

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 11 May 2021, at Edstaston Village Hall starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Ruth Williams (Chair), Peter Broomhall, Huw Edwards, Julia Goode,
Peter Marsh, Peter Slack, Len Staines, Liz Vernon and Stella Whyte

Shropshire Councillor: Edward Towers

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: None

Cllr Vernon chaired this item of the agenda.

50/21 To elect the Chair of the Council.

Cllr Williams was unanimously elected as Chair. She thanked Cllr Vernon for holding the position for the last 3 years.

Cllr Williams chaired the remainder of the meeting.

51/21 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Williams signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Clerk confirmed that all Councillors had signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office

52/21 To elect the Vice Chair of the Council.

Cllr Staines was unanimously elected as Vice Chair.

53/21 Public Participation Period:

None

54/21 Apologies for absence:

None

55/21 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 6 April 2021 were approved and signed.

56/21 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.

Cllr Peter Slack advised he would leave the meeting for agenda item 15bi (Planning) due to the perception of bias and predetermination.

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- b. To consider any requests for Dispensation***
None
- c. Members were reminded that they are required to declare any acceptance of gifts and hospitality.***

57/21 Personnel Committee:

- a. Review Terms of Reference***
The Terms of Reference were reviewed and adopted.
- b. Receive nominations to the Committee***
Cllrs Williams, Staines, Vernon and Whyte were appointed to the Committee.
- c. Appoint Chair of Committee***
Cllr Williams was appointed Chair of the Committee.

58/21 Communication/Consultation:

- a. Appoint Communication Team***
Cllrs Williams, Staines, Vernon, Whyte and the Clerk were appointed to the Team.
- b. Appoint moderator for Social Media communications***
Cllr Whyte and the Clerk was appointed moderators.

59/21 Policy Review

It was resolved to re-adopt the following policies and procedures:

- a. Standing Orders***
- b. Financial Regulations***
- c. Procedures for Dispensation in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests***
- d. Health and Safety Policy***
- e. Scheme of Delegation***
- f. Information and Data Protection***
- g. Privacy Notices***

60/21 To appoint officers and representatives to the following outside bodies:

- a. Shropshire Association of Local Councils***
It was resolved to appoint Cllr Williams.
- b. Emergency Planning Officer / Snow Warden***
It was resolved to appoint Cllr Slack.
- c. Helicopter Noise Liaison Group***
It was resolved to appoint Cllr Goode.
- d. Wem Economic Forum***
It was resolved to appoint Cllrs Whyte and Broomhall.
- e. Newtown Community and Recreation Association***
It was resolved to appoint Cllr Goode.
- f. Wem Area Climate Forum***
It was resolved to appoint Cllr Staines.

61/21 Resolved:

The Parish Council meets the criteria to exercise the General Power of Competence.

62/21 Consider and agree issuing summons and agenda for meetings electronically.
It was resolved to continue to issue summons and agenda for meetings electronically.

63/21 Consider and agree procedures in relation to the co-option of Parish Councillors.
It was resolved that an initial deadline of 31 August would be set for the consideration at the September meeting.

64/21 Development in the Parish

a. Planning Decisions received - noted

- i. 21/00990/FUL Wem Industrial Estate, Units E11 To E13, Soulton Road, Wem, SY4 5SD
Erection of prefabricated office building and associated works
Decision: Grant Permission
- ii. 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
Decision: Grant Permission

b. Planning Applications Received - to consider response.

Cllr Slack left the meeting.

- i. 21/01389/FUL Foxholes Farm, Foxholes, Wem, SY4 5UJ
Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act for the part retrospective application for the creation of an entrance and new agricultural track
It was resolved to support the application subject to planting of new hedges/planting to replace the hedges removed for visibility splays. New hedges/planting to be conditioned for agreement by Shropshire Council officers.

Cllr Slack re-joined the meeting.

- ii. 21/01828/FUL Rye Bank Farm, Rye Bank, Wem, SY4 5RA
Erection of general purpose agricultural building for the storage of agricultural equipment and hay
It was resolved to support the application subject to any recommendations regarding trees by Shropshire Council officers being conditioned.
- iii. 21/01885/FUL Ashleigh, Horton, Wem, SY4 5ND
Erection of triple garage and store
It was resolved to support the application subject to any recommendations regarding trees and hedges by Shropshire Council officer being conditioned

65/21 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. Complaints – annual report

The Clerk confirmed there had been no complaints.

b. H&S – annual report

The Clerk confirmed there had been issues raised.

66/21 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

C Warner	£2,122.96
Edstaston Village	
Hall	£60.00
Viking Direct	£69.53
Came & Co	£628.79
SALC	£683.33

c. Bank Mandates

It was resolved to add Cllr Broomhall to the mandate.

d. Reserves Policy

It was resolved to re-adopt the policy.

e. Renewal of Insurance Policy

It was resolved to renew the policy.

f. Quotes to repair Newtown K6 phone kiosk

It was resolved to accept the single quote submitted.

67/21 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

Tuesday 1 June 2021. The Clerk confirmed that standing items would return to the agenda.

Meetings to be held at Edstaston Village Hall until further notice.

The Chair, Cllr Williams, declared the meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed.....

Date.....