

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Wem Town Council held on Thursday 29th August 2024 at 7pm 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.

Mrs A Roberts (RFO).

2 members of the public present.

751/24 To note apologies for absence received and consider correspondence received on this item.

Cllrs, G Soul, R Gascoigne, P Glover

752/24 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.

None declared

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

None received.

753/24 Public Participation - a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for residents of Wem Town to speak.

Two residents spoke in relation to Planning Application 24/02661/OUT. Both were broadly supportive of the application but expressed the aspiration that the development could form part of a link road through to the north-east of the Town.

754/24 Planning

a) to consider the following planning applications:

24/02661/OUT Address: Proposed Commercial Development Land To The North Of, Shawbury Road, Wem

Proposal: Hybrid application for outline permission for Class E commercial, business and service, Class B2 general industrial and Class B8 warehousing uses, together with dedicated emergency vehicular and pedestrian access, drainage infrastructure and landscaping and full permission for hauliers yard with new road junction, access road with footways and drainage infrastructure

A discussion took place on this item and Councillors considered the plans.

RESOLVED:-

That, whilst the application is supported, the Council would encourage the Applicant and Planning Authority to jointly look at:

(i) The possibility of securing a road layout which would facilitate future development to the north-east of the site and;

(ii) That the visual intrusion of the development be minimised.

ii) 24/02757/FUL Address: Land West Of Overfields Farm, Ellesmere Rd, Wem
 Proposal: Improvements to existing access for agricultural and equestrian land, existing livery yard premises, together with provision of livery parking, and associated works ways and drainage infrastructure

RESOLVED:- to support the proposal as it provides a clear improvement to vehicular access.

iii) 24/02854/TCA. Address: Sunningdale, 9 Mill Street, Wem, SY4 5ED
 Proposal: Fell 2no. Lawson Cypress (T1 and G1) within Wem Conservation Area

Application was approved prior to the meeting.

iv) 24/03028/FUL. Address: Cotswold House, 9 Sycamore Drive, Wem.
 Proposal: Erection of attached domestic garage/store

RESOLVED:- to support the application.

v) 24/03029/FUL. Address: Proposed Dwelling Adjacent 9 Sycamore Drive, Wem
 Proposal: Erection of 1No dwelling to include access and amenity space

RESOLVED:- to support the application which appears to be in keeping with the existing built environment.

vi) 24/03076/VAR. Address: Connexus, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem
 Proposal: Removal of Condition No. 15 attached to appeal decision APP/L3245/W/23/3323422 dated 24/01/2024 to allow permitted development rights in relation to use of existing second floor office accommodation

RESOLVED:- to support the application.

vii) 24/03186/FUL Address Cornerways, 40 Mill Street, Wem, Shropshire,
 Shropshire - Proposal new single storey dwelling and new vehicular access

RESOLVED:- to object to the application on the basis of overdevelopment of the site.

b) Local Plan Review Hearings

to decide whether the Town Council wishes to participate at the hearings and if so to select councillors to attend and agree that they will be representing

RESOLVED:- Cllr Towers, supported by Cllr Barker, will represent the views of the Council at the hearings

c) Place Plan Review – to consider correspondence from Shropshire Council

RESOLVED:- to note the content of the correspondence.

755/24 Shropshire Council Consultation

a) Town and Parish Council Survey

RESOLVED:- That

- i. the Council is willing to help with the provision of services depending on the resources required.
- ii. Completion of the survey is delegated to the Clerk, the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor.

b) Nature Recovery Survey

RESOLVED:- to form a working party comprising the Clerk and Cllrs Johnson, Broomhall and Towers, to complete the survey on behalf of the Council.

756/24 Finance and Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED:- to approve the following payments.

Direct Debits and payments made prior to meeting.

| Supplier | Service | Net | Vat | Gross | BACS no |
|--|--|---------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Shropshire Council | Salaries January | 6803.69 | | 6803.69 | BACSPAYRL |
| | HMRC | 2483.58 | 0.00 | 2483.58 | BACSHMRC |
| | Pensions | 2126.41 | | 2126.41 | BACSLGPS |
| Lloyds Bank | Credit Card Payment | 120.60 | 0.00 | 120.60 | DD 30.24 |
| EE | Mobile Phones | 28.04 | 5.61 | 33.65 | DD 31.24 |
| Business2Business | Telephone/Broadband | 108.47 | 21.69 | 130.16 | DD 32.24 |
| PWLB | Loan Repayment | 1826.03 | 0.00 | 1826.03 | DD 33.24 |
| WaterPlus | Allotment Water | 36.57 | 7.31 | 43.88 | DD 34.24 |
| WaterPlus | Car Park Toilet Water | 43.24 | 0.00 | 43.24 | DD 35.24 |
| Unity Trust Bank | BACS charges | 17.54 | 0.00 | 17.54 | DD 36.24 |
| West Mercia Energy | Car park toilet energy 1.7.24 – 31.7.24 | 58.34 | 2.92 | 61.26 | DD 37.24 |
| Shropshire Council | Building Control (Swimming Pool) | 540.00 | 108.00 | 648.00 | 103.24 |
| Credit card payments for information only | | | | | |
| Lloyds Bank | Monthly Charge | 3.00 | 0.00 | 3.00 | CC12.24 |

Payments

| Supplier | Service | Net | Vat | Gross | Chq / BACS No |
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| Healthmatic | Rec Toilets 1.7 – 31.7 | 406.29 | 81.26 | 487.55 | 90.24 |
| Healthmatic | Car Park Toilets 17.7 – 16.8 | 783.25 | 156.65 | 939.90 | 91.24 |
| G Skips | Litter bin emptying | 162.02 | 32.43 | 194.45 | 92.24 |
| Net World Sports | Goal Frames | 545.83 | 109.17 | 655.00 | 93.24 |
| Healthmatic | Rec Toilets 1.6 – 30.6 | 406.29 | 81.26 | 487.55 | 94.24 |
| Healthmatic | Car Park Toilets 17.6 – 16.7 | 783.25 | 156.65 | 939.90 | 95.24 |
| DW Evans | Gravedigging – July | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 | 96.24 |

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| RoSPA PlaySafety | Annual Playground Inspections | 624.00 | 124.80 | 748.80 | 97.24 |
| ISM IT Ltd | IT Support | 99.99 | 20.00 | 119.99 | 98.24 |
| Shropshire Council | Streetlighting Energy Q2 | 2325.59 | 465.12 | 2790.71 | 99.24 |
| Healthmatic | Coinbox repair | 399.00 | 79.80 | 478.80 | 100.24 |
| Sign & Poster | Allotment Markers | 161.85 | 32.37 | 194.22 | 101.24 |
| Mark Fitton | Bus shelter cleaning | 295.00 | 0.00 | 295.00 | 102.24 |
| WH Darby | Updating mayoral chains | 301.10 | 60.22 | 361.32 | 104.24 |
| King's | Sundries | 22.58 | 4.52 | 27.10 | 300130 |

757/24 CCTV Contract - to consider 12 month extension of the CCTV Maintenance Contract

RESOLVED:- to extend the service on a rolling 12-month contract.

Meeting ended 20.17

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