

# Wem Rural Parish Council

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

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### Formal Meeting

#### Present:

Councillors: Huw Edwards (Chair), John Britton, Peter Broomhall, Jan Hilditch, Andrew Matthews, Denise Morgan, Will Minty, Jordan Page, Len Staines and Liz Vernon

Shropshire Councillor: Edward Towers

Clerk: Carole Warner

Deputy Clerk: Helen McCabe

Members of the Public: 0

#### 82/23 Public Participation Period:

None

#### 83/23 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Julia Goode (accepted)

Cllr Peter Slack (accepted)

#### 84/23 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2023 were approved and signed.

#### 85/23 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

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.***

#### 86/23 Development in the Parish

**a. *Decisions Received: noted***

**i.** 23/02200/OHL Land West Of Aston Wem Shropshire SY4 5JH  
Install an additional wooden pole into an existing overhead line.  
Decision: No Objection OHL/Circular Notification

**b. *Applications Received: to consider responses***

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- i. 23/02254/LBC and 23/02253/FUL Lowe Hall Farm The Lowe Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5UE  
Removal of existing Rear Entrance Lobby and construction of a replacement, erection of an orangery, closing off of an access and other associated works affecting a grade II listed building  
**Decision: It was resolved to support this application subject to consultees reports.**
- ii. 23/02251/FUL Border Hardwood Ltd Unit E17 Wem Industrial Estate Soulton Road Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5SD  
Yard storage building for continued operation of existing business  
**Decision: It was resolved to support this application.**
- iii. 23/01907/FUL Border Hardwood Ltd Unit E17 Wem Industrial Estate Soulton Road Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5SD  
Erection of new office building for business operation  
**Decision: It was resolved to support this application.**  
*Cllrs Broomhall and Vernon left the meeting.*
- iv. 23/02182/FUL (Building 1) and 23/02186/FUL (Building 2) and Creamore House Farm Whitchurch Road Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5RN  
Erection of agricultural buildings  
**Decision: It was resolved to support this application and would like to see the ecologists recommendations included within the planning application itself.**  
*Cllrs Broomhall and Vernon re-joined the meeting.*  
*Cllr Page left the meeting.*
- v. 23/01997/FUL Tilley Green Farm Tilley Green Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5PL  
Change of use of workshop to living accommodation  
**Decision: It was resolved to support this application subject to consultees reports.**  
*Cllr Page re-joined the meeting.*

### **87/23 Parish Clerk's Report**

- a. Newsletter  
The deadline for the September issue is 1<sup>st</sup> August and will include a spotlight on local businesses.
- b. Business Networking Event  
The Deputy Clerk shared feedback from the event which included Positive feedback issues of drainage on Wem Industrial Estate, enthusiasm to attend more events and training needs.
- c. Local Council Award Scheme Quality Gold  
Panel meeting will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> July.
- d. D-Day 80 Celebrations  
Noted.
- e. The Great Big Green Week  
Noted.
- f. Community Grants

It was resolved to support P3 Walking Group in producing their Walking Guides and to work in partnership with them.

- g. The Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) Parish and Town Council Survey
  - a. It was resolved for Cllr Edwards to complete survey.
- h. Boundary Review
  - a. Cllrs to make individual comments by 10<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **88/23 Financial Matters:**

##### ***b. Balances for information***

Noted

##### ***c. Outstanding accounts***

**The following payments were approved:**

C Warner	£249.33
H McCabe	£760.45
NALC	£60
SALC	£200
Newtown Parish Church Grant	£500
NCRA Grant	£500
Edsaston Village Hall	£105
The Happy Café	£120

#### **89/23 Consultation**

- a. *Shropshire Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2024-2029*

Noted.

#### **90/23 Action Plan 2023/24**

- a. Updates were noted which included the Deputy Clerk's Appraisal and meeting with the P3 Walking Group.

#### **91/23 Councillor Reports:**

##### ***a. Parish Councillors***

Cllr Staines updated Councillors on the Green Information Day Drop-In on 15<sup>th</sup> July organised by the Wem Area Climate Action Forum. Possible future events around biodiversity, housing and food and farming.

Cllr Edwards reported that he had attended NCRA meeting and the Freedom Fibre webinar ([see slides attached](#)). They will validate the build in 2023, start to build in 2024 and deliver services from October 2024.

##### ***b. Shropshire Councillors:***

Cllrs Broomhall and Towers had submitted a written report.

#### **92/23 Parish Matters:**

##### ***a. Community Ownership Fund/Horse & Jockey***

Cllr Britton provided an update on the Horse & Jockey and will request a report with more details on the status of their funding.

#### **93/23 Highways**

It was reported that several potholes have been filled in. There is one between Horton and Lowe to be reported.  
Several road signs need repairing which Cllr Towers is aware of.

**94/23 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:**  
Tuesday 1 August 2023

The Chair, Cllr Edwards, declared the meeting closed at 8.21pm

Signed.....

Date.....