

# Wem Rural Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 1 October 2024 at Edstaston Village Hall starting at 7.00pm

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### Formal Meeting

#### Present:

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

Shropshire Councillor: Cllr Edward Towers

Clerk: Helen McCabe

Members of the Public: 2

#### 127/24 Public Participation Period:

A member of the public spoke about concerns of speeding in Coton and how reducing the speed limit to 40mph would help prevent a number of accidents. There was a serious accident on the 12<sup>th</sup> January which damaged their boundary wall.

#### 128/24 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Dee Morgan (accepted)

Cllr Peter Slack (accepted)

Cllr Len Staines (accepted)

#### 129/24 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2024 were approved and signed.

#### 130/24 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.
- b. ***To consider any requests for Dispensation***  
None
- c. ***Members are reminded that they are required to declare any acceptance of gifts and hospitality.***  
None

#### 131/24 Development in the Parish

- a. Planning Decisions received – noted
  - 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: Pending Consideration**

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- ii. 24/03174/FUL  
High Park Lodge Edstaston Park Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5RD  
Demolition of existing property and erection of replacement dwelling  
**Decision: Pending Consideration**

- b. Planning Applications Received - to consider response.
  - i. None

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### **Parish Clerk Report**

- a. **Christmas Edition Newsletter**

A 4 page Christmas edition of Rural Review will be sent out in November.

- b. **New Noticeboards**

Men in Sheds have been asked to prepare a quote to replace two of the noticeboards.

- c. **Upcoming Events**

**There was a discussion on events coming up:**

- Health & Wellbeing Fair on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October
- Business Networking Event is a Christmas Quiz with Curry or Chill on 25<sup>th</sup> November. £12 payable to the Horse & Jockey.
- Green Open Homes on October 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>
- SLCC Conference on 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> October.
- Nature Recovery Town and Parish Councils on 6<sup>th</sup> December
- SALC AGM on 30<sup>th</sup> October

- d. **Upcoming Training**

- First Aid Course by St John's Ambulance to be booked and offer as a community events.

- e. **Feedback from Councillor Survey**

See report

- f. **5 Year Business Plan**

See report and new layout of Action Plan

- g. **Digital Skills Programme**

There was a discussion regarding providing digital skills at a monthly community engagement event.

- h. **Fly tipping Briefing Note**

Noted.

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### **Financial Matters**

- a. Balances for information

**Noted**

- b. **Outstanding accounts**

The following payments were approved:

- H. McCabe – £677.64
- SLCC - £569
- NS Print - £72
- JACS - £864
- RightSort - £1,403.49
- PKF Littlejohn - £252
- NALC - £156.88

- c. **External Audit**

Conclusion of the Audit - noted

- d. **Budget 2025/26 – Initial Discussions**

There was a discussion regarding the 2025/26 Budget.

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### **Consultations**

- a. **Police and Crime Consultation**

It was resolved for Cllr Edwards to complete the survey.

**135/24 Action Plan 2024/2025**

- a. Updates – noted

**136/24 Councillor Reports - *to report on meetings attended***

**a. Parish Councillor**

Cllr Hilditch provided feedback on the NCRA AGM

Cllr Britton gave an update on Northwood Chapel.

Cllr Goode provided information on Alzheimer’s Society and Armed Forces meeting.

**b. Shropshire Councillors**

A written report was submitted

**137/24 Parish Matters - *to bring to the attention of the Parish Council matters of interest or importance.***

- a. Coffee Morning at Edstaston Hall on Saturday.
- b. Concerns regarding application in Wem on rural roads.
- c. Speeding on rural roads – noted

**138/24 Highways - *to bring to the attention of the Parish Council matters of interest or importance.***

- a. Gate in Newtown has been replaced.
- b. Map flooding in Wem Rural – noted.

**139/24 Date of future meeting and agenda items**

12 November 2024

The Chair, Huw Edwards declared the meeting closed at 9.19pm.

Signed.....

Date .....