

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 August 2024 at Edstaston Village Hall starting at 7.00pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: John Britton, Peter Broomhall, Julia Goode (Chair), Jan Hilditch, Andy Matthews, William Minty, Len Staines and Liz Vernon

Shropshire Councillor: None

Clerk: Helen McCabe

Members of the Public: 0

99/24 Public Participation Period:

None

100/24 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Huw Edwards (accepted)

Cllr Dee Morgan (accepted)

Cllr Jordan Page (accepted)

Cllr Edward Towers (accepted)

101/24 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2024 were approved and signed.

102/24 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 7b ii (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.***

103/24 Policy Review

It was resolved to re-adopt the following policies:

- a. Data Breach Policy
- b. Subject Access Request Procedure
- c. Information and Data Protection Policy

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It was resolved to adopt the Biodiversity Policy

104/24 Consultations

- a. Town and Parish Survey 2024
It was resolved for Cllr Edwards to complete the survey.
- b. Result of Garden Waste and Household Recycling Consultation
Cllr Broomhall provided an update on the results of the Consultation

105/24 Development in the Parish

- a. Planning Decisions received – noted
 - 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: Pending Consideration
 - 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: Granted
 - iii. 24/02310/FUL
The Marches 69 Coton Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 3LU
Single storey side extension
Decision: Granted
 - iv. 24/02422/AGR Beech Tree Farm 61 Coton Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 3LT
Erection of agricultural buildings for workshop/storage
Decision: Prior Approval Not Required
 - v. 24/02413/AGR
Caldross Quina Brook Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5RJ
Erection of a agricultural storage building for farm machinery and equipment.
Decision: Prior Approval Not Required
 - vi. 24/02630/AMP
Grange Villa Northwood Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5NP
Decision: Granted
- b. Planning Applications Received - to consider response.
 - i. 24/02438/FUL
Homedene Farm Nurseries Aston Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5QJ
Erection of an agricultural building
Non material amendment for the insertion of three windows on the north east facing elevation relating to planning permission 23/04246/FUL
Decision: It was resolved to support application from a local business.
Cllr Vernon left the meeting
 - ii. 24/02334/FUL
Beech Tree Farm 61 Coton Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 3LT
Extension and alteration to existing dwellinghouse, change of use of agricultural land to garden land, demolition of shed replaced with ancillary wellness facilities, conversion of existing agricultural shippoon to ancillary accommodation including

associated works and demolition

Decision: It was resolved to support the application

Cllr Vernon returned to the meeting

iii. 24/02271/FUL

Oak Cottage 3 Coton Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 3LQ

Proposed raising of the roof, amendment to previously approved planning permission

Decision: It was resolved to support the application

106/24 Parish Clerk Report

a. **Newsletter**

The deadline for articles was extended to 23rd August due to holidays.

b. **Meetings and Events attended**

The Clerk gave an update on meetings and events attended.

c. **Speeding in Newtown**

The Clerk gave an update on recommendations and there was a discussion around best options to reduce speed in Newtown.

107/24 Financial Matters

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

H. McCabe - £646.18

Edstaston Village Hall - £75

SALC - £140

c. New bank account

Account access to be given to council on complete of ID checks.

108/24 Action Plan 2024/2025

Noted

109/24 Councillor Reports - *to report on meetings attended*

a. Parish Councillors

Cllr Hilditch attended NCRA meeting and provided an update on their fundraising events.

Cllr Staines attended WACA meeting and gave an update on their activities.

Cllr Britton gave an update on the Northwood Chapel.

b. Shropshire Councillors

None

110/24 Parish Matters – *to bring to the attention of the Parish Council matters of interest or importance.*

a. New Access at Horse Field

A written report from the Chair was read out and objections to the planning were noted.

b. Maintaining footpaths, greenways and bridleways

There was a discussion around residents concerns about the ongoing maintenance of footpaths, greenways and bridleways

c. Bleed kits

There was a discussion around providing bleed kits next to defibrillators however it was resolved not purchase them as drivers usually keep first aid kits in cars.

111/24 Highways - to bring to the attention of the Parish Council matters of interest or importance.

- a. Hedges
There was a discussion about the importance of owners cutting down hedges.
- b. Roundabout by bridge
This has previously been reported to Wem Town Council.
- c. Street signs for Horse & Jockey
There was a discussion regarding new street signs for the Horse & Jockey

112/24 Date of future meeting and agenda items – 3 September 2024

113/24 To resolve: That under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the item of business numbered 16 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the inclusion of confidential and personal nature in the business to be transacted.

114/24 Employment Matters

- a. Cllr Vernon provided an update on the Clerk’s future objectives.

The Chair, Julia Goode declared the meeting closed at 8.56pm

Signed.....

Date