

# Wem Rural Parish Council

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## Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 April 2021, remotely by Zoom starting at 7pm

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### Formal Meeting

#### Present:

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

Shropshire Councillors: Pauline Dee and Chris Mellings

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: None

#### 39/21 Public Participation Period:

None

#### 40/21 Apologies for absence:

CLlrs Glynis Nicholls and Stella Whyte (accepted)

#### 41/21 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 2 March 2021 were approved and would be signed outside the meeting.

#### 42/21 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.**

#### 43/21 Development in the Parish

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

- i. 21/00115/FUL Long Barn, Northwood, SY4 5NP  
Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the siting of two containers, to accommodate in one, 3 toilets with two showers and in the other a catering and rest room area in association with existing commercial use of the premises. Erection of 8no floodlights to existing manege and erection of double gates to northern entrance (retrospective)  
Decision: Grant Permission
- ii. 20/00979/FUL Proposed Conversion Of Agricultural Building To The North Of, Coton, Whitchurch  
Change of use of agricultural building to pet crematorium to include erection of extension and some demolition; formation of access road, driveway and parking

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area

Decision: Grant Permission

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

- i. 21/00888/FUL Border Hardwood Ltd, Unit E17, Wem Industrial Estate, Soulton Road, Wem, SY4 5SD

Erection of steel framed portal building for the storage of timber

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

- ii. 21/00868/FUL Land Adj To Yew Tree Farm, Horton, Wem

Construction of earth-banked digestate lagoon and erection of perimeter fencing and all associated works.

**It was resolved to support the application subject to any recommendations from the Conservation Officer, Ecology Officer and the Environment Agency.**

- iii. 21/00990/FUL Wem Industrial Estate, Units E11 To E13, Soulton Road, Wem, SY4 5SD

Erection of prefabricated office building and associated works

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

**44/21 Parish Clerk's Report:**

**a. Annual Parish Meeting.**

The Clerk reported that the May meeting of the Parish Council will be a face to face meeting due to the regulations allowing remote meeting ceasing on 7 May. She would work with the Chair to agree the most suitable location for a meeting on Tuesday 11 May, due to local elections on 6 May, and contact Councillors with details in due course. The Annual Parish Meeting would be held the same evening.

**45/21 Financial Matters:**

**a. Balances for information**

Noted

**b. Outstanding accounts**

**The following payment was approved:**

C Warner

£1675.59

**46/21 Councillor Reports:**

**a. Parish Councillors**

CLlr Staines updated Councillors on the Wem Area Climate Forum activities. The Forum continued to work with Wem Town Council to gather evidence for nominating Mill Fields as an Asset of Community Value. As restrictions on meetings with each other were being eased, inspections of local footpaths would be undertaken.

CLlr Goode reported the NCRA Annual General Meeting had been very positive, and the Committee was looking ahead to better times.

CLlr Williams advised she attended the Helicopter Noise Liaison Meeting on 16 March.

Complaints about noise were coming mainly from the south of the county. Full information on flying times was available on RAF Shawbury's website

**b. Shropshire Councillors:**

CLlr Mellings had provided a written report.

CLlr Dee reported on the recent meeting with representatives from Dencora Securities Ltd, Shropshire Council and the Parish Council in March. CLlr Dee thanked CLlr Vernon for her advice on drainage and land management. It was hoped to have a follow up meeting later in April.

CLlr Dee advised she was stepping down as Shropshire Councillor at the elections. The Chair thanked CLlr Dee for her support of the Parish Council and its residents over the many years.

**47/21 Parish Matters**

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

Cllr Edwards advised he had uploaded all addresses to OpenReach but had been advised he could not submit more than one exchange numbers per project. He had tried to follow this up with both OpenReach and Shropshire Council and was waiting a response.

**b. Flooding in the parish**

Chair reported she was still awaiting a response from NFU for a joint meeting with the Parish Council and Shropshire Council. General discussion took place on the issues with Wem Industrial Estate and surrounding areas. Councillor Marsh commented on the problems with Church Lane.

**c. Newtown Car Park: anti-social behaviour**

Cllr Goode advised the Police had agreed to include Newtown in their periodic drive-bys.

**d. Mosses and Meres Project**

The Chair advised she and the Clerk had met Mr Howe and ideas to contribute to the project had been suggested. These would be progressed over the next few months.

**e. Rural Crime**

The recent experience of a local resident was discussed. Councillors expressed their concern that instances of targeted rural theft was not taken seriously. It was agreed further discussion to agree how the Parish Council could lobby the Police and other agencies would be required.

**34/21 Highways**

**a. Quina Brook and Pepper Street**

It was noted that Cllr Mellings had been liaising with West Mercia Safer Roads Partnership regarding speeding through Pepper Street and the Clerk had followed up the 2020 request for Community Speed Watch. It was in future an agreed coordinated approach would be taken.

**35/21 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:**

Tuesday 11 May 2021

**36/21 Chair's Statement**

The Chair noted that this was the last meeting prior to the elections and some Councillors were stepping down. The Chair thanked all Councillors for their contribution over the last 4 years.

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

Signed.....

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