

# Wem Rural Parish Council

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

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### Formal Meeting

#### Present:

Councillors: Huw Edwards (Chair), Peter Broomhall, Julia Goode, Jordan Page,  
Peter Slack, Len Staines, Liz Vernon and Stella Whyte.

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: Three

#### 146/22 Public Participation Period:

Mr Matthews spoke in support of his application for the Councillor vacancy in the Roden Ward. He had attended previous meetings, had a knowledge of and passion for the area and considered he would contribute to the Council's work.

Councillors asked Mr Matthews questions which he answered.

#### 147/22 Apologies for absence:

Shropshire Councillor: Edward Towers

#### 148/22 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2022 were approved and signed.

#### 149/22 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 Liz Vernon advised she would leave the meeting for agenda item 6b ii (Development in the Parish) 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.*

#### 150/22 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 Andrew Matthews as Councillor for Roden Ward.

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

## **151/22 Development in the Parish**

### ***a. Planning Decisions received – noted***

- i. 22/03245/FUL Wheelwright Cottage, Northwood, SY4 5NH  
Erection of two storey side extension with glazed link to existing dwelling and alterations to dwelling for disabled family members  
Decision: Refuse
- ii. 22/03525/FUL The Old Dairy, Alderley Lane, Aston, Wem, SY4 5JQ  
Installation of replacement windows and doors  
Decision: Grant Permission
- iii. 22/03850/FUL Home Farmhouse, Edstaston, Wem, SY4 5RF  
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)  
Decision: Grant Permission

### ***b. Planning Applications Received - to consider responses.***

- i. 22/03986/FUL Tilley Green Farm, Tilley Green, Wem, SY4 5PL  
Erection of two storey rear extension and partial loft conversion, internal remodelling and associated works

The Clerk advised Shropshire Council had validated this application in error and it would be considered when validation had been confirmed.

#### ***Cllr Vernon left the meeting.***

- ii. 22/04528/FUL Yew Tree Farm, Horton, Wem, SY4 5ND  
Conversion of 2 No traditional farm buildings to detached residential dwellings and all associated works (re-submission)  
**It was noted that a revised block plan had been requested due to access concerns. It was agreed to comment once the revised block plan has been submitted.**

#### ***Cllr Vernon re-joined the meeting***

### ***c. Planning Appeal – noted***

- i. 22/03076/REF Ashleigh, Horton, Wem  
Erection of garage and shed 22/02531/FUL

## **152/22 Parish Clerk's Report:**

### ***a. Newsletter***

The Clerk thanked Councillors for their contributions and advised the newsletter would be published within the next couple of weeks.

## **153/22 Financial Matters:**

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

**Noted**

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

**The following payments were approved:**

C Warner	£913.60
SALC	£20.00

**c. Budget 2023/2024**

General discussion took place.

**154/22 Policies**

**The following policies were re-approved**

- a. Hospitality and Gifts Policy**
- b. Training Statement of Intent**

**155/22 Action Plan 2022/2023**

**a. Updates**

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

**156/22 Councillor Reports:**

**a. Parish Councillors**

CLlr Staines reported on the Wem Area Climate Action. A leaflet had been designed to encourage new members.

CLlr Goode reported that a grant application to the National Lottery by Newtown Community Recreation Association had been declined due to only having one trustee named. The only method of communication was now through the NCRA email account.

CLlr Goode updated Councillors on the local help given to Ukrainian families.

The Chair reported he had attended the Police Charter meeting, the North Committee meeting of SALC and attended the Levelling Up and Re-generation Bill seminar.

**b. Shropshire Councillors:**

CLlrs Broomhall and Towers had submitted a written report.

**157/22 Parish Matters**

No matters were raised

**158/22 Highways**

CLlr Goode asked that the Council considered traffic calming measures for Newtown.

CLlr Staines reported on the follow up of drainage issues at Barkers Green. CLlr Matthews advised he had met with Shropshire Council officers and there was little that could be done. It was the result of working practices in the early 1970s which were not now considered appropriate solutions

**159/22 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:**

Tuesday 6 December 2022

**160/22 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 16 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.**

**161/22 Employment matters**

***a. Recruitment***

An update from the Personnel Committee was noted.

The Chair, Cllr Edwards, declared the meeting closed at 8pm

Signed.....

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