

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wem Town Council held on Thursday 30th November 2017 at 7 p.m in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem.

Present:- Councillor E Towers (Mayor) Councillors, P Broomhall, R Dodd, P Dee, P Johnson, M Meakin, P Moyses, C Shingler, P White.

Cllr Towers invited the Mayor’s Chaplain Colin Jones to say prayers at the start of the meeting.

8 members of the public present.

121/17 To receive apologies for absence.

RESOLVED:- to receive the following apology for absence

G Nash, C Mellings, J Murray, C Granger, P Glover.

122/17 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.

The following interests were declared

Councillor	Item	Dispensation
Cllr Dee	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 Towers	Item 138/17 b Board member Wem Swimming and Lifestyle Centre	Dispensation to allow participation but not voting on all matters relating to Wem Swimming and Lifestyle Centre
Cllr Moyses	Item 138/17 b Board member Wem Swimming and Lifestyle Centre	
Cllr Meakin and Cllr Dodd	Item 132/17 Wem Town Hall Trustees	

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

123/17 Public Participation Time - a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for residents of Wem Town to speak.

Mr Edwards raised the following items:-

In his opinion the new houses being constructed in Mill Street are being built too close to the road. He also requested that the original gateposts to Riverside and Mill Bank gateposts need retaining.

Mr Edwards suggested that when the Westlands Site is redeveloped it be named Sayce Close after a local doctor.

Mr Edwards reported that the Roden Weir needs cleaning out.

Shelia Richardson thanked the Councillors for the support on the recent library service review.

124/17 Council Minutes.

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 26th October 2017.

RESOLVED:- that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 26th October 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

125/17 Progress report - To note the Clerks progress report on matters arising at previous meetings.

RESOLVED:- to note the report.

126/17 Planning Applications.

a) Planning Applications for consideration

17/05063/LBC, 52 High Street, Wem, SY4 5DW Proposal: Repairs and remedial works to include re-pointing to rear elevation; treatment of exposed woodwork; treatment of lead work.

RESOLVED:- to support the application.

17/05093/FUL Lyndale , Fir Tree Lane, Wem, SY4 5EU, Proposal: Erection of single storey side and rear extensions

RESOLVED:- to support the application

b) To note the recent planning decisions.

RESOLVED:- to note.

c) Condition of Buildings in the Conservation Area including White Horse Public House – to consider correspondence on this issue and receive a report from meeting held with Conservation Officer on 15.11.17.

Cllr Towers gave a report of the meeting and a discussion took place on the safety of the White Horse and other buildings in the vicinity.

RESOLVED:- to note the report and the Clerk was asked to respond to the resident concerning the future use of the building.

127/17 Finance and Accounts for Payment

a) 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			6461.91	DD
Highline Electrical	LED Lights	4166.67	833.33	5000.00	104.17
Healthmatic	Unpaid April 2017 payment (authorised April 2017)	787.50	157.50	945.00	14.17
Plymol	Flag payment 2/2			144.00	105.17
Talk Talk	Broadband	16.00	3.20	19.20	DD

Payments for approval**RESOLVED:- to approve the following payments,**

Supplier	Service	Net	Vat	Gross	Chq / BACS
PG Skips	Recreation bin emptying	51.24	10.25	61.49	106.17
	Cemetery bin emptying	32.44	6.49	38.93	
	Total to pay			100.42	
West Mercia Energy	Toilets Electricity Outstanding payment	56.41 1.23	2.82	60.46	107.17
Mark Fitton	Cleaning of Bus Shelters October	45.00		45.00	108.17
SALC training courses	VAT	50.00			109.17
	Employer Training Total	130.00		180.00	
Water Plus	Toilets Water Bill	105.38		105.38	110.17
Imprint	Printing survey	181.00	36.20	217.20	111.17
Healthmatic	Cleaning and Maintenance Public Toilets November	787.50	157.50	945.00	112.17
SLCC	Membership	208.00		208.00	113.17
Rialtus	Annual Support Fee	245.00	49.00	294.00	114.17
Viking	Msc Stationery	44.81	8.96	53.77	115.17
Wem Jubilee Band	Contribution	50.00		50.00	300058
Wem Senior Club	Room Hire	30.00		30.00	300059
Shropshire SLCC	Training	20.00		20.00	300057

128/17 Planning and Transport Committee 6.11.17. To receive these minutes.**RESOLVED:- to receive these minutes.****129/17 Relief Road Project -** To receive a report from meeting held on 10.11.17 with The Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP.
Cllr Towers updated Councillors on this meeting.

RESOLVED:- to receive the report.

- 130/17 Youth Commissioning Consultation** – for discussion.
The survey was considered and the Council's response was agreed.

RESOLVED:- to submit the comments stating that the Town Council does not agree with the removal of funding for Youth Services from the rural areas and smaller market towns.

- 131/17 Action plan from Vision Session** – to discuss draft action plan.
A discussion took place on the need to build on the work already carried out to improve communication with residents. The Clerk was asked to amend the action plan to replace the words coffee morning with drop in sessions.

RESOLVED:- that following the aforementioned amendment, to adopt the action plan and make an appropriate allocation in the 2018-19 budget to develop projects to progress the action plan where necessary.

- 132/17 Wem Town Hall Trust Meeting** – to receive a verbal report on the meeting held 29.11.17.
In the absence of Cllr Granger, Cllr Towers gave a verbal report on this meeting to accompany the written report which was circulated.

RESOLVED:- to receive the report.

- 133/17 Wem Commercial Generation** – to discuss holding of brain storming session on this subject (at request of Cllr Nash).
Item deferred to the December meeting.

- 134/17 Correspondence** – to consider the following items of correspondence
a) Shropshire Council Policy Review quote.

RESOLVED:- to approve the quote.

b) Future of Bus Services in Shropshire

RESOLVED:- that the Clerk would supply the writers of the report with the information requested on local bus services and the comments previously submitted on the local bus service to Shropshire Council.

- 135/17 Reports**
a) To receive reports from the Council's representatives to other bodies.
Cllr Broomhall reported that the Wem Christmas Festival would take place on 1.12.17.
Cllr Towers updated Councillors on the CAB AGM he attended and reported on the SP Energy Network meeting he had also attended.
Cllr Dee reported on the activities of the Youth Club.

RESOLVED:- to receive the reports

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

No reports presented.

136/17 Future agenda items – for consideration.
Training Strategy

137/17 Dates of future meetings – to note the date of the December meeting.

RESOLVED:- to note the date of the December meeting as Thursday 14th December 2017.

138/17 Exclusion of Public and Press

To resolve 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.

RESOLVED:- to exclude the press and public.

a) Town Honours – to discuss correspondence received.
Following a vote it was

RESOLVED:- not to progress the request at this time.

b) Lease deed of variation – for discussion.

RESOLVED:- to note.