

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 1 June 2021, at Edstaston Village Hall starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Ruth Williams (Chair), Peter Broomhall, Huw Edwards, Julia Goode,
Peter Marsh and Peter Slack

Shropshire Councillor: Edward Towers

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: None

68/21 Public Participation Period:

None

69/21 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Len Staines, Liz Vernon and Stella Whyte (accepted).

70/21 Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 11 May 2021 were approved and would be signed outside the meeting.

71/21 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.***

72/21 Development in the Parish

- a. *Planning Decisions received***
 - i. 20/03018/LBC No 2 The Barns, Lowe Hall Farm, Wem, SY4 5UE
Replacement windows and doors
Decision: Grant Permission
 - ii. 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

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Decision: Withdrawn

b. Planning Applications Received - to consider response.

- i. 21/02220/VAR Brook House, Wem Lane, Saulton, Wem, SY4 5RT
Variation of Condition No.2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 20/04053/FUL dated 19/01/21

It was resolved to support the application subject to the Conservation Officer's recommendations.

- ii. 21/02088/FUL 3 Church Lane, Wem, SY4 5JG
Erection of two storey side extension
It was noted the application had been withdrawn.

73/21 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. Newsletter.

The Clerk reported the next edition of the newsletter would be issued during July.

b. Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) Defibrillator Awareness Session

The Clerk reported remote Awareness Sessions were being organised by CHT but it was recommended that the planned sessions be delayed until they could be held in person.

c. Police and Crime Commissioner West Mercia Annual Survey

General discussion took place regarding the PCC's report from the 2019 survey. It was noticed that only 45 councils had replied. It was questioned whether the results could be skewed to town issues rather than rural issues. It was agreed that Councillors would complete the survey and the Clerk collate answers for the next meeting.

74/21 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payment was approved:

C Warner	£882.61
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HMRC	£137.09
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Edstaston Village Hall	£40.00
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c. Bank reconciliation

Cllr Huw Edwards reported he had agreed the bank reconciliation.

d. CIL Funding

The Clerk reported the Council had received just over £3,000 in Neighbourhood Funds. The Newtown notice board could be funded by these Funds.

e. 2020/21 Year End Accounts

The Accounts were approved.

f. Internal Audit Report

The Internal Audit report was received and noted.

g. Statement of Internal Control

The prepared Statement was approved.

h. Effectiveness of Internal Control

The review was completed and approved.

i. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21 Part 3

- i. to consider the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1), complete and sign*

The responses to the Annual Governance Statement were considered, agreed, completed, and signed.

- ii. to consider Accounting Statements 2020/21 (Section 2) and sign*

The Accounting Statements 2020/21 were approved and signed.

75/21 Business Plan 2021/25:

A review of the draft Plan took place and feedback to the Clerk was provided. An updated Plan and Action Plan for 2021/22 would be prepared for the next meeting.

76/21 Councillor Reports:

- a. Parish Councillors*

Cllr Goode updated councillors with recent work carried out by NCRA on the gardens.

- b. Shropshire Councillors:*

Cllrs Broomhall and Towers reported that they had completed their induction as new Shropshire Councillors.

77/21 Parish Matters

- a. BT Payphones Consultation: removal of Aston payphone*

It was resolved that as there appeared to be no local community social need (average monthly calls 0), the Parish Council would recommend the payphone and kiosk be removed.

78/21 Highways

- a. West Mercia Safer Roads Grant Scheme 2021-22*

The Grant scheme was noted.

- b. Shropshire Council Traffic Surveys Outside Schools*

The project of surveys to consider 20 mph restrictions was noted.

79/21 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

Tuesday 6 July 2021

80/21 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 14 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the inclusion of commercial nature in the business to be transacted.

81/21 Planning Pre-application discussions

It was resolved to advise the developer to follow the recommendations of Shropshire Council.

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

Signed.....

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