

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wem Town Council held on Thursday 26th July 2018 at 7 p.m.in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem.

Present:- Councillor P Glover (Deputy Mayor), Councillors, P Broomhall, R Dodd, M Meakin, C Mellings, P Moyse, J Murray, E Towers. Mrs P O'Hagan (Town Clerk).

7 members of the public present

Mayor's Chaplain Rev Nick Heron said prayers at the start of the meeting

46/18 To receive apologies for absence.

RESOLVED:- to receive the following apologies for absence.

C Granger, P Dee, P Johnson, G Nash, G Soul.

47/18 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
Cllr Melling	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

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

48/18 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;

The River Roden and Black Brook were still in need of clearing.

The drain in Chapel Street had been repaired however other drains in the town were still in need of clearing out.

A member of the public reported that the wheelie bins on Crown Street are permanently left on the street which are not only an eyesore in a conservation area, they also cause an obstruction for pedestrians. The Town Council was asked to raise this problem with the waste collection team.

A member of the public explained that there would be an exhibition in Wem Town Hall to celebrate the 160 year anniversary of the opening of the Crewe to Shrewsbury Rail Line. He requested that The Town Council contacts the new contractor Keolis Amey to identify whether they would consider improving the train service in the town.

A member of the public explained that they have found Wem a very welcoming place to live, however they would like to request that the town map located on the end of the toilet wall is relocated to a better place as it is difficult to see in its current location.

Concerns were also reported about the quality of the street cleaning along Noble Street and the Clerk was asked to pass on this complaint to Shropshire Council.

Sgt Clare Greenaway was welcomed to the meeting and she presented a report on the work of Wem Safer Neighbourhood Team. She explained that the support from the community has really improved recently and there is considerable work going on in more problem areas of the town. A new PCSO has been recruited and is working well in the team. Sgt Greenaway also reported that Liam Heathcote will be the new PC in the Safer Neighbourhood Team following PC Carpenter's retirement at the end of August.

The Police Station would be relocating to the NHS building adjacent to the co-op at the beginning of September and it was felt that this was a far better location and would encourage better engagement with local people.

The problem of parking outside the bank was raised along with concerns over speeding throughout the Town. Sgt Greenaway explained that if anyone witnesses speeding or other traffic incidents then it was important to report the registration number of the vehicle to the police.

A police presence in the town on a Thursday morning was requested as this is the busiest day of the week and people are keen to discuss matters with the team.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Sgt Greenaway for her report and a vote of thanks was given for the work of PC Carpenter for all his work over the last 14 years.

49/18 Council Minutes.

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 28th June 2018.

RESOLVED:- to approve as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 28th June 2018 and they were duly signed by The Deputy Mayor.

50/18 Progress report - To note the Clerks progress report on matters arising at previous meetings.

The Clerk reported that the CCTV monitoring system would be moved at the end of August into the Town Council office before the Police Station is relocated. This work would be undertaken by the CCTV contractor and a quote had been received.

RESOLVED:- to note.

51/18 Planning Applications.

a) To note the recent planning decisions.

RESOLVED:- to note.

52/18 Finance and Accounts for Payment

a) To consider monthly financial statement and monthly budget report.
The monthly financial statement was presented and it was reported that all internal control checks were up to date.

RESOLVED:- to note

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

RESOLVED:- to approve the following payments

Supplier	Service	Net	Vat	Gross	Chq / BACS No
Shropshire Council	Payroll May	6589.53	10.18	6599.71	DD
Talk Talk	Broadband	16.00	3.20	19.20	DD
BT	Telephone Bill	79.08		79.08	DD
Imprint	Annual Report	205.00		205.00	43.18
ORP	CCTV Camera Installation work	4951.50	990.30	5941.80	44.18
Forester and Arborist Services	Tree Survey	210.00		210.00	45.18
Mark Fitton	Cleaning of Bus Shelters June	65.00		65.00	46.18
Hunter Lloyd	Electrical Inspection public toilets	161.25	32.25	193.50	47.18
PG Skips	Cemetery bin emptying	32.44	6.49	38.93	48.18
	Recreation Bin Emptying	51.24	10.25	61.49	
	Total			100.42	
Shropshire Council	Office Rent 2 nd Quarter	1525.00		1525.00	49.18
Shropshire Council	Street lighting energy costs 1 st quarter	1525.62	305.12	1830.74	50.18
E.on	Lighting Contract	1800.98	360.20	2161.18	51.18
Information solutions	Website annual hosting fee	190.00	38.00	228.00	52.18
Healthmatic	Cleaning and Maintenance Public Toilets	787.50	157.50	945.00	53.18
Highline Electrics	Shield fitting	79.60	15.92	95.52	54.18
Rospa Play Safety	Annual Inspection Reports	465.50	93.10	558.60	55.18
Severn Business Solutions	Computer repairs	90.00	18.00	108.00	56.18
Viking Direct	Paper	41.69	8.34	50.03	57.18
SALC	Civic Training	105.00		105.00	58.18

Ray Parry Playgrounds	Play equipment repairs	1702.00	340.40	2042.40	300077
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Further RESOLVED:- to delegate authority to Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairman of the Finance and Corporate Governance Committee to approve payments due at the end of August, as a meeting of the Town Council will not be taking place.

c) Public Toilet Electrical Work resulting from condition survey – to approve quote.

