

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 9 January 2024 at Edstaston Village Hall starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

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

Shropshire Councillor: Edward Towers

Clerk: Helen McCabe

Members of the Public: None

01/24 Public Participation Period:

None

02/24 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Peter Slack (accepted)

Cllr Len Staines (accepted)

03/24 Minutes

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

04/24 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 Broomhall advised that he would leave the meeting for agenda item 5b I (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.**

05/24 Development in the Parish

- a. Decisions Received: noted.**

- i. 23/04835/FUL Oak Farm 2 Coton Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 3LQ
Proposed erection of a Day Room with Bedroom extension above
Decision: Refused
- ii. 23/04791/FUL Old Meadow Cottage Newtown Wem Shrewsbury
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Erection of ancillary outbuilding

Decision: Granted

- iii. 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.

Decision: Granted

- iv. 23/04591/FUL Brookside Lacon Prees Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 2DY

Proposed single storey side extension

Decision: Granted

- v. 23/04553/FUL 7 Lacon Holdings Soulton Road Soulton Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5RR

Erection of a side and rear single storey extension and two storey rear extension to dwellinghouse with associated landscaping works (re-submission)

Decision: Granted

ii. Planning Applications Received - to consider response.

Cllr Broomhall left the meeting

- i. 23/05236/FUL Proposed Residential Barn Conversions SW Of Brockhurst Farm Aston Wem Shropshire

Conversion of 2no. traditional barns to 2no. dwellings with associated amenity space and parking

Decision: It was resolved to support the application.

Cllr Broomhall re-joined the meeting

- ii. 23/05184/FUL Pym's House The Lowe Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5UD

Erection of a building for calf housing

Decision: Approved

- iii. 23/04880/FUL 7 Lacon Holdings Soulton Road Soulton Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5RR

Erection of 2No agricultural buildings, a livestock building for calf rearing and a machinery/workshop store, including change of use of land, formation new agricultural access

Decision: It was resolved to seek clarification on the change of use before supporting the application.

- iv. 23/04576/FUL 9 Salters Mill Northwood Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5NW Conversion of detached double garage to 1no. bedroom annex ancillary to dwelling

Decision: It was resolved to support application.

06/24 Parish Clerk Report

a. Annual Parish Meeting

- i. **It was resolved to host the parish meeting on Tuesday 9th April. Starting at 5pm. Refreshments to be provided. The theme will be Rural Crime and the Police to be invited.**

b. Rural Review

A discussion took place on articles to include. Deadline is 31st January.

c. Round Meadow applications

A discussion took place. Meeting to be arranged with The HomePlus Group.

- d. **Barkers Green Noticeboard.**
A discussion took place on the whereabouts of the replacement noticeboard.
- e. **Business Networking**
A discussion took place.
- f. **International Women's Day**
A discussion took place. Planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16th January, 2pm at the Horse & Jockey for anyone wanting to get involved
- g. **Accounting software**
A business case was put forward and it was resolved to purchase Scribe.
- h. **Northwood Chapel**
An update was given regarding the future of Northwood Chapel.
- i. **Training & Webinars**
It was resolved that new councillors would attend the Fundamentals Course and further training to be booked subject to budget.
- j. **Communications – to discuss using WhatsApp**
An update was given regarding WhatsApp group.
- k. **Buy Nothing New Month Campaign by Keep Britain Tidy**
An update was provided on the Buy Nothing New Month in January.

07/24 Financial Matters:

- a. **Balances for information**
Noted
- b. **Outstanding accounts**
The following payments were approved:

H McCabe	£655.50
SLCC Subscription	£75.00
Edstaston Village Hall	£150.00
- c. **Precept and budget 2023/24**
Discussion took place to increase the Precept to cover increases in expenditure. It was agreed to fund the increase partly by reserves and partly by the Precept. The Budget was approved, and the Precept set for £30,083.04
- d. **Audit Programme 2022/23**
The Audit Programme was approved.
- e. **Internal Auditor 2022/23**
Andrew and Janet Hankey were appointed as Internal auditors
- f. **Community Grants**
It was resolved to run the Grant Scheme from 1st February to 29th March 2024. Decisions will be made at April meeting.
- g. **Consultation: Shropshire Council Budget 2023/2024**
Added to the website and promoted.

08/24 Action Plan 2023/24

The Clerk advised on updates.

09/24 Councillor Reports:

- a. **Parish Councillors**
Cllr Britton advised that the gates and planter boxes in Northwood need repair and maintenance.
Cllr Goode reported that she attended the Horse & Jockey opening.

Cllr Goode and Edwards to attend NCRA meeting next week to discuss the car park.

Cllr Goode raised concerns that Newtown was not listed on the 20mph list.

b. Shropshire Councillors:

A written report was submitted. Issues raised include:

- Student transport costs
- Free School meals
- Budget

10/24 Parish Matters:

Cllr Hildtich raised concerns regarding recycling.

Cllr Edwards reported on lack of foot paths on B5476 between Bazeley Way and turning into Ryebank.

11/24 Highway

Pot holes on Ossage Lane and near Ryebank need repairing again.

Temporary road closure on 12th February from Lee Brockhurst to Aston and Barkers Green.

12/24 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

Tuesday 6 February 2024

The Chair, Cllr Edwards declared the meeting closed at 8.58pm.

Signed.....

Date.....