

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 December 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, Peter Slack, Len Staines and Liz Vernon

Clerk: Helen McCabe

Members of the Public: None

145/23 Public Participation Period:

None

146/23 Apologies for absence:

CLlr Denise Morgan (accepted)

CLlr Edward Towers (accepted)

147/23 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2023 were approved and signed.

148/23 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.

CLlr Vernon advised that she leave the meeting for agenda item 5b iv and CLlr Broomhall advised that he would leave the meeting for agenda item 5b v (Development in the Parish) due to the perception of bias and predetermination.

- b. To consider any requests for Dispensation**

None.

- c. Members were reminded that they are required to declare any acceptance of gifts and hospitality.**

149/23 Development in the Parish

- a. Decisions Received: noted.**

- i. 23/04604/AGR Lacon House Soulton Road Soulton Wem Shropshire SY4 5RR
Proposed erection of an agricultural building for the storage of hay

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and machinery

Decision: Refused

- ii. 23/04332/FUL Timber Frame Services Units D7 To D9 Wem Industrial Estate Soulton Road Wem Shropshire SY4 5SD

Erection of one single new building to replace two existing industrial units (specifically Units D7 and D8)

Decision: Granted

- iii. 23/04246/FUL Grange Villa Northwood Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5NP

Proposed lean-to side extension to an existing out building

Decision: Granted

- iv. 23/04249/FUL Grange Villa Northwood Wem Shrewsbury 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: Granted

- v. 23/04151/FUL 8 Lacon Holdings Soulton Road Soulton Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5RR

Erection of two storey side extension

Decision: Refused

b. Planning Applications Received - to consider response.

- i. 23/05006/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 (resubmission)

It was resolved to support the application.

- ii. 23/04835/FUL Oak Farm 2 Coton Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 3LQ

Proposed erection of a Day Room with Bedroom extension above.

It was resolved to support the application.

- iii. 23/04791/FUL Old Meadow Cottage Newtown Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5NU

Erection of ancillary outbuilding

It was resolved to support the application.

Cllr Vernon left the meeting.

- iv. 23/04796/FUL Yew Tree Farm Horton Wem Shropshire

Conversion of 2No traditional farm buildings to 2No dwellings, installation of package treatment plants and all associated works (re-submission)

It was resolved to support the application subject to consultees reports as per WRPC policy that supports converting redundant agricultural buildings into domestic property.

Cllr Vernon re-joined the meeting.

Cllr Broomhall left the meeting.

- v. 23/04775/FUL Unit C9 Wem Industrial Estate Soulton Road Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5SD

Erection of HGV workshop and office, replacing an existing building, alongside the formation of hardstanding and perimeter fencing to afford lorry and staff parking

It was resolved to support the application and noted the thorough ecological statement.

Cllr Broomhall re-joined the meeting.

- vi. 23/04757/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.

It was resolved to support the application.

- vii. 23/04675/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.

It was resolved to support the application.

150/23 Parish Clerk Report

a. Meetings attended

The Clerk reported on meetings attended.

b. Round Meadow applications

A discussion took place around the allocation process and property that is for sale.

151/23 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

H McCabe	£815.30
Community Heartbeat	£198.00
Rightsort	£201.00
Save our Shropshire CIO	£120.00
Kim Bedford	£100.00

c. Bank Reconciliation

Cllr Vernon reported she had agreed and signed the bank reconciliation.

d. Budget 2023/2024 – initial discussions

A discussion took place.

e. Grants

It was resolved to keep the £800 allocated for the writing of the History of Edstaston in reserves until confirmation of match funding.

It was resolved to extend the grant round until Spring 2023 so it can be advertised in the Rural Review.

152/23 Action Plan 2023/24

The Clerk advised on updates.

153/23 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

Cllr Minty reported on a resident struggling to get hold of cash from a bank.

Cllr Britton reported that the Horse & Jockey is due to reopen on 20th December.

Cllr Goode reported that the NCRA meeting was cancelled.
Cllr Goode reported on residents' concerns regarding speeding in Newtown and slow sign needs repainting.
Cllr Goode reported on damaged fence around the Roden.
Cllr Staines reported on issues of distributing Rural Review to every household.

b. Shropshire Councillors:

A written report was submitted.

154/23 Parish Matters:

- a. Cllr Minty suggested that a funding bid be written to run an Ecology based community project so that bat and bird boxes can be made and offered to local people.
- b. Cllr Goode reported that Newtown was missed off the 20mph limit report previously issued.
- c. Cllr Edwards reported that he and the Clerk had attended a meeting with Scribe to demo their accounting software.

155/23 Highways

None

156/23 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

Tuesday 9 January 2024

The Chair, Cllr Edwards declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....

Date.....