RESOLVED:- to approve quote.

53/18 Finance and Corporate Governance Committee meeting held 10.7.18
To receive these minutes and approve the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED:- to receive these minutes and approve the recommendations contained therein.

FURTHER RESOLVED:- to appoint the following Councillors as signatories on the Nationwide Deposit Account Cllr Mellings, Cllr Murray, Cllr Towers.

54/18 Events Liaison Group meeting 10.7.18 – to receive these minutes.
Cllr Dodd reported that the date for the Mayor’s Awards would be Friday 8th March 2019.

RESOLVED:- to receive these minutes.

55/18 Wem Sports and Social Association – To receive a report from the Executive Committee meeting held on 24.7.18 and nominate 3 trustees to the new CIO.

Cllr Mellings updated Councillors on this meeting and reported that the Executive committee had approved the new constitution. An application would therefore be submitted to the Charity Commission to establish the new CIO.

RESOLVED:- to appoint the following Councillors as Trustees of the new CIO Cllr Mellings, Cllr Meakin, Cllr Towers.

56/18 RAF Shawbury 100 year anniversary - for update on request by RAF Shawbury to exercise its freedom of the town on 1.9.18.

The Clerk reported that she had met with representatives of RAF Shawbury and they had walked the march route which would take place at 13.10 on 1.9.18. She expressed thanks to The Carnival Committee for working with the Town Council to enable this event to happen.

RESOLVED:- to note the report.

57/18 100 Year Anniversary of the end of World War 1 – to discuss commemoration of this event.

A report on the project was presented and it was:-

RESOLVED:- to approve the following recommendations from the report

- That the Town Council support the event being held by Wem RBL on 10.11.18
- That the Town Council agrees to co-ordinate the Remembrance Chain project and as well as staff time contributes £200 from the events budget towards it.
- That the Town Council coordinates the Battles Over commemorative events on 11.11.18
- That the Town Council adopts the memorial bench following its purchase.
- That the Town Council agrees to contribute up to £400 towards the cost of the memorial bench from its grants budget.

58/18 Councillor Vacancy – to consider the issuing of poll cards should an election be called.

It was reported that the vacancy was currently being advertised and that the cost of issuing Poll Cards for a Bye Election if one was called would be £350 plus postage. The Clerk explained that if a bye election is not called then the vacancy could be filled through the co-option process and that this could take place at the September meeting.

RESOLVED:- to approve the issuing of poll cards should a bye election be called.

59/18 Barclays Bank Future Use of Building – for discussion.

A discussion took place on the need to try and secure some alternative form of banking provision in the town. Suggestions were put forward including community banking or encouraging a building society to relocate to the town.

RESOLVED:- that Cllr Dodd, Cllr Mellings, Cllr Granger, Cllr Glover and Cllr Towers form a working party to explore options to secure banking provision in the Town and report back to the September meeting of the Council.

60/18 Queens Award for Voluntary service – to consider whether to submit Town Council nominations.

RESOLVED:- not to submit a nomination.

61/18 Wem Economic Forum AGM – to receive a report from AGM held 12.7.18. Cllr Towers gave a report from this meeting.

RESOLVED:- to note the report.

62/18 Consultations

a) Future Fit – to consider response to consultation. Councillors stated that the public meeting held 19.7.18 had been very useful and well attended. Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED:- to agree that option 1 where the Emergency Care site is the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital in Shrewsbury and the Planned Care site is the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford was the preferred option of the Town Council as this option best meets the needs of residents of Wem in terms of accessibility via public transport.

b) Shropshire Council Discretionary Rate Relief Policy review.

RESOLVED:- not to comment as no Wem based organisations affected.

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Correspondence – to consider the following items of correspondence

a) Fimes invitation - A discussion took place on the invitation to attend the event on 15.9.18. It was explained that there was no budget to cover expenses of attending this event. Councillors agreed to consider the invitation and to contact the Clerk if they were willing to attend.

b) Shropshire Council - Proposed temporary interim suspension of new community led road safety concerns.

RESOLVED:- to receive.

c) Speeding in town – The Clerk was asked to contact the correspondent and provide him with an update on Community Speedwatch scheme that the Town Council has been pressing for.

64/18

Reports

a) To receive reports from the Council's representatives to other bodies.
A written report was circulated.

RESOLVED:- to receive

b) To receive a report from Shropshire Council Councillors Mellings and Dee.
A written report from Cllr Mellings was presented.

RESOLVED:- to receive

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Future agenda items – for consideration.
None put forward.

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Dates of future meetings – to note the date of the September meeting

RESOLVED:- to note that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 27th September 2018.

Meeting ended 20.35

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