

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 July 2022, at Edstaston Village Hall starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

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

Shropshire Councillor: Edward Towers

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: One

88/22 Public Participation Period:

The Chair of Newtown Community and Recreation Association thanked the Parish Council for its financial support and the Clerk's assistance with the planning application for the car park extension. Work was planned to commence on 25 July once school had broken up for the summer. An application had been submitted to the National Lottery for the tarmac surface, but a decision had yet to be received. The Chair advised that Shropshire Council's Safer Schools Team had recommended enhanced security fencing, but no funding, at the current time, was available.

The Parish Council Chair thanked NCRA Chair for his attendance and update.

Cllr Goode also thanked the NCRA Chair for his commitment and dedication to the project.

89/22 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Jordan Page and Stella Whyte (accepted)

90/22 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2022 were approved and signed.

91/22 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.***

92/22 Development in the Parish

a. Planning Decisions received- noted

- i. 22/01925/FUL Border Hardwood Ltd, Unit E17, Wem Industrial Estate, Soulton Road, Wem, SY4 5SD
Erection of new office building for business operation
Decision: Refuse
- ii. 22/01998/FUL 1 Jassamine Cottages, Horton, Wem, SY4 5NA
Erection of rear single and part double storey extension to existing semi-detached house. New front and side porch and replacement windows generally. Demolition of existing detached garage and replacement with new outbuilding to include garage, store and home office.(amended description)
Decision: Grant Permission

b. Planning Applications Received - to consider response.

- i. 22/02531/FUL Ashleigh, Horton, Wem, SY4 5ND
Erection of garage and store
It was resolved to support the application subject to any recommendations regarding trees.
- ii. 22/02671/FUL Coton Kennels, 71 Coton, Whitchurch, SY13 3LU
Erection of single storey side/rear extension and rear balcony, conversion of outbuilding to self contained residential annex ancillary to main dwelling with single storey link extension and alterations to fenestration
It was resolved to support the application.

93/22 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. Newsletter

The Clerk advised the newsletter was currently with the mailing house.

b. West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner Town and Parish Council Survey 2022

The Clerk advised the survey was the same as previous years.

c. Shropshire Council Highways Newsletter

The Clerk advised Shropshire Council were considering issuing a periodic newsletter updating residents on repairs and planned work.

d. Shropshire Council Employees Living Outside Shropshire

The Clerk had circulated the email from Shropshire Council's Leader confirming the number of employees who lived outside the county. It was agreed that Shropshire Councillors should follow this up to ensure this did not impact delivery of services and communication between councils.

94/22 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

C Warner	£987.93
Mills Gardening Services	£708.00

c. Allocation of CIL Neighbourhood Funds

General discussion regarding the allocation of CIL Neighbourhood Funds took place. The Council agreed it was fully supportive of the extension of the car park at Newtown and praised the work carried out to date by the Chair of NCRA. However, Councillors had concerns about safety requirements identified by Shropshire Council were not being funded by Shropshire Council. Shropshire Council's Education Department did not appear to appreciate the ownership of the field/car park. It was agreed the Clerk would try to facilitate a meeting between interested parties.

95/22 Action Plan 2022/2023

a. Updates

An update on WACAF was provided by Cllr Staines and included an update on the Forum's aim to becoming a Trust and raising the level of awareness of the group in the town and parish.

An update on WEF was provided by the Chair. There was a focus on three areas: shops on Wem High Street, support for existing business and attracting new businesses to the area.

96/22 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

Cllr Goode reported on the work being carried out by the Wem Ukraine Support Hub.

b. Shropshire Councillors:

Cllrs Broomhall and Towers had submitted a written report.

97/22 Parish Matters

Burning of plastic in the parish was raised by a Councillor. It was agreed that guidance should be publicised on social media

98/22 Highways

No comments were made.

99/22 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

Tuesday 2 August 2022

Barkers Green drainage.

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

Signed.....

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