

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Wem Town Council held on Thursday 13th February 2025 at 6pm in the Town Council Meeting Room, Wem Library, High Street, Wem

Present: - Cllrs D Parry (Mayor), R Barker, R Dodd, P Broomhall, C Granger, D Hill, P Johnson, R Drummond, M Meakin, M Hoffmann, E Towers, R Gascoigne, G Soul.

Mrs P O'Hagan (Town Clerk).

0 members of the public present.

857/25 To note apologies for absence received

The following apologies were noted Cllr Glover.
Absent M Hoffmann

858/25 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests.

a) To receive any disclosure of pecuniary interest - Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

The following interests were declared

Councillor	Item	Dispensation
Cllr Broomhall and Towers	Twin-hatted members declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Town Council's relationship with Shropshire Council	Dispensation to allow participation and voting on all matters relating to Shropshire Council

b) To consider any applications for Dispensations under s33 of the Localism Act 2011.

None received

859/25 Public Participation - a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for residents of Wem Town to speak.

None present

860/25 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following planning applications
25/00199/PA3MA (validated: 24/01/2025)

Address: Connexus, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5DB

Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of use from Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) to Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3) to provide 3no residential units under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class MA of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).

RESOLVED:- to comment that the Town Council considers that prior permission is required on this application.

861/25 Consultations

a) Rights of Way Consultation – to consider the following diversion order Shropshire Council (Bridleway 17 and Footpath 17, Parish of Wem Rural and Footpath 11 (part), Parish of Wem Urban) Public Path Diversion Order 2025

RESOLVED:- to support the proposed diversion.

b) Wem Speed limit Alterations (Various location around Thomas Adams School) – to consider

RESOLVED:- that the Town Council supports the proposed speed limit alterations and parking restrictions around Thomas Adams School. However, the Council requests that the proposed 20mph zone be extended along Pyms Road towards the junction with New Street and then along New Street to link up with the existing 20mph zone at the junction of New Street and Park Road. New Street is heavily used by students from Thomas Adams and St Peters Schools and reducing the speed limit along this road would significantly improve road safety for pedestrians.

The Town Council would also request that the missing 20mph signage in New Street at the junction with Park Road is reinstalled as this was removed following a collision some years ago.

Meeting ended 18.35

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