

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Wem Town Council held in Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem on Wednesday 16 June 2010 at 6 p.m.

Present:-Councillor Mrs M Meakin (Town Mayor), Councillors Mrs T Broom, P Broomhall, Mrs M J Carson, Mrs P A Dee, P Glover, Mrs C Granger, C J Mellings, L Phillips, C H Shingler and E Towers. Mrs J M Drummond (Town Clerk).

The Mayor welcomed all present and informed her colleagues there were a number of planning applications to be considered later in the meeting. A list of these applications was circulated to Councillors.

10/45 Apologies

Apologies for unavoidable absence were accepted from Cllrs D Cooley, J Murray and Mrs N Wilson (prior commitments).

10/46 Declaration of Interests

Cllrs Mrs Dee and Broomhall declared personal interests in the planning application for 3 & 5 Chapel Street as acquaintances of the owner.

10/47 Planning Applications

10/01972/FUL Erection of a conservatory to rear elevation, 42 Harris Croft.

Resolved:-to have no objection to this application providing there are no objections from the neighbours.

Amended Plans

10/01744/FUL Conversion of properties from one dwelling into two and associated alterations, 3 & 5 Chapel Street.

Resolved:-to have no objection to these amended plans.

10/48 Exclusion of Public and Press

Resolved:-that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

10/49 Future of Wem Swimming Pool

Councillors considered the reports of meetings held on 3 June 2010 (previously circulated). In the absence of Cllr Cooley the Mayor presented these reports and went through them item by item.

The Clerk reported the water risk assessment had been undertaken as requested by Teme Leisure and also the inspection of the electrical system. Mrs Drummond circulated a quotation for the remedial works required to the

electrical system and explained information was awaited as to what work was required to the water system. Mrs Drummond also pointed out two doors required replacement and the exterior painting.

There was a lengthy discussion and Members of the Swimming Pool Working Party gave a detailed explanation of the current situation to their colleagues. Cllr Towers raised a number of queries.

Resolved:-to receive and approve the reports of the two meetings held on 3 June 2010 to discuss Wem Swimming Pool.

Resolved:-that this Council proceed with a partnership relationship with Teme Leisure for that organisation to operate the pool on behalf of the Town Council based on the provisional business plan produced by Teme Leisure and with an initial short term lease/licence (and service level agreement) to enable the pool to re-open in the near future.

Resolved:-to accept the quotation for the remedial works to the electrical system, the quotation from Teme Leisure for the redecoration & cleaning of the premises, the necessary works to the air filters and the water system and other landlord repairs.

10/50 Open Council

Resolved:-to confirm the resolutions contained in item 10/49 made during closed meeting.

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Town Mayor