

Wem Rural Parish Council

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

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Peter Slack (Vice Chair), Peter Broomhall, Julia Goode, Andrew Matthews, Denise Morgan, Len Staines, Will Minty,

Shropshire Councillor: Edward Towers

Deputy Clark: Helen McCabe

Members of the Public: 3

16/23 Public Participation Period:

Local residents raised concerns regarding traffic and road safety in Quina Brook. They have seen an increase in large vehicles and excessive speeding. They would like contribution towards survey on Pepper Street junction in order to get an accurate picture on speed and number of vehicles passing through in order for traffic calming methods to be installed.

Another local resident shared concerns regarding speeding in Quina Brook. They would like to reduce the speed to 30, 20 on the length of the houses and 30 all the way to the railway bridge. Resident also suggested that Network Rail should be consulted regarding safety on the bridge and shared concerns that there are more children in the area due to the 8 new houses and how they are walking on the road because of the hedges which he would like to see taken out and replaced with rails in order to provide more vision on oncoming cars.

Concerns were also shared about the road surfaces as they need replacing and how their houses vibrate when traffic goes past day and night.

There has been 1 or 2 bad crashes over the time.

17/23 Apologies for absence:

Huw Edwards (accepted)

Liz Vernon (accepted)

Carole Warner (Clerk) accepted

18/23 Minutes

The minutes were approved and signed subject to changing "travelling around 70mph-80mph" to "excessively speeding."

19/23 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***
None
- c. *Members were reminded that they are required to declare any acceptance of gifts and hospitality.***
None to report.

20/23 Development in the Parish

- a. *Planning Applications Received – to consider response***
23/00193/FUL Forest Dean Coton Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 3LQ
Proposed single storey side and single storey rear extensions to existing dwelling
It was agreed to support this subject to larger trees not being disturbed.
- b. *Appeals to Consider***
 - i. *none***

21/23 Parish Clerk's Report:

- a. **Newsletter****
The Newsletter will be published and mailed out soon.
- b. **Website Update****
A new website has been started which will be significant work to copy pages over.
Deputy Clerk to check dates of meetings on existing website.
- c. **Social Media Update****
In addition to Facebook WRPC is now on Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, TikTok, Pinterest and there are posts. News items are being shared each day. Deputy Clerk to share news stories from Fruitful Deli/Foodbank.
- d. **Training****
Positive feedback received from training for new councillors by Clerk. Other future training available includes Social Media for Councillors, How to run a Mentoring Programme for new Councillors. Everyone to let the Deputy Clerk know if they would like any other training. It was agreed to invite town councillors to our training events.
- e. **Annual Parish Meeting****
It was agreed to host the meeting on Tuesday 4th April before the April Parish Meeting. Deputy Clerk to create a flyer and include in Newsletter mailing. It was agreed to invite Chris Taylor to talk about 5G Broadband. Event to be advertised well.

22/23 Financial Matters:

- a. *Balances for information***
Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

C Warner	£580.75
H McCabe	£558.53
Edstaston Village Hall	£25
SLCC	£450

- a. Outstanding accounts – approved
- b. Internal Auditor 2022/23 –It was agreed to appoint Andrew and Janet Hankey as Internal Auditors from the Clerks recommendation.

23/23 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

- i. Cllr Goode and Slack attended the NCRA and reported that challenges remain to bridge the gap between the school and local community. There is a proposal for rail fence however no resolution on path or car park due to lack of funding. The new constitution has been adopted and is currently being run by willing volunteers without a formal structure.
- ii. Cllr Morgan is keen to support elderly people in the parish and will include a piece in the next newsletter.

b. Shropshire Councillors:

Cllrs Broomhall and Towers had submitted a written report and highlighted the need for a Web Editor.

24/23 Parish Matters

To bring to the attention of the Parish Council matters of interest or importance.

Cllr Goode shared concerns regarding parishoners using cable ties to display signs on telegraph poles as this stops Openreach engineers being able to climb poles. It was agreed to include article in the newt Newsletter and share about the dangers of putting up signs and driving near horses on social media.

25/23 Highways

To bring to the attention of the Parish Council matters of interest or importance.

a. Quina Brook/Pepper Street Junction

Cllrs discussed the issues of traffic in Quina Brook and how a traffic survey can be funded. Recommendations that were agreed are:

- i. Contact Highways for survey.
- ii. Residents to get more backing from other residents.
- iii. Explore Community Speedwatch to involve the local community.
- iv. Highlight in the Action Plan concerns regarding speeding and mention at the Annual parish Meeting in order to give it priority.
- v. Contact the Land owner to request hedges are replaced with fence.
- vi. Include in next newsletter, asking residents to get involved in order to put more weight behind the concerns.
- vii. Request a grit box.

viii. Road surface issues to be addressed later.

b. Pot holes at Wem Industrial Estate off Soulton Road

- i. The landowners have been notified and will be in touch with the resident directly.
- ii. The Deputy Clerk has taken photographs and reported it on Fix My Street. The pot holes are on the junction of Soulton Road and the entrance to Wem Industrial Estate.

26/23 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

Date of next meeting is 7 March 2023

Items to discuss include Highways Issues at Quina Brook, 5G/Broadband.

The Deputy Chair Pete Slack declared the meeting closed at 8.17pm

Signed.....

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