

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning, Highways and Climate Change Committee held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 18.00 in the Football Stands, Butler Sports Centre Wem

Present:- Councillor P Broomhall (Mayor), Councillors, R Dodd, R Drummond, A Everett, P Glover, C Granger, D Hill, P Johnson, M Meakin, E Towers

1 member of the public present

**1 To elect a Committee Chairman.**

**RESOLVED**:- to elect Cllr Broomhall as Committee Chairman.

**2 To receive apologies and reasons for absence.**

**RESOLVED**:- to approve the following apologies for absence

**Cllr Soul, Cllr Parry, Cllr Edge**

Absent Cllr Hoffmann

**3 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.

Cllr Glover declared a pecuniary interest on item 6c and 6d 21/02184/FUL and 21/02185/LBC

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

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

A member of the public complained about the condition of The Silver Fish shop on the High Street and requested that the Council gets in touch with the owner to ask them to visit the shop and remove items containing food.

**5 Minutes** - to approve the minutes of the Planning, Transport and Climate Change Committee meeting held on 26.3.21.

**RESOLVED**:- that the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 26.3.21 be approved as a correct record and they were duly signed by the Committee chairman.

**6 Planning applications for consideration**

a) **21/02168/FUL** - Erection of a single storey extension, following demolition of existing conservatory 12 Noble Street, Wem, SY4 5DZ.

**RESOLVED**:- to support the application.

b) **21/02169/LBC** - Erection of a single storey extension, following demolition of existing conservatory affecting a Grade II Listed Building 12 Noble Street, Wem, SY4 5DZ.

**RESOLVED:- to support the application.**

c) **21/02184/FUL** - Change of use of retail shop to cafe with takeaway;  
Conversion of redundant retail storage space on first and second floor to a residential flat 19 - 21 High Street, Wem, Shropshire, SY4 5DG.

Cllr Glover left the meeting and took no part in discussions.

**RESOLVED:- to support the application.**

d) **21/02185/LBC** - Change of use of retail shop to cafe with takeaway;  
Conversion of redundant retail storage space on first and second floor to a residential flat 19 - 21 High Street, Wem, Shropshire, SY4 5DG.

**RESOLVED:- to support the application.**

Cllr Glover returned to the meeting

e) **20/01156/FUL** - Erection of three storey (4 floors) building comprising mixed development of 39 retirement apartments, one manager's apartment and communal facilities; formation of parking areas, new accesses, and landscaping scheme; demolition of existing buildings facing New Street and outbuildings within site 17 New Street, Wem, SY4 5AE – to consider amended plans.

A discussion took place on the revised application and it was

**RESOLVED:- to support the planning application subject to the following issue being addressed**

- **The Council consider that the proposed pedestrian access between New Street and Wem Business Park is still unsatisfactory. As part of any planning permission the applicant should be required to construct a surfaced pavement wide enough for wheelchairs to provide a safe pedestrian access between New Street and Wem Business Park. What is currently proposed at the corner of New Street and The Business Park access is insufficient in width.**

**The Town Council would wish to see that any Section 106 contributions arising from this development are allocated for public open spaces instead of affordable housing.**

**7 Extension of Conservation Area – for update**

**RESOLVED:- that a meeting will be held on Teams with the Conservation Team, Town Clerk, Cllr Broomhall and Cllr Everett.**

Meeting ended at 18.30

Chairman.....