

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 October 2022, at Edstaston Village Hall starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Huw Edwards (Chair), Peter Broomhall, Jordan Page, Len Staines and Liz Vernon.

Shropshire Councillor: Edward Towers

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: Fifteen

131/22 Public Participation Period:

A member of the public reported that their planning application had been refused by Shropshire Council and it was disappointing the Parish Council had not had opportunity to respond. The member of the public advised an appeal would be lodged and the Parish Council was invited to inspect the site.

A member of the public spoke in support of the nomination submitted to Shropshire Council to register The Horse and Jockey, Northwood as an Asset of Community Value. She explained the background and how the community group would attempt to bid for the public house. The group believed the business could be developed and prove commercially viable.

132/22 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Julia Goode, Peter Slack and Stella Whyte (accepted)

133/22 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2022 were approved and signed.

134/22 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.

Cllr Peter Broomhall advised he would leave the meeting for agenda item 5b i (Development in the Parish) due to the perception of bias and predetermination

Cllr Liz Vernon advised she would leave the meeting for agenda item 5b i (Development in the Parish) and 11 a (Parish Matters) due to the perception of bias and predetermination

b. To consider any requests for Dispensation

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None

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

135/22 Development in the Parish

a. Planning Decisions received - noted

- i. 22/03211/FUL Tilley Farm Barn, Tilley Farm, Tilley, Wem, SY4 5HE
Erection of a detached building to house secure garage/store area, double open fronted parking spaces and a workshop at ground floor with storage area in the roof space
Decision: Refuse
- ii. 22/03082/FUL Old Meadow Cottage, Newtown, Wem, SY4 5NU
Erection of an ancillary domestic outbuilding
Decision: Refuse
- iii. 22/03204/FUL Yew Tree Farm, Horton, Wem, SY4 5ND
Conversion of 2no traditional farm buildings to detached residential dwellings and all associated works
Decision: Withdrawn
- iv. 22/03495/OUT Proposed Dwelling South East Of 5 Pym's Cottages, Lowe Hill, Wem
Outline application (access for consideration) for the erection of one single storey dwelling to provide on-site security and management of business operation.
Decision: Refuse

b. Planning Applications Received - to consider response.

- i. 22/03983/FUL Pym's House, The Lowe, Wem, SY4 5UD
Erection of a cattle building
The application was not discussed as the meeting was not quorate.
22/03850/FUL Home Farmhouse, Edstaston, Wem, SY4 5RF
- ii. Application under Section 73A of the Town And Country Planning Act 1990 for the relocation of existing stable block and erection of a 4 bay agricultural storage building (Retrospective in relation to approved applications 15/03345/FUL and NMA 16/00872/AMP)
It was resolved to support the application

c. Notification of planning application to residents.

The Clerk advised that Shropshire Council had confirmed the following.

The Council no longer informs neighbours with regards to planning applications.

The statutory duty in respect of advertising planning applications is covered by a site notice being placed on site. These are forwarded to the applicant's agent (or if no planning agent the applicant themselves), and it is their responsibility to place the site notice on site for 21 days and forward to the Local Planning Authority photographic evidence that the site notice was placed on site. Applicants/agents are advised that applications will not be determined if the site notice has not been displayed

136/22 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. Newsletter

The Clerk asked Councillors for articles.

It was agreed to discuss Item 11a of the agenda

137/22 Parish Matters

a. Asset of Community Value – request from Northwood residents

The Council commended the community group on their research and quality of application.

It was resolved to support the nomination.

138/22 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payment was approved:

C Warner £948.10

c. Budget 2023/2024

General discussion took place.

139/22 Policies

The following policies were re-approved

- a. Community Grants Policy**
- b. Planning Application Procedures**
- c. Planning Pre-Application Discussion Policy**
- d. Future Development in the Parish Statement**
- e. Confirming Local Connection Policy**
- f. Round Meadow Local Connection Appeals Process**

140/22 Action Plan 2022/2023

a. Updates

The Clerk advised there were no significant updates. It was noted that a meeting had been held between Shropshire, Wem Town and Wem Rural Parish Councils regarding promotion and assistance of businesses in the area.

141/22 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

CLlr Staines reported on the Wem Area Action Forum.

CLlr Staines asked about progress with the drainage issues at Barkers Green

The Chair reported on a general meeting of Newtown Community Recreation Association. A new Chair had been elected. It was noted there appeared to be some confusion with the constitution and management of the Association.

It was agreed to offer the Council's support to the Association.

b. Shropshire Councillors:

CLlrs Broomhall and Towers had submitted a written report.

142/22 Highways

None

143/22 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

Tuesday 1 November 2022

144/22 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 18 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the inclusion of confidential and personal nature in the business to be transacted.

145/22 Employment matters

a. Recruitment

An update from the Personnel Committee was noted.

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

Signed.....

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