

Wem Town Council

Wem-Birthplace of the Modern Sweet Pea



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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend an ORDINARY MEETING of **WEM TOWN COUNCIL**, which will be held **in the Council Meeting Room in Wem Library, 3 High Street, Wem on Thursday 26.3.26 at 7 p.m.**

P O'Hagan
Town Clerk
20.3.26

AGENDA

- 1 **To note apologies for absence received.**
- 2 **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.
 - b) To consider any applications for Dispensations under s33 of the Localism Act 2011.
- 3 **Public Participation** - a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for residents of Wem Town to speak.
- 4 **Council Minutes** - to approve as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 26.2.26
- 5 **Reports**
 - a) To consider the Clerks progress report on decisions made at previous meetings
 - b) To receive written reports from the Council's representatives to other bodies.
 - c) To receive a written report from Shropshire Councillors for Wem Area.
 - d) To consider Town Council Services Report Cemetery, Allotments and Market reports and agree to proposed expenditure on market infrastructure.
- 6 **Planning Applications**
 - a) To note the recent planning decisions.
 - b) Planning Applications – to consider.

i.) 26/00643/VAR Development Proposed - Variation of Condition No. 2 (approved drawings) attached to planning permission ref 24/03076/VAR dated 05.11.2024
Location: - Connexus, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem.

7 Finance and Accounts for Payment.

- a) Budget report – to consider.
- b) Internal Control checks – to note.
- c) Accounts for payment - to approve accounts for payment.
- d) Internal Audit Interim Report – to consider.
- e) Town Council insurance - to review.
- f) Mayor's Fundraising Account – to consider closing unity current account and opening savings account to avoid monthly fees.
- g) Town Council Debtors - to discuss.

8 Events

- a) Christmas Festival – to discuss report on consultation held with Shropshire Festivals and consider quote for stage, discuss sponsorship opportunities and confirm market stall prices.
- b) Town Events Forum – for update on events programme.
- c) Jubilee Band on the Green Event on 27.6.26 – to discuss.

9 Town Council website upgrade – to discuss.

10 Tree Report – to consider biannual tree inspection report.

11 Vacancies

- a) **Town Council Vacancy** – to consider co-option process and set date
- b) **WSSA Trustee** – to discuss trustee vacancy. Deadline for applications

12 Wem Library – to discuss correspondence received from Shropshire Council

13 Correspondence

- a) WACA - Jubilee Square Bin (deferred from Feb meeting) and request for use of 2025-26 Climate Change Budget underspend for an Autumn Event.
- b) Laney's Little Bookshelf funding request.
- c) CASPA – request for support.

14 Dates of future meetings – to note the date and time of April meeting