

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wem Town Council held on Thursday 13th December 2018 at 7 p.m.in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem.

Present:- Councillor C Granger (Mayor), Councillors, P Broomhall, R Dodd, R Drummond, P Johnson, M Meakin, C Mellings, P Moyse, J Murray, G Nash, G Soul, E Towers.
Mrs P O'Hagan (Town Clerk).

5 members of the public present

118/18 To receive apologies for absence.

RESOLVED:- to accept the following apologies for absence

Cllr P Glover, Cllr Dee

119/18 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests.

a) To receive any disclosures 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.

Councillor	Item	Dispensation
Cllrs Mellings	Twin-hatted member 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
Cllr Dodd and Cllr Towers	Item 125/18 declared a bias interest under item 7 as married to an allotment tenant	
Cllr Johnson, Cllr Meakin	Item 125/18 declared a bias interest under item 9 as member of Executive Committee of Wem Sports and Social Association.	

b) To consider any applications for Dispensations under s33 of the Localism Act 2011.
None received.

120/19 Public Participation Time - a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for residents of Wem Town to speak.

A member of the public raised the following items

Roden Grove Development – Work has already started on this site and residents are all very concerned that damage is being caused to the site in advance of the archaeological survey. Cllr Nash responded that he and Cllr Mellings are in discussions with Shropshire Council regarding this matter.

Planning application 17/01924/FUL – the proposed development is not in keeping with the area and the applicant has not addressed any of the concerns raised.

Honorary Townsman Boards – In his opinion these boards should be on display in the Town Hall as the award is a community award and should be on display for all to see.

Mill Street Wall – Can the Town Council find out how this wall is to be rebuilt and how the traffic is going to be managed during the rebuild.

Mr Edwards reported that after 18 years of attending Town Council meetings this was the last one he intended to attend. He was thanked by the Mayor and all Councillors for his keen interest and input into Town Council meetings over the last 18 years.

A member of the public objected to planning application 17/01924/FUL and stated that Wem does not have the facilities to provide for the needs of those who may live in a home of this nature. In addition to this the application is contrary to the Town Design Statement and will have a negative impact on biodiversity.

121/18 Council Minutes.

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 29th November 2018.

RESOLVED:- to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 29th November 2018 and they were duly signed by The Mayor.

122/18 Progress report - To note the Clerks progress report on matters arising at previous.

RESOLVED:- to note.

123/18 Planning Applications.

a) To note the recent planning decisions.

RESOLVED:- to note.

b) Planning Applications for consideration

i) 17/01924/FUL Proposed: Erection of two blocks of residential care home comprising 50.no units with communal facilities; formation of car parking; diversion of public right of way and associated works Location: Land Off, Mill Street, Wem, Shropshire.

RESOLVED:- to submit the following comment;
Wem Town Council has discussed the amended plans and does not consider that they address any of the previous objections submitted by the Town Council. It is imperative that Shropshire Council arranges a site meeting for Planning Committee members to enable them to view the site before this matter is determined by the Planning Committee.

124/18 Finance and Accounts for Payment

a) To consider monthly financial statement and monthly budget report.

It was reported that the Mayor had completed all the reconciliation checks for the year to date as part of the Town Council's internal control procedures.

RESOLVED:- to note the report.

b) To approve accounts for payment and any payments made prior to meeting.

RESOLVED:- to approve the following payments.

Payments made prior to the meeting

Supplier	Service	Net	Vat	Gross	Chq / BACS
Shropshire Council	Payroll	6571.22	10.18	6581.40	DD

Payments for approval

Supplier	Service	Net	Vat	Gross	Chq / BACS No
Rialtus	Accounts software support	250.00	50.00	300.00	119.18
PG Skips	Cemetery bin emptying	32.44	6.49	38.93	120.18
	Rec. Bin Emptying	51.24	10.25	61.49	
	Skip hire Nov	80.00	16.00	96.00	
	Total			196.42	
Highline Electrical	LED light alteration	188.00	37.60	225.60	121.18
Viking	Stationery Supplies	58.44	11.69	70.13	122.18
E.on	Drawwell Walk Column replacement	1170.99	234.20	1405.19	123.18
E.on	Drawwell Lane Column Replacement	1246.01	249.20	1495.21	124.18
Broxap	Litterbins x 2	324.90	64.98	389.88	125.18
ROSPA Playsafety	Groundsman's Play equipment course	635.00	87.00	722.00	126.18
Healthmatic	Cleaning/ Maintenance Public Toilets	787.50	157.50	945.00	127.18

c) To delegate authority to Town Clerk to approve invoices received up to 31.12.18

RESOLVED:- to approve.

