

# Wem Rural Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 March 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, Stella Whyte, Ruth Williams, and Tim Wilton-Morgan

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: None

#### 26/21 Public Participation Period:

None

#### 27/21 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Glynis Nicholls (accepted)

Shropshire Councillors Pauline Dee and Chris Mellings

#### 28/21 Minutes

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

#### 29/21 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.***

#### 30/21 Development in the Parish

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

- i. 20/05127/VAR Newtown C Of E School, Newtown, SY4 5NU  
Variation of Condition No.2 attached to planning permission 10/04754/VAR dated 21/12/2010 to allow for the retention of the demountable units for a further temporary period of ten years  
Decision: Grant Permission
- ii. 20/05048/FUL Oak Cottage, 3 Coton, Whitchurch, SY13 3LQ  
Erection of two storey infill extension to rear of dwelling to create additional bedroom and balcony area(s)  
Decision: Grant Permission

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- iii. 20/03017/FUL Land South The Little Wickett, Rye Bank, Wem  
Erection of a local needs dwelling including garage and access  
Decision: Refuse
- iv. 20/05137/FUL 74 Coton, Whitchurch, SY13 3LX  
Erection of first floor extension and balcony  
Decision: Grant Permission
- v. 20/03670/FUL The Rookery, Northwood, SY4 5NH  
Erection of two storey extension, single storey entrance porch, re-rendering existing house, replacement windows, remodel existing side entrance and clad in timber to match new extension  
Decision: Grant Permission
- vi. 20/04738/FUL Units E11, Wem Industrial Estate, Soultan Road, Wem, SY4 5SD  
Extension to existing industrial unit  
Decision: Grant Permission
- vii. 20/02340/FUL Top House, Northwood, Wem, SY4 5NN  
Reinstatement of field gateway  
Decision: Grant Permission

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

- i. 21/ 00290/FUL 2 The Woodlands, Newtown, SY4 5TS  
Erection of part single and part two storey extension

It was noted this application had been granted approval that day.

- ii. 21/00618/FUL Oak Farm, 2 Coton, Whitchurch, SY13 3LQ  
Proposed siting one disabled holiday cabin including change of use of land and formation of new vehicular access and parking area  
**It was resolved to support the application.**

**31/21 Parish Clerk's Report:**

The Clerk reported on the local support given to new residents to the parish.

**32/21 Financial Matters:**

**a. Balances for information**

Noted

**b. Outstanding accounts**

**The following payments were approved:**

C Warner	£852.33
HMRC	179.99
The Right Sort Mailing Co Ltd	£996.18
Community Heartbeat	£522.00

**c. Bank reconciliation**

CLlr Tim Wilton-Morgan reported he had agreed the bank reconciliation.

**d. Risk Management Scheme**

**It was resolved to adopt the Scheme.**

**e. Risk Assessment**

**It was resolved to approve the Risk Assessment.**

**f. Asset Register**

**It was resolved to approve the Asset Register.**

**33/21 Councillor Reports:**

**a. Parish Councillors**

CLlr Staines updated Councillors on the Wem Area Climate Forum activities. It had been noticed that stiles along the Shropshire Way at Tilley Green and south side of Tilley had been

repaired. The Forum had approached Wem Town Council to consider nominating Mill Fields as an Asset of Community Value.

Cllr Williams advised she would be attending the Helicopter Noise Liaison Meeting on 16 March.

**b. Shropshire Councillors:**

Cllr Mellings had provided a written report.

**34/21 Parish Matters**

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

Cllr Edwards advised he had volunteered to input the properties that had been put forward under the scheme. There had been problems accessing Openreach's submission portal but that had been resolved that afternoon. An update would be available at the next meeting.

**b. Flooding in the parish**

The Clerk reported that 4 residents had come forward to report flooding issues. The Chair had approached the NFU for a joint meeting with the Parish Council and Shropshire Council.

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

Cllr Goode outlined the current issues. Councillors expressed their concern, but Parish Councils are limited in the action it can take. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the Police. General discussion took place on safeguarding the vulnerable sections of society and children. It was agreed the Council should raise awareness of the support available. Liaison with local schools and support groups would be considered.

**d. Mosses and Meres Project – Andrew Howe email 1 February 2021**

It was agreed the Council should support this initiative. The Clerk agreed to contact Mr Howe to review ways of support.

**35/21 Highways**

**a. Quina Brook and Pepper Street**

It was reported that the Vehicle Activated Sign was to be repaired and that speed monitoring would continue by the Safer Roads Partnership. Residents' concerns with speeding along Pepper Street were reported. It was acknowledged Pepper Street was a 'rat run' and Shropshire Council was reviewing the situation. It was noted that the Parish Council had commissioned formal traffic monitoring during November 2017, but this had not justified any additional traffic calming measures at that time. The Council had also encouraged the set up of a local Community Speed Watch team. This had not been taken up. However, the Council would publicise the scheme again.

**36/21 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:**

Tuesday 6 April 2021

**37/21 Resolved: That under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the item of business numbered 13 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the inclusion of personal nature in the business to be transacted.**

**38/21 To consider employment matters.**

The Chair updated Councillors.

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

Signed.....

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