

Trustees from Wem Sports and Social Association met on 13.2.25 and as part of the meeting considered the recommendations from the Town Council meeting on 30.1.25. The response from trustees is outlined below

Response from WSSA Trustees

Dear Councillors,

Thank you for your request regarding improvements to the transparency of the Association, please see below response from trustees in relation to each request

Request 1 Amendments to the WSSA constitution.

After careful consideration, the trustees have unanimously decided to decline this request. They feel that allowing up to five WTC-appointed trustees, out of a maximum of nine, would be disproportionate, given the level of funding provided. Instead, they believe that the current allocation of three trustees is sufficient.

The trustees greatly appreciate the support WTC provides to WSSA in managing the land and buildings on behalf of the Town Council. However, they feel that WSSA is being subjected to a level of scrutiny that is not applied to other organisations in the town, some of which receive greater financial support without similar governance requirements.

Request 2 Annual Report Provision.

The Secretary will seek to provide a copy of the Annual Report for consideration by the Town Council by 31st October each year. More information will also be provided on the activities of the Association when the Association requests its annual contribution from the Town Council.

Request 3 Raising the profile of the association and its relationship with WTC.

Trustees have agreed to consider additional signage acknowledging the relationship between Wem Sports and Social Association and Wem Town Council at the Butler Sports Ground and Wem Recreation Ground. This work would be subject to funds being available.

Trustees hope this explanation clarifies their position and but would welcome further dialogue if felt necessary.

WSSA Trustees