

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 September 2023, at Edstaston Village Hall starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Huw Edwards (Chair), John Britton, Peter Broomhall, Julia Goode,
Denise Morgan, Jordan Page, Peter Slack and Liz Vernon

Shropshire Councillor: Edward Towers

Clerk: Helen McCabe

Members of the Public: 1

108/23 Public Participation Period:

A member of the public explained he had great concerns with an application at Acorn Wood Independent School and several residents had submitted objections to Shropshire Council prior to the meeting. His main objections were the impact the increased traffic would have on residents in addition to the lack of car parking spaces. The member of the public considered there were insufficient information on the environment as an ecology report wasn't included in the application regarding the badger setts and there was no provision for lighting, water connection and disposal. The dimensions regarding the external appearance were also missing from the application.

109/23 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Jan Hilditch (accepted)

Cllr Andy Matthews (accepted)

Cllr Will Minty (accepted)

Cllr Len Staines (accepted)

110/23 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 August 2023 were approved and signed.

111/23 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 Vernon advised that she leave the meeting for agenda item 5b iv (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.**

112/23 Development in the Parish

a. Decisions Received: noted.

- 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Decision: Withdrawn
- ii. 23/02680/FUL The Maltings Creamore Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5QU
Erection of first floor extension and refurbishment
Decision: Granted
- iii. 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: Granted
- iv. 23/02635/FUL Laburnum Cottage Northwood Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5NN
Formation of private riding ménage with post and rail boundary fencing
Decision: Granted
- v. 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: Granted

b. Applications Received: to consider responses

- i. 23/03248/FUL Acorn Wood Coton Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 3LR
Change of use application for the siting of two mobile cabins to be used as an educational facility as part of Acorn Wood Independent School
It was resolved not to comment on the application until an Ecology Report, Planning Policy for building on Open Countryside and Local Impact Report had been submitted.
- ii. 23/03239/FUL 7 Lacon Holdings Souldon Road Souldon Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5RR
Erection of a two-storey side and rear extension to dwelling house.
Erection of a detached store/garage with associated landscaping works.
It was resolved to support application subject to consultees report.
- iii. 23/03247/FUL Land At Drakey Lane Horton Wem Shropshire
Change of use and construction of 4 private equestrian stables, a 20m x

40m menage, parking, tack room and barn and incidental external works.

It was resolved to support application subject to consultees report.

Cllr Vernon left the meeting.

- iv. 23/03233/VAR New Dwelling North Of The Oaklands Shrewsbury Road
Wem Shropshire

Variation of Condition 2 (approved drawings) attached to planning
permission 14/01216/FUL (Erection of a dwelling)

It was resolved to support application subject to Ecology Report.

Cllr Vernon re-joined the meeting.

- v. 23/03653/FUL Hill Cop Bank Farm Aston Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4
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Proposed two storey extension and reorganisation of existing dwelling

It was resolved to support application subject to consultees report.

- vi. 23/03209/CPL Brookside Lacon Prees Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 2DY
Erection of single storey side extension including application of
render23/02778/FUL

It was resolved to support application subject to consultees report

113/23 Parish Clerk Report

a. Newsletter

To be sent to print end of this week.

b. Business Networking Events

The Clerk has started advertising the event and has dropped flyers into some
local businesses. All Parish Councillors to share and invite contacts to event.

114/23 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

H McCabe	£674.85
HMRC	£1207.18
Audit	£252

c. Bank reconciliation

The Chair reported he had agreed and signed the bank reconciliation.

d. External Audit

The External Auditor's Report for the year ending March 2023 was noted. The
Clerk confirmed she had publicised the conclusion of the Audit as instructed by
the Auditors

e. Community Infrastructure Levy/Neighbourhood Funds Annual Return

The Monitoring report was approved

f. Community Led Housing Grant Annual Return

The Monitoring report was approved

115/23 Action Plan 2023/24

The Clerk advised there were no significant updates.

116/23 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

Cllr Britton reported on Northwood Chapel and provided an update on the Horse & Jockey's recruitment.

Cllr Goode reported on Street Pastors and a video had been distributed prior to meeting.

Cllrs Goode and Morgan will be meeting with the Royal British Legion later this month.

Cllr Goode reported on NCRA activities.

b. Shropshire Councillors:

Report to be distributed.

117/23 Parish Matters:

None

118/23 Highways

a. Hedges near SY4 5UJ

Hedges and verges desperately need cutting and ditches aren't draining.

b. Lane opposite Coton Oaks

The lane towards Coton Wood needs to be maintained.

119/23 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

Tuesday 5th October 2023

The Chair, Cllr Edwards declared the meeting closed at 8.36pm

Signed.....

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