

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 1 August 2023, at Edstaston Village Hall starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

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

Clerk: Helen McCabe

Members of the Public: 5

95/23 Public Participation Period:

A member of the public spoke in support of the planning application to be considered at the meeting. He explained that the barn conversions allows for the diversification of a farm business through holiday let and will accommodate members of the family. It will keep original features and will be self-sufficient due to biomass boiler, solar panels, high level insulation and will reduce input to the brook.

Councillors asked member of the public a question about the procedures regarding biodiversity, which would be governed by Natural England.

A member of the public spoke in support of a planning application to be considered at the meeting. She explained that the new building is required to store machinery and will help support other businesses. It will use 100% recycled water.

96/23 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Huw Edwards (accepted)

Cllr Jordan Page (accepted)

Cllr Peter Slack (accepted)

Cllr Edward Towers (accepted)

97/23 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2023 were approved and signed.

98/23 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.

Cllrs Hilditch, Minty and Matthews advised they would leave the meeting for agenda item 5b ii (Development in the Parish) due to the perception of bias and predetermination.

- 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.**

99/23 Development in the Parish

a. Decisions Received: noted

- 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: Granted
- ii.** 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: Granted

b. Applications Received: to consider responses

- i.** 23/02778/FUL Coton Methodist Church Coton Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 3LT
Conversion of an existing chapel to a residential dwelling to include erection of extension to the rear, new garage and reinstatement of access.
Decision: It was resolved to support the application.
Cllrs Hilditch, Minty and Matthews left the meeting.
- ii.** 23/02779/FUL Land Opposite Mount Pleasant Coton Shropshire
Erection of a farm building
Decision: It was resolved to support the application.
Cllrs Hilditch, Minty and Matthews re-joined the meeting
- iii.** 23/02689/FUL Pinfold Farm Northwood Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5NP
Conversion of redundant farm buildings to 1no agricultural workers dwelling and 3no holiday lets with new sewage treatment plant and alterations to ancillary outbuildings to house pv and biomass installations.
Decision: It was resolved to support the application and to query the contribution for Colemere.
- iv.** 23/02680/FUL The Maltings Creamore Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5QU
Erection of first floor extension and refurbishment.
Decision: It was resolved to support the application subject to Environmental Impact Report.
- v.** 23/02639/FUL Follies View 2 Tilley Green Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5PL
Erection of a replacement garage and storage building with associated works
Decision: It was resolved to make a formal response once an ecological report has been completed.
- vi.** 23/02635/FUL Laburnum Cottage Northwood Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5NN
Formation of private riding with post and rail boundary fencing
Decision: Granted

- vii. 23/02590/FUL Proposed Barn Conversions At 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.
Decision: It was resolved to support the application and to query the contribution for Colemere.
- viii. 23/02454/FUL Proposed Building At Lowe Hill Wem Shropshire
Proposed Building for Machinery & Implement Storage, Log & Timber storage, Extended Hard Standing Area for Access.
Decision: It was resolved to support the application

100/23 Parish Clerk Report

- a. **Newsletter**
The Clerk is finalising the next edition which is due to go out in September.
- b. **Business Networking Events**
The Clerk confirmed date for the next Business Networking Event on 23 October, 6-8pm in partnership with Wem Town Hall and Wem Town Council.
- c. **Local Council Award Scheme Quality Gold**
The Clerk gave feedback from the panel regarding website and how councillors can use social media for public engagement.
- d. **Volunteer Event**
The Clerk confirmed date of the Volunteer Event at Wem Town Hall on 24 October.
- e. **Walking Guides**
The Clerk updated Councillors on the progress of the Walking Guides.
- f. **Save our Shropshire**
Discussion took place regarding candidates for Volunteer Champion and training.

101/23 Financial Matters:

g. Balances for information

Noted

h. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

C Warner	£298.65
H McCabe	£1187.53
Edsaston Village Hall	£15

102/23 Consultation

- a. Shropshire Healthier Weight Strategy 2023-2028
 - b. Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy
 - c. Shropshire's Great Outdoors Annual Public Survey 2023
- These consultations were noted.

103/23 Action Plan 2023/24

- a. Updates were noted which included progress on the Walking Guides and improvements in Northwood on planters and work regarding speeding.

104/23 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

Cllr Staines feedback on the The Green Drop-In Event in Wem.
Cllr Mattews reported back on the RAF Shawbury Noise Liaison Group.
Cllr Minty reported back on the NSAC meeting regarding the Local Place Plan.
Cllr Edwards to report back on NCRA at next meeting.

b. Shropshire Councillors:

Cllr Broomhall report back on the purchase of the White Horse in Wem.

105/23 Parish Matters:

- a. Clerk to make request to Highways to move road signage on B5065.
- b. Planters required for Newtown.

106/23 Highways

As discussed under Parish Matters.

107/23 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Speedwatch presentation

The Chair, Cllr Vernon declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed.....

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