

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 March 2023, at Edstaston Village Hall starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Huw Edwards (Chair) Peter Broomhall, Julia Goode, Andrew Matthews, Denise Morgan, Peter Slack, Len Staines, Will Minty, Jordan Page, Liz Vernon

Shropshire Councillor: Edward Towers

Clerk: Carole Warner

Deputy Clerk: Helen McCabe

Members of the Public: 7

27/23 Public Participation Period:

A resident clarified issues from previous meeting that it is only part of the hedge that needs to be replaced with posts and rail.

Residents provided an update on how they have canvassed the local area to gain support regarding the speeding and volume of heavy good vehicles in Quina Brook. They also reported how over the last few years house martins nests fall down due to the vibration and volume of traffic.

The Clerk provided an update on the grit bins and that Shropshire Council are no longer filling or providing new ones.

The Clerk reported that Safety Roads Partnership had been carrying out periodic speed checking and will do formal monitoring in Spring and how evidence is needed. Wem Rural Parish Council have limited powers in what can be done and trust that the relevant people listen.

28/23 Apologies for absence:

None

29/23 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2023 were approved and signed.

30/23 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Hospitality Register:

a. Members were reminded that they were 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 was entered in the register of members' interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

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.**

31/23 Development in the Parish

a. Planning Applications Received – noted

- i.** 23/00316/DIS Newtown Villa Farm Newtown Wem Shropshire Shropshire SY4 5NU
Decision: Granted
- ii.** 23/00193/FUL Forest Dean Coton Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 3LQ
Decision: Granted

b. Planning Applications Received – to consider response

- i.** 23/00449/FUL Oakwood Grange Grange Farm Barns Northwood Wem Shropshire Shropshire SY4 5N
Erection of single storey oak framed garden room extension to rear.
It was resolved to support this application subject to Ecology Officer recommendations.
- ii.** 23/00330/FUL The Pools Farm Ellesmere Road Wem Shropshire
Change of use of barns to three dwellings, creation of amenity space, installation of treatment plant, creation of parking space and ancillary works.
It was resolved to support this application subject to Highway recommendations.
- iii.** 23/00364/AGR Land East Of B5476 Quina Brook Wem Shropshire
A steel portal frame agricultural storage building.
This has been noted.
- iv.** 23/00722/LBC The Lawns Northwood Wem Shropshire Shropshire SY4 5NP
Minor alterations to a Grade II listed building including a glazed door to open rear porch, glazed door to replace office window and new internal opening and door to sitting room.
It was resolved to support this application subject to consulting with conservation officer.

32/23 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. Newsletter

Deadline for articles is 4th April 2023. To be posted on social media to give parishioners an opportunity to send stories.

b. Annual parish Meeting

2 forms on consultation to be done during the Annual Parish meeting; mapping and Action plan priorities.

Email addresses to be collected at meeting in order to email the Rural Review however this is in addition to the printed newsletter and not a replacement. Email address of businesses to be included when we gain them from further work with businesses.

c. Vacancy for Newtown and Edstaston Wards

To be advertised for co-option in both wards with deadline of 31st March.

33/23 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved

C Warner	£426.20
H McCabe	£572.37
HMRC	£125.42

c. Bank reconciliation

To be agreed outside the meeting

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.

g. Community Grants

It was agreed to extend deadline to 14th April and to be considered at the May Meeting. Previous applicants to be contacted.

34/23 Consultation

a. Shropshire Destination Management Plan

The plan looks at sustainability and economy however it does not look at issues in the wider community such as vulnerability and disability. The Clerk to communicate feedback with Shropshire Council.

b. Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill

NALC recommendations are supported as they provide provision to hold remote/hybrid meetings and includes neighbourhood governance without diluting general power of competence.

c. The Big Health and Wellbeing Conversation

To be followed and shared. Should include Rural Services Network as a partner and mental health of farmers.

35/23 Action Plan

a. Updates

Updates have been noted. Includes increase in social media, business networking and the spring clean.

b. Local Policing Community Charter

The 3 main concerns are the same as previous charter in 2021 which includes rural crime and speeding.

There was a discussion around monitoring crime in a WhatsApp group which needs to be monitored. To include in Rural Review.

Wem Rural is served by 2 teams (Whitchurch and Wem)

36/23 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

- i.** Cllr Broomhall reported that The Noble Street Trust has funded several local organisations in Wem.
- ii.** Cllr Goode feedback that that minutes from NCRA have been distributed from last meeting.
- iii.** Cllr Staines reported on update regarding constitution for the Wem Area Climate Action. They are hoping to organise a Green Day and linking it to the Sweat Pea festival to raise profile of the group so that local people can be involved in taking positive action to reduce dangers in the environment.

b. Shropshire Councillors:

Cllrs Broomhall and Towers had submitted a written report. Highlights included an update on the boundary changes, Healthwatch Shropshire, Road signs, Incredible Edibles, Economic Forum and The Wheelers AGM.

37/23 Parish Matters

a. Round Meadows Community Led Housing with Homes Plus and Shropshire Council.

Representation to be made to Shropshire Council as it was not made clear that of the houses in shared ownership would not have a local connection.

b. Farmers Wellbeing

Cllr Page to write news item for Rural Review. Follow up with NFU.

c. The Great British Spring Clean 2023

- i.** Sub-group including Cllrs Vernon, Minty and Page to organise event on Saturday 15th April. To be advertised on social media and website.
- ii.** Cllr Goode to contact RAF Shawbury to see if any cadets are available to help.

38/23 Highways

a. Quina Brook/Pepper Street Junction

As discussed under public participation.

b. Wheelie Bin Stickers

WRPC to purchase 100 Speed stickers at £119 to be handed out to residents in Quina Brook and other areas such as Northwood and Newtown.

39/23 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

Date of next meeting is 4th April 2023 to start no earlier than 7pm.

The Chair Huw Edwards declared the meeting closed at 8.46pm.

Signed.....

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