

# Wem Rural Parish Council

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

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### Formal Meeting

#### Present:

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

Shropshire Councillor: Edward Towers

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: None

#### 108/21 Public Participation Period:

None

#### 109/21 Apologies for absence:

Julia Goode and Stella Whyte (accepted)

#### 110/21 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2021 were approved and signed.

#### 111/21 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 Huw Edwards advised he 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 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.***

#### 112/21 Development in the Parish

- a. *Planning Decisions received***
  - i. 21/02368/FUL CRF (UK) Limited, Units A5 To A7, Wem Industrial Estate, Soulton Road, Wem, SY4 5SD  
Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

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for the installation of roof mounted air source heat pumps (retrospective)  
Decision: Grant Permission

- ii. 21/02825/OUT Proposed Dwelling South East Of 5 Pym's Cottages, Lowe Hill, Wem  
Outline application (to include access) for the erection of a single storey detached dwelling to provide on-site security in association with business operating from adjacent building approved under ref 16/03756/FUL dated 27 October 2016  
Decision: Refuse
- iii. 21/03169/FUL 3 Church Lane, Wem, SY4 5JG  
Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension (re-submission)  
Grant Permission
- iv. 21/02965/FUL Mount Pleasant, Northwood, Wem, SY4 5NP  
Erection of a first-floor extension; ground floor link extension and conversion of existing outbuilding to living accommodation (re-submission)  
Decision: Grant Permission
- v. 21/03094/FUL 5F Ash Grove, Wem, SY4 5RW  
Erection of garage  
Decision: Refuse
- vi. 21/02769/FUL Lowe Villa, The Lowe, Wem, SY4 5UE  
Erection of a stable and feed storage area for the personal use only of the owners  
Decision: Grant Permission

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

***Cllr Edwards left the meeting***

- i. 21/03192/FUL Bank Farm Barn, Paddol Green, Wem, SY4 5QZ  
Application under Section 73A of the Town And Country Planning Act 1990 for the rebuild of the brick barn following storm damage during construction  
**It was resolved to support the application.**

***Cllr Edwards returned to the meeting***

- ii. 21/03686/FUL Clifton House, Coppice Lane, Coton, Whitchurch, SY13 3LT  
Erection of a two storey extension to rear following demolition of existing single storey extension  
**It was resolved to support the application.**
- iii. 21/03747/FUL Ashleigh, Horton, Wem, SY4 5ND  
Erection of garage/store with store and games room above (resubmission)  
**It was resolved to support the application subject to the recommendations of SC Tree officer and a condition placed on the consent that the building is only used for personal purposes of the property owners.**

**c. Planning Appeals - to note**

- i. 21/02943/REF Land South The Little Wickett, Rye Bank, Wem  
Erection of a local needs dwelling including garage and access (20/03017/FUL)  
**Noted**

### **113/21 Parish Clerk's Report:**

#### **a. Councillor vacancies**

The Clerk advised that no applications had been received before the initial deadline for applications of 31 August. It was agreed that social media and marketing campaigns be carried out.

### **114/21 Financial Matters:**

#### **a. Balances for information**

Noted

#### **b. Outstanding accounts**

The following payments were approved:

C Warner	£1,164.91
HMRC	£177.47
PKF Littlejohn LLP	£360.00
SLCC	£92.50

#### **c. Bank reconciliation**

Cllr Vernon reported she had agreed and signed the bank reconciliation

#### **d. External Audit**

The External Auditor's Report for the year ending March 2021 was noted. The Clerk confirmed she had publicised the conclusion of the Audit as instructed by the Auditors.

#### **e. Community Grants**

It was agreed to invite grant applications through the newsletter.

*Cllr Vernon left the meeting*

#### **f. Community Grant application Edstaston Village Hall**

It resolved to approve release of reserved funds of £1,820.

*Cllr Vernon returned to the meeting*

#### **g. Community Infrastructure Levey/Neighbourhood Funds Annual Return**

The Monitoring report was approved

#### **h. Community Led Housing Grant Annual Return**

The Monitoring report was approved

### **115/21 Action Plan 2021/2022**

#### **a. Autumn Event**

General discussion took place regarding other local events in December. It was considered that an event held on an earlier date would be difficult to organise. It was agreed to consider a Spring event.

#### **b. Action Plan Review**

The Clerk provided a progress report, and an updated Plan would be placed on the website.

### **116/21 Councillor Reports:**

#### **a. Parish Councillors**

Cllr Staines reported on the Wem Area Climate Change Forum meeting. He was pleased to confirm the kissing gate had been installed at Weir Lane. He advised the Harvest Market which would showcase local food producers would take place in Wem on 25 September.

#### **b. Shropshire Councillors:**

Cllrs Broomhall and Towers had circulated a written report.

**117/21 Parish Matters**

**a. *Queen's Platinum Jubilee June 2022 - Open meeting 21 September 2021 7pm  
Edinburgh House***

Cllrs Broomhall and Staines stated they may be able to attend on behalf of the Parish Council

**b. *Shropshire Council – Shropshire Public Transport Survey***

General discussion took place. It was agreed it was difficult to comment as a rural parish has a non-existent bus service. It was agreed that public transport generally did not serve the north of the county well.

**118/21 Highways**

The Clerk advised updates had been received on verge mowing at The Smithy, Saulton Road Bridge signage and traffic data collection on B5476 for the school traffic programme.

The Chair requested the Clerk enquire about a Community Speed Watch scheme along Ossage Lane.

**119/21 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:**

Tuesday 5 October 2021

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

Signed.....

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