conclusion of the Audit as instructed by the Auditors.

e. Budget 2021/22

General discussion took place. The confirmed taxbase figure was awaited.

f. Community Grants

The following grant applications were approved. It was agreed that applications for specific children related application should be given special consideration this year due to the impact of COVID-19.

Friends of Whitchurch Road Cemetery, Wem: £250 and £400

St Mary's Church, Edstaston: £300

Cllr Broomhall left the meeting

Wem Christmas Lights and Festival: £300

Cllr Broomhall re-joined the meeting

Cllr Wilton-Morgan left the meeting

1st Wem Scouts: £500

Cllr Wilton-Morgan re-joined the meeting

Cllr Goode left the meeting

Newtown Community and Recreation Association: £7,099

Cllr Goode re-joined the meeting

103/20 Parish Council's Action Plan

a. Newtown Defibrillator

The Clerk advised the defibrillator was now registered with the West Midlands Ambulance Service and therefore available for use. Maintenance on the phone kiosk would be carried out as weather allowed. Paint had been supplied by Community Heartbeat Trust and glass panels were to be purchased.

b. Northwood Community Projects

The email of thanks from Northwood residents was noted.

104/20 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

Cllr Staines advised the Wem Area Climate Forum was liaising with Wem Town Council regarding additional planting of trees in the town. The P3 meeting with Shropshire Council was still to take place. Members of the P3 group had been walking the footpaths and recording issues.

b. Shropshire Councillors:

Cllr Mellings had provided a written report.

Cllr Dee reported on the events being held and planned for Christmas at Soulton Hall.

105/20 Parish Matters

None reported

106/20 Highways

None reported

107/20 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

Tuesday 5 January 2021

Hope House email dated 30 November 2020

The Chair, Cllr Vernon, declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed.....

Date.....