

# Wem Rural Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 July 2024 at Edstaston Village Hall starting at 7.00pm

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### Formal Meeting

#### Present:

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

Shropshire Councillor: Edward Towers

Clerk: Helen McCabe

Members of the Public: 0

#### 86/24 Public Participation Period:

None

#### 87/24 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Peter Slack (accepted)

#### 88/24 Minutes

The minutes of the annual meeting held on 4 June 2024 were approved and signed.

#### 89/24 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a. Members are reminded that they are 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 is entered in the register of members' interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

*Cllr Vernon advised she would leave the meeting for agenda item 6b iv and v and Cllr Minty advised he would leave the meeting for agenda item 6b v (Development in the Parish) due to the perception of bias and predetermination.*

- b. *To consider any requests for Dispensation*

None

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

#### 90/24 Policy Review

- a. Email Acceptable Use Policy – Amendments to the Email Acceptable Use Policy were resolved and the policy re-adopted.
- b. Record Management Policy - It was resolved to re-adopt the Record Management Policy

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## 91/24 Development in the Parish

- a. Planning Decisions received – noted
  - i. 23/04604/AGR Lacon House Soulton Road Soulton Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5RR  
Proposed erection of an agricultural building for the storage of hay and machinery  
**Decision: Refused**
  - ii. 24/00811/FUL Woodhouse Farm Tilley Green Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5PF  
Creation of an open-fronted two bay oak framed garage.  
**Decision: Granted**
  - iii. 24/01270/FUL 7 Lacon Holdings Soulton Road Soulton Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5RR  
Construction of a double garage with store room above.  
**Decision: Granted**
- b. Planning Decisions received - to consider response.
  - i. 24/01994/FUL  
Proposed Residential Barn Conversion East Of 7 Lacon Holdings Soulton Road Soulton Wem Shropshire  
Conversion and extension of barn to 1 No. dwelling and erection of boundary fence and installation of package treatment plant along and associated change of land use and landscape works.  
**Decision: It was resolved to support the application and note the enhanced Ecological Assessment.**
  - ii. 24/01944/FUL  
Wood Farm Coppice Lane Coton Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 3LT  
Replace existing conservatory with a garden room, remove conservatory style porch and build above existing brick plinth to create a new masonry structure.  
**Decision: It was resolved to support the application**
  - iii. 24/02310/FUL  
The Marches 69 Coton Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 3LU  
Single storey side extension  
**Decision: It was resolved to support the application**  
  
*Cllr Vernon left the meeting*
  - iv. 24/02422/AGR Beech Tree Farm 61 Coton Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 3LT  
Erection of agricultural buildings for workshop/storage  
**Decision: It was resolved to support the application subject to Ecological Statement and suitable replacement trees planted**  
  
*Cllr Minty left the meeting*
  - v. 24/02413/AGR  
Caldross Quina Brook Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5RJ  
Erection of an agricultural storage building for farm machinery and equipment.

**Decision: It was resolved to support the application and to note that Ecological Impact Assessments aren't required for permitted development.**

***Cllrs Vernon and Minty re-joined the meeting***

**92/24 Parish Clerk Report**

**a. Newsletter**

It resolved to delay the Summer edition until September. Deadline for articles is 31 August.

**b. Events**

The Clerk provided an update on upcoming events.

**c. Councillor Survey**

Councillors to complete Priorities Survey online. Deadline is 31 July.

**d. Star Council Awards**

There was a discussion about possible nominations for the Star Council Awards. Deadline is 6 September

**e. Policing priorities**

Areas where there are problems regarding speeding, drugs and crime were noted.

**93/24 Financial Matters**

**a. Balances for information**

**Noted**

**b. Outstanding accounts**

The following payments were approved:

H McCabe – £807.19

HMRC - £150.40

Mrs J Hankey - £125

**c. Bank reconciliation**

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

**d. Opening new bank account with Unity Trust, transferring funds from Barclays and closing Barclays account**

**It was resolved to open a new bank account with Unity Trust, transfer funds from Barclays and close Barclays account after confirming whether cheques can be used.**

**e. Purchase of 2 Noticeboards**

**It was resolved to work with Men in Sheds to replace and repair the noticeboards.**

**94/24 Action Plan 2024/2025**

Noted

**95/24 Councillor Reports – to report on meetings attended**

**a. Parish Councillors**

i. Cllr Britton provided an update on Northwood Chapel.

ii. Cllr Goode notified the council of concerns with fence in Newtown.

iii. Cllr Goode notified the council of residents' concerns raised regarding building developments at Grange Villa.

iv. Cllrs Goode and Morgan reported on discussions with resident in Tilley regarding hedge.

v. Cllrs Hilditch and Page reported on training attended by themselves and Cllrs Britton and Morgan.

vi. Cllr Staines provided feedback on Biodiversity training attended by himself, Cllr Edwards and the Clerk.

**b. Shropshire Councillors**

A report was submitted

**96/24 Parish Matters - *to bring to the attention of the Parish Council matters of interest or importance.***

**a. New Access at Horse Field**

The response from Shropshire Council was noted and it was resolved to send a response.

**97/24 Highways - *to bring to the attention of the Parish Council matters of interest or importance.***  
None

**98/24 Date of future meeting and agenda items – 6 August 2024**

The Chair, Huw Edwards declared the meeting closed at 8.54pm

Signed.....

Date .....