

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 November 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, Jordan Page, Len Staines and Liz Vernon

Shropshire Councillor: Edward Towers

Clerk: Helen McCabe

Members of the Public: None

133/23 Public Participation Period:

None

134/23 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Peter Slack (accepted)

135/23 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2023 were approved and signed.

136/23 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.**

137/23 Development in the Parish

a. Decisions Received: noted.

- i. 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: Refused

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- ii. 23/03653/FUL Hill Cop Bank Farm Aston Wem Shropshire Shropshire SY4 5SB Proposed two storey extension and reorganisation of existing dwelling
Decision: Granted
- iii. 23/03247/FUL Land At Drakey Lane Horton Wem Shropshire Change of use and construction of 4 private equestrian stables, a 20m x Minutes 1 August 2023 3 of 4 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.
Decision: Refused

b. Planning Applications Received - to consider response.

- 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
Noted
- ii. 23/04604/AGR Lacon House Souldon Road Souldon Wem Shropshire Shropshire SY4 5RR
Proposed erection of an agricultural building for the storage of hay and machinery
Decision: It was agreed to support application subject to consultees report.
- iii. 23/04591/FUL Brookside Lacon Prees Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 2DY Proposed single storey side extension
Decision: It was agreed to support application.
- iv. 23/04553/FUL 7 Lacon Holdings Souldon Road Souldon Wem Shropshire Shropshire SY4 5RR
Erection of a side and rear single storey extension and two storey rear extension to dwellinghouse, erection of a detached store/garage with associated landscaping works (re-submission)
Decision: It was agreed to support application and refer to ecology report.
- v. 23/04332/FUL Timber Frame Services Units D7 To D9 Wem Industrial Estate Souldon Road Wem Shropshire SY4 5SD
Erection of one single new building to replace two existing industrial units (specifically Units D7 and D8)
Decision: It was agreed to support application.
- vi. 23/04246/FUL Grange Villa Northwood Wem Shropshire Shropshire SY4 5NP
Proposed lean-to side extension to an existing outbuilding
Decision: It was agreed to support application on the condition it is for personal use only.
- vii. 23/04249/FUL Grange Villa Northwood Wem Shropshire Shropshire SY4 5NP
Extension to the main dwelling and a proposed replacement garage with office space above which will all be linked together via a replacement to the existing store/w.c.

Decision: It was agreed to support application on the condition it is for personal use only.

- viii. 23/04151/FUL 8 Lacon Holdings Soulton Road Soulton Wem
Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5RR
Erection of two storey side extension

Decision: It was agreed to defer decision until more information has been submitted.

138/23 Parish Clerk Report

a. Rural Review

The Christmas edition of Rural Review to be printed and distributed by Parish Councillors late November.

b. Events Attended

The Clerk updated the council on the business networking event and Volunteers Fair. There was further interest in another networking event in January and International Women's Day in March 2024.

139/23 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

H McCabe	£738.80
Rightsort	£460.10
Edstaston Village Hall	£75
Wem Town Hall	£500

c. Budget 2023/2024 – initial discussions

A discussion took place.

d. Grants

It was resolved to award grants in the next financial year. Deadline will be 31st January 2024.

e. Fundraising

- i. **It was resolved to apply to Crowdfund Shropshire in partnership with P3 Walking Group.**
- ii. **It was resolved to apply for an Awards for All bid.**

140/23 Action Plan 2023/24

The Clerk advised on updates.

141/23 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

Cllr Britton provided an update on fundraising for Northwood Chapel.

Cllrs Goode, Hilditch and Staines attended police drop in to talk to PC about rural crime and the importance of reporting crime.

- b. Shropshire Councillors:**
A written report was submitted.

142/23 Parish Matters:

- a. The applications for Round Meadow were discussed however no decisions could be made as information hadn't been provided by Homegroup Plus.
- b. There was a discussion around using Cil money to purchase ANPR cameras to help prevent rural crime.
- c. There was a discussion around ongoing draining issues and flooding in Barkers Green which left residents not able to flush toilets in recent flood.

143/23 Highways

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144/23 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

Tuesday 5 December 2023

The Chair, Cllr Edwards declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed.....

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