

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 1 March 2022, at Edstaston Village Hall starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

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

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: 7

28/22 Public Participation Period:

A member of the public spoke in connection with the objections lodged against a planning application to be considered at the meeting. He highlighted specific objections including unrestricted occupancy and noise.

A member of the public spoke in support of the planning application to be considered at the meeting. She covered some of the objections lodged and stressed that the occupancy was designed for one family and that the building and garden area already existed.

A member of the public spoke in support of the planning application to be considered at the meeting. She advised many community groups, charities and individuals were supportive of the application.

A member of the public spoke in objection to the application. He considered the application was contrary to Planning Policies and gave examples of applications which had been refused either by Shropshire Council or the Planning Inspectorate.

Councillors asked members of the public questions to clarify their understanding.

A member of the public spoke in connection with his application for co-option as Councillor. Councillors asked questions regarding the background for the application and how he could contribute to the Council and community.

29/22 Apologies for absence:

Shropshire Councillor: Edward Towers

30/22 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2022 were approved and signed.

31/22 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.

32/22 Parish Councillor Vacancy – Roden Ward

a. To confirm co-option procedures

Confirmed.

b. To consider co-option of Parish Councillor

It was resolved to co-opt Jordan Page as Councillor for Roden Ward.

Mr Page signed his declaration of office and joined the formal meeting.

33/22 Development in the Parish

a. Planning Decisions received- noted

- i. 21/05768/FUL Proposed Stables To The North Of, Edstaston, Wem, Shropshire
Change of use of field to horse paddock, formation of a new access, erection of stabling for horses, installation of a packaged sewage treatment plant and other associated external works
Decision: Refuse
- ii 21/02977/REF Ashleigh, Horton, SY4 5ND
Erection of garage/store with store and games room above (resubmission)
Decision: Appeal Dismissed Brook, Wem

b. Planning Applications Received - to consider response.

- i. 21/05610/FUL Horton House Farm, Horton, SY4 5ND
Conversion of Former Agricultural Building to Tourist Let including Parking and Amenity Area
The Clerk advised a site visit had been carried out by the Chair and Cllr Broomhall, accompanied by herself. The purpose was to understand the close proximity of the neighbouring property and access arrangements.
General discussion took place and it was noticed that Shropshire Council's Highway's Dept was now satisfied with the access arrangements. Having considered all updates received from the applicants, their agent and objectors to the application it was resolved to support the application.

34/22 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. Newsletter

The Clerk advised the newsletter was in progress and would be published during March.

b. Annual Parish Meeting

It was resolved to hold the meeting prior to the April Meeting.

35/22 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved

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| C Warner | £1,003.23 |
| HMRC | £17.71 |
| Edstaston Village Hall | £86.40 |
| SALC | £60.00 |

c. Bank reconciliation

Cllr Broomhall 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.

36/22 The Robert Hill and Noble Street Charity

It was resolved to re-appoint Cllr Broomhall and appoint Cllr Page.

37/22 Community Governance Review

It was resolved not to submit a comment at this time.

38/22 Complaints Policy

It was resolved to re-adopt the policy.

39/22 Action Plan 2021/2022

a. Carbon Literacy webinar.

Councillors considered the webinar did not cover sufficiently the rural areas and therefore it was lacking in relevance for the parish.

b. Updates

Updated were noted including the provision of advisory signs to be installed in Barkers Green.

40/22 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

The Chair updated Councillors on progress with an enforcement enquiry.

Cllr Staines updated Councillors on progress with Wem Area Climate Action Forum.

b. Shropshire Councillors:

Cllrs Broomhall and Towers had submitted a written report.

41/22 Parish Matters

a. Newtown School – ‘drop off and pick up’ issues.

Cllr Goode reported on issues which had been brought to her attention. It was agreed the Clerk would liaise with the school.

42/22 Highways

a. Flooding in Barkers Green

Cllr Marsh reported that a property in Barkers Green had now been flooded 4 times over a 10 year period. Although some kerbing had been installed near the property no jetting of the drains had been carried out.

43/22 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

Tuesday 5 April 2022

The Chair, Cllr Williams, declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm

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