

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 3 October 2023, at Edstaston Village Hall starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Huw Edwards (Chair), John Britton, Peter Broomhall, Julia Goode, Jan Hilditch, Andy Matthews, Will Minty, Denise Morgan, Peter Slack, Len Staines and Liz Vernon

Clerk: Helen McCabe

Members of the Public: None

120/23 Public Participation Period:

None

121/23 Apologies for absence:

CLLr Jordan Page (accepted)

Shropshire Councillor: Edward Towers

122/23 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2023 were approved and signed.

123/23 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.**

124/23 Development in the Parish

- a. Decisions Received: noted.**
 - 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
Decision: Pending Consideration
 - ii. 23/03239/FUL 7 Lacon Holdings Soulton Road Soulton Wem
Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5RR
Erection of a two-storey side and rear extension to dwelling house.

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Erection of a detached store/garage with associated landscaping works.

Decision: Withdrawn

- 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.

Decision: Refused

- 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)

Decision: Pending Consideration

- v. 23/03653/FUL Hill Cop Bank Farm Aston Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5SB
Proposed two storey extension and reorganisation of existing dwelling
Decision: Pending Consideration

b. Planning Applications Received - to consider response.

- i. 23/03850/FUL Upper Lacon Farm Lacon Prees Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 2DY

Application under Section 73a of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for Regularisation of use of agricultural land for screening of topsoil and aggregate (Sui Generis)

Decision: It was resolved to support the application subject to consultees reports.

- ii. 23/03851/FUL Upper Lacon Farm Lacon Prees Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 2DY

Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act for the regularisation of use of agricultural building as vehicle repair business (B2) including associated yard space

Decision: It was resolved to support the application subject to consultees reports.

23/03847/FUL Upper Lacon Farm Lacon Prees Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 2DY

Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act for the Regularisation of commercial uses (Uses Classes (E(G), B2 and B8) of agricultural buildings, plus change of use of Sheds 6 and 7 alongside external yards to B8 (storage and distribution)

Decision: It was resolved to support the application subject to consultees reports.

- iii. 23/03817/FUL Proposed Residential Barn Conversions At Springs Farm Palms Hill Wem Shropshire

Conversion of barns to 3No dwellings, installation of package treatment plant and alteration to vehicular access

Decision: It was resolved to support the application subject to consultees reports Highways recommendations.

- iv. 23/03715/FUL 1 Jasmine Cottages Horton Wem Shrewsbury
Shropshire SY4 5NA
Erection of rear single storey extension, new front and side porch,
external render over brickwork and replacement windows generally,
demolition of existing detached garage and replacement with new
outbuilding to include garage and store
**Decision: It was resolved to support the application subject to
consultees reports**

125/23 Parish Clerk Report

a. Christmas Edition Newsletter

It was resolved to issue a Christmas edition and make printed copies available on noticeboards.

b. Upcoming Events

The Clerk has updated the council on events coming up.

126/23 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

H McCabe	£579.50
SALC	£780.91
Playsafety	£90.00
Kim Bedford	£150.00

c. Budget 2023/2024 – initial discussions

A discussion took place.

127/23 Policies

The following policies were re-approved:

- a. Disciplinary Procedure**
- b. Grievance**
- c. Staff Performance Management Policy**

It was resolved to update the Equal Opportunities Policy with the 9 protected characteristics in the Equalities Act

128/23 Action Plan 2023/24

The Clerk advised there were no significant updates.

129/23 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

Cllr Goode hosted a Macmillan Coffee morning and raised over £400.

Cllrs Goode, Matthews and Morgan attended a meeting with the British Legion

Cllr Broomhall gave an update on the memorial service and parade on 11th and 12th November.

Cllrs Edwards, Goode and Slack attended the NCRA AGM. The quiz night to help raise funds for NCRA is on 13th October.

Cllr Goode reported that NCRA has 2 vacancies: secretary and treasurer.

Cllr Staines reported on the climate group and visit to the growth forestry project at the Hollies. Article to be included in next Rural Review.

Cllr Staines reported that two people from the climate group have succeeded in gaining places on Save Our Shropshire initiatives, one to include certification with the Carbon Literacy Project, and the other to be accepted as one of only four Climate Champions across the whole of Shropshire.

Cllr Edwards reported that the Boundary Review had been published and no change for Wem.

b. *Shropshire Councillors:*

A written report was submitted, and Shropshire Council are putting biomass in Bridgnorth in order to make energy out of waste.

130/23 Parish Matters:

a. Report on Speedwatch in Northwood

Cllr Britton provided a report on Speedwatch.

Volunteer positions to be advertised at the Volunteers Fair.

b. Wem Walks

Cllr Britton provided an update on Wem Walk 6.

c. Rural Crime

Cllr Minty reported on the increase in agricultural theft.

131/23 Highways

Road signs in Newtown have been reported.

132/23 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

Tuesday November 2023

The Chair, Cllr Edwards declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed.....

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