

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 November 2021, at Edstaston Village Hall starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

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

Shropshire Councillor: Edward Towers

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: 7

132/21 Public Participation Period:

A resident from Barkers Green spoke about the recent accident in Barkers Green and the speed vehicles are travelling at. She handed over a petition signed by local residents and requested the Parish Council take action.

The Clerk accepted the petition on behalf of the Parish Council and agreed to take this forward with Shropshire Council as the Highways Authority.

A member of the public spoke in support of his application to be considered later in the meeting.

The agent for an application spoke in support of an application to be considered later in the meeting.

A further member of the public spoke in support of an application to be considered later in the meeting.

A councillor asked for clarification of the foul water connection which was answered by the applicant and agent.

133/21 Apologies for absence:

Peter Marsh and Peter Slack (accepted)

134/21 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2021 were approved and signed.

135/21 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

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- c. Members were reminded that they are required to declare any acceptance of gifts and hospitality.*

136/21 Development in the Parish

a. Planning Decisions received

- 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
Decision: Grant Permission
- ii. 21/03737/FUL Evenwood, 10 Lacon Holdings, Soulton Road, Soulton, Wem, SY4 5RR
Erection of a detached garage with home office and formation of a domestic vehicular access
Decision: Grant Permission

b. Planning Applications Received - to consider response.

- i. 21/04520/FUL Land at Aston, Aston Village, Aston, SY4 5JH
Erection of a new affordable dwelling and detached garage
It was strongly recommended that the applicant re-considered the positioning of the dwelling within the site so not to incur any loss of privacy and residential amenity of neighbours. The Parish Council supported the development of affordable housing in the parish and had no objection in principle to an affordable dwelling on the site.
- ii. 21/03716/FUL Coton Oaks, Coton, SY13 3LQ
Installation of two Air Source Heat Pumps
It was resolved to support the application.
- iii. 21/04560/FUL Land at Coton, Whitchurch
'A material change of use from equestrian to a mixed use of equestrian and the stationing of caravans for residential purposes including the erection of two dayrooms ancillary to that use'
The site is within the area designated as 'countryside' for planning policies which strictly controls residential development. It was understood from the submitted documentation that the application is not being submitted under an 'exception site' for gypsy and traveller sites. It was resolved to object to the application for the following reasons:
Not only is the site in an area designated as 'countryside', it is also in an unsustainable location. It is not close to a market town or large settlement where all required facilities and services are found in one location.
No evidence has been submitted that there is no alternative provision for gypsy and traveller pitches within Shropshire.
- iv. 21/04682/FUL The Cafe, Wem Industrial Estate, Soulton Road, Wem, SY4 5SD
Erection of an external canopy
It was resolved to support the application.

- v. 21/04697/FUL Barn Adj. To Evenwood, 10 Lacon Holdings, Soulton Road, Wem, SY4 5RR
Conversion of barn to 1No dwelling with detached double garage, boundary wall, formation of vehicular access and installation of package treatment plant
It was resolved to support the application.
- vi. 21/04720/FUL The Garage, Coton, SY13 2RB
Application under Section 73a of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 for the retrospective erection of a 2.8m high fence; siting of additional demountable building; extension to existing hardstanding to front elevation
it was resolved to support the application. It was requested the exterior of the demountable building be enhanced from its basic appearance and in the interests of highway safety, also request that the hardstanding is extended to meet the highway boundary.

137/21 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. Councillor vacancies

The clerk advised a flyer advertising the vacancies had been designed and would be included in the autumn edition of the newsletter.

b. Newsletter.

The clerk advised the newsletter was with the printers.

c. Community News

The clerk advised that the local publication, Community News, would be ceasing publication at the year end.

138/21 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

C Warner	£1,324.15
Edstaston Village Hall	£80.00
Community Heartbeat Trust (Solutions) Ltd	£198.00

c. Budget 2022/23

The clerk presented a draft budget with a 0% increase of the precept based on the current year's taxbase. Councillors were asked to consider if the budget allocations were at the correct level. It was hoped the taxbase for 2022/23 would be available for the December meeting

139/21 Action Plan 2021/2022

a. PCC West Mercia meeting

General discussion took place and it was agreed to review again at the December meeting.

b. Updates

Progress on projects were noted and an updated Action Plan would be placed on the website.

140/21 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

Cllr Goode reported on the recent meeting of the Helicopter Liaison Group. She commented on how well supported the group was with 30 attendees. Night flying from the school would commence soon.

Cllr Goode reported that NCRA was actively seeking grants for the car park improvements. The National Lottery had opened up its grant scheme.

Cllr Whyte reported on the Sustainable/Climate Change/Diversity training organised by SALC. There had been some very positive ideas for small parish councils to consider.

Cllr Staines reported on the event to be held by Wem Area Climate Change group on the mid Saturday of COP26.

b. Shropshire Councillors:

Cllrs Broomhall and Towers had circulated a written report.

141/21 Parish Matters

None

142/21 Highways

Cllr Vernon commented with disappointment that the Wem to Whitchurch road repairs had been left incomplete.

143/21 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

Tuesday 7 December 2021

144/21 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 and/or legal nature in the business to be transacted.

145/21 Pre-application consultation

General discussion took place and a response agreed. The clerk was instructed to respond to Shropshire Council and the applicant.

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

Signed.....

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