125/18 Amenities and Services Committee Meeting 11th December 2018

a) To receive these minutes and approve the recommendations contained therein.
The Clerk explained that there was an error in the draft minutes on page 42 under item 7a allotments on the second to last line of the second bullet point it should read their plot not the plot.

Cllr Dodd left the room and took no part in discussions or voting on recommendation under minute point 7. Cllr Towers left the room and took no part in the vote on recommendation under minute point 7.

RESOLVED:- to receive these minutes and approve the recommendations therein with the exception of minute point 9 2019-20 budget recommendations which will be considered at the Town Council's budget meeting in January 2019.

126/18 Heating Groundsman's shed – to consider quotes received.

It was reported that the Groundsman had not been able to find another contractor to supply a quote for this item.

RESOLVED:- to defer this item.

127/18 Speaker Unit – to consider purchase of battery powered speaker unit.

A discussion took place on the need to ensure that the unit would be suitable for outdoor use.

RESOLVED:- to defer a decision on this item to allow time for the Clerk to carry out some more research into the best model to purchase.

- 128/18 Wem Economic Forum** – for update on meeting held 6.12.18
Cllr Towers gave a report of this meeting and a leaflet has been produced. HGV signs have been ordered.
A question was asked about whether a project to replace the better Welcome Wem Flags could be considered by the forum.

RESOLVED:- to note the report.

- 129/18 Mayors Awards** – to consider the following
a) Whether the awards should go ahead as a Town Council awards event
A discussion took place on this item and whilst there was recognition that the awards evening had been successful in the past there was concern over the amount of work that would be required of the Town Council. A suggestion was made that the awards could be held in partnership with the local newspaper.

RESOLVED:- to review in December 2019.

- b) Reimbursement of funds donated for the original event.

RESOLVED:- to approve that previously donated funds be returned.

Cllr Broomhall attended the meeting at 20.00

RESOLVED;- to suspend standing orders at 20.00 for 10 minutes to allow PC Heathcote to introduce himself, give a report and answer questions on the work of the safer Neighbourhood Team.

The meeting reconvened at 20.10

- 130/18 Leek Building Society** – to receive a report from visit to Market Drayton Branch.
It was reported that this meeting had unfortunately been cancelled.

RESOLVED:- to note.

- 131/18 Wem Level Crossing** - to receive a report from site meeting held with Transport for Wales and Network Rail
Cllr Mellings gave a report from the recent meeting where discussions took place on the need for a second ticket machine and a footbridge. The Clerk reported that Network Rail would be holding a drop in session in February at Edinburgh House for the general public to discuss the railway.

RESOLVED:- to note the report

- 132/18 Correspondence** – to consider the following items of correspondence

a) Dog Fouling Mill Street – it was reported that the dog fouling banner has now been placed on the fence in Mill Street to encourage dog walkers to clean up after their dogs. A suggestion was made that the Town Council could consider providing free collection bags to dog owners and the Clerk was asked to see whether this had been successful in other towns.

133/18 Reports

a) To receive reports from the Council's representatives to other bodies.

Cllr Dodd attended Town Hall trustee meeting and reported that a new chairman has been elected.

Cllr Meakin reported that the Christmas Lights Festival was well attended.

b) To receive a report from Shropshire Council Councillors Mellings and Dee

Cllr Mellings reported he would circulate a report in the next week.

RESOLVED:- to note these reports.

134/18 Future agenda items – for consideration

Condition of Park House

135/18 Dates of future meetings – to note the date of the January meeting.

RESOLVED:- to note that the next Town Council meeting will be Thursday 31st January 2019.

Meeting ended 20.20

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