

# Wem Rural Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 December 2022, at Edstaston Village Hall starting at 7pm

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### Formal Meeting

#### Present:

Councillors: Huw Edwards (Chair), Julia Goode, Andrew Matthews, Peter Slack, Len Staines, and Liz Vernon  
Shropshire Councillor: Edward Towers  
Clerk: Carole Warner  
Members of the Public: Three

#### 162/22 Public Participation Period:

Mrs Morgan spoke in support of her application for the Councillor vacancy. She had attended previous meetings, had a knowledge of and passion for the area and considered she would contribute to the Council's work.  
Councillors asked Mrs Morgan questions which she answered.

#### 163/22 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Broomhall and Whyte

#### 164/22 Minutes

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

#### 165/22 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 iii and iv (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.***

#### 166/22 Parish Councillor Vacancy

- a. *To confirm co-option procedures***  
The vacancy for the Roden ward and procedures were confirmed.
- b. *To consider co-option of Parish Councillor***

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**It was resolved to co-opt Denise Morgan as Councillor for Roden Ward.**  
Mrs Morgan signed her declaration of office and joined the formal meeting.

## **167/22 Development in the Parish**

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

- i. 22/03983/FUL Pym's House, The Lowe, Wem, SY4 5UD  
Erection of a cattle building  
Decision: Grant Permission
- ii. 22/03741/FUL The Overlook, Palms Hill, Wem, SY4 5PQ  
Erection of first floor and rear extension with a mansard roof and a single storey extension with balcony and detached garage following demolition of existing first floor of dwelling and detached garage  
Decision: Grant Permission
- iii. 22/03054/REF 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  
Proposed Stables to the North of Edstaston Wem Shropshire  
Decision: Appeal Dismissed

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

- i. 22/04964/FUL Wheelwright Cottage, Northwood, SY4 5NH  
Erection of rear extension and associated works  
**It was resolved to support the application.**
- ii. 22/05034/FUL Bank Farm Barn, Paddol Green, SY4 5QZ  
Insertion of one new window in annex to provide natural light in a kitchenette  
**It was resolved to support the application.**

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

- iii. 22/05081/OUT Edstaston Garage, Edstaston, SY4 5RF  
Outline application for the erection of 2no. dwellings to include means of access and layout.  
**It was agreed that for the Local Plan currently under formal inspection, the Parish Council has put forward Edstaston as a settlement suitable for open market development on a minor scale and it is hoped any future development would reflect the housing needs of the parish. However, under the current Local Plan Edstaston is classed as 'countryside' for planning policies which restricts open market development. The weighting of the future plan being under current inspection as part of the determination of the application can only be made by the Planning Authority. Therefore, although the Parish Council supports development in principle when the next Local Plan is approved and adopted, it cannot comment on this application at this time.**
- iv. 22/05082/OUT Edstaston Garage, Edstaston, SY4 5RF  
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***Cllr Vernon re-joined the meeting***

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

**It was resolved to support the application**

**168/22 Parish Clerk's Report:**

***a. Website***

The Clerk advised that although the platform the website was built on was robust, some elements introduced were 'past their shelf life'. A joint review by the website hosting company and the clerk would be carried out.

**169/22 Financial Matters:**

***a. Balances for information***

**Noted**

***b. Outstanding accounts***

**The following payments were approved:**

C Warner	£1,781.93
HMRC	£197.04
Edstaston Village Hall	£25.00

***c. Bank reconciliation***

Cllr Staines reported he had agreed and signed the bank reconciliation

***d. Budget 2023/2024***

General discussion took place.

**170/22 Action Plan 2022/2023**

***a. Updates***

The Clerk advised there were no significant updates.

**171/22 Councillor Reports:**

***a. Parish Councillors***

Cllr Goode reported on the recent meeting of Newtown Community Recreation Association.

Cllr Goode updated Councillors on the local help given to Ukrainian families but noted that Shropshire Council was slow to action bus passes, grants and other essential services. The grant to host families had not increased following the increase of energy costs.

Cllr Staines reported on the Wem Area Climate Action. He advised the group was working with Thomas Adams and possibly arranging a 'Green Day' to coincide with the Sweet Pea festival.

***b. Shropshire Councillors:***

Cllrs Broomhall and Towers had submitted a written report. Cllr Towers highlighted the Parliamentary and Unitary Council Boundary reviews.

**172/22 Parish Matters**

***a. Asset of Community Value – The Horse and Jockey***

Councillors noted the listing of the Horse and Jockey as an Asset of Community Value.

**173/22 Highways**

Cllr Goode asked that the Shropshire Councillors support her request for Highways to action repairs in Newtown. Shropshire Cllr Towers agreed to do so.

Cllr Staines reported on the follow up of drainage issues at Barkers Green. He understood a Shropshire Councillor officer would be making recommendations.

**174/22 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:**

To change to Tuesday 10 January 2023 to allow time for the Budget and Precept preparations.

**175/22 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 15 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.**

**176/22 Employment matters**

***a. Recruitment***

An update and recommendation from the Personnel Committee were discussed.

**It was resolved to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee regarding the position of Deputy Clerk.**

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

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