

Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 3 September 2024 at Edstaston Village Hall starting at 7.00pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Peter Broomhall, John Britton, Huw Edwards (Chair), Julia Goode, Jan Hilditch, Dee Morgan, Jordan Page and Liz Vernon

Shropshire Councillor: Cllr Edward Towers

Clerk: Helen McCabe

Members of the Public: 2

115/24 Public Participation Period:

A member of the public spoke on behalf of their planning application 24/03193/Ful. They explained how they would like to convert an agricultural building into an annex for their private use which will include an ensuite and therapy area for their son who has special needs. The building will be more visual appealing building and the roof will be replaced.

116/24 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Andy Matthews (accepted)

Cllr William Minty (accepted)

Cllr Len Staines (accepted)

117/24 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2024 were approved and signed.

118/24 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 5b 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.***

119/24 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

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and installation of package treatment plant along and associated change of land use and landscape works.

Decision: Pending Consideration

ii. 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: Pending Consideration

iii. 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 shippon to ancillary accommodation including associated works and demolition

Decision: Awaiting Decision

iv. 24/02271/FUL

Oak Cottage 3 Coton Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 3LQ

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

Decision: Pending Consideration

b. Planning Applications Received - to consider response.

i. 24/03193/FUL

Horton House Farm Horton Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5ND

Conversion of redundant agricultural building to tack room, storage/ workshop, therapy space and annex bedroom/ ensuite

Decision: It was resolved to strongly support the application as it will enhance their family life and the special needs of their child. It will also be more visually attractive.

Cllr Vernon left the meeting

ii. 24/03174/FUL

High Park Lodge Edstaston Park Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5RD

Demolition of existing property and erection of replacement dwelling

Decision: It was resolved to support the application and note that the bungalow is no longer fit for habitation and hence should be totally replaced with a house on the same footprint to modern specifications.

Cllr Vernon re-joined the meeting

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Parish Clerk Report

a. Newsletter

The Clerk provided an update on the Autumn issue of Rural Review.

b. Upcoming Events

The Clerk provided an update on upcoming business events which include the coffee morning, Health and Wellbeing Fair and Food and Hospitality Event. –

c. Upcoming Training

It was resolved for the following Councillors to attend these training sessions:

- Cllrs Britton, Goode and Page to attend Mastering Emergency Planning on 23rd October
- Cllr Page to attend Empowering the Young Councillors of Tomorrow on 13th December.
- Cllrs Hilditch and Page would be interested in attending a First Aid course.

d. Wem P3 Walks and Walking Guides

There was a discussion regarding the Walking Guides and Walk 2 was presented at the meeting.

e. Fundraising for International Women's Day

It was resolved to add a fundraising page to Spacehive and promote in order to gain at least 20 backers.

f. RoSPA Play Safety Survey

It was resolved to discuss repair work with Wem P3 and to obtain a quote.

g. Attendance at SLCC Conference

It was resolved for the Clerk to attend the Conference at cost of £495+VAT.

h. Councillor Survey

The Priorities for WRPC Survey was discussed.

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Financial Matters

a. Balances for information

Noted

b. Outstanding accounts

The following payments were approved:

H. McCabe –£525.42

Playsafety - £93.60

c. Bank reconciliation

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

d. External Audit

The Clerk provided an update on comments from the External Audit and is awaiting conclusion of the Audit.

e. Neighbourhood Fund Annual Return

The Monitoring report was signed and approved

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Action Plan 2024/2025

a. Updates – noted

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Councillor Reports - to report on meetings attended

a. Parish Councillors

Cllr Britton provided an update on the Northwood chapel

Cllr Goode shared about the Macmillian Coffee Morning she is hosting on 28th September 10.30am Julia's house.

Cllr Vernon discussed the upcoming activities at Edsaston Village Hall.

b. Shropshire Councillors

A written report was submitted

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Parish Matters - to bring to the attention of the Parish Council matters of interest or importance.

a. Missing road sign to Edsaston – this is still missing and was reported via Fix My Street in May.

b. White lines on junction to Abbeygreen - needs to be repainted.

c. Bungalow in Tilley – villagers have shown an interest in cleaning it however this can't be done without the owners permission.

d. Keep Shropshire Warm Grants – Contact Marches energy for more information.

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

a. Fencing in Newtown needs to be repaired.

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Date of future meeting and agenda items

1 October 2024

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

Signed.....

Date