

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Wem Town Council held on
Wednesday 10th February 2021 at 16.00 on the Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform

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

Mrs P O'Hagan (Town Clerk)

2 members of the public present

328/21 To receive apologies and reasons for absence.

RESOLVED:- to approve the following apology for absence Cllr's Dee, Soul and Nash.

Absent Cllrs K Edge, P Broomhall

329/21 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.

The following interests were declared

Councillor	Item	Dispensation
Cllr Mellings	Twin-hatted members declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Town Council's relationship with Shropshire Council	Dispensations to allow participation and voting on all matters relating to Shropshire Council
Cllrs Mellings and Meakin	Bias interest item 332/21 as trustee	
Cllrs Drummond and Towers	Bias interest item 332/21 as trustee	Dispensation to discuss but not vote on any matters relating to WSSA

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

330/21 Public Participation Time - a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for residents of Wem Town to speak.
No matters raised.

331/21 Planning

a) Shropshire Local Plan Review - Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan – to consider the Town Council's response.

A discussion took place on this matter and concerns were raised about the description of site 010 as this is confusing in that it should be classified as land off Lowe Hill Road and not Pym's Road. Following a wide ranging discussion it was

RESOLVED:- to submit the following response to the Regulation 19 Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan

- **The Town Council acknowledge the need for development in Wem. However the Town Council disagrees with the allocation of 025 as a preferred site for development and as an alternative to this site would suggest the capacity of 033 is increased to 90 dwellings to make up for the loss of the allocation from site 025.**
- **The Town Council is disappointed that its request submitted in response to the regulation 18 consultation for the development boundary on Mill Street be amended has been ignored and would request again that this amendment is included in the Local Plan to prevent further speculative planning applications in this area.**

b) To consider the following planning applications

i) **21/00307/FUL** Castle Mound House 67 High Street Wem SY4 5DR
 Proposal: Repair and utilise the attached outbuilding at the rear of the house, works to include constructing a new studwork partition on the first floor, reapplying an external render finish, enlarging garden WC by incorporating the wood store. Works also include extending existing rear lobby with new and enlarged rear entrance hall with new staircases and understairs WC.

RESOLVED:- to support the application.

ii) **21/00308/LBC** Castle Mound House, 67 High Street, Wem, SY4 5DR
 Proposal: Works to Listed Building to include studwork partition walling; re-applying external render, extensions to rear lobby, new staircases and understairs WC all associated works.

RESOLVED:- to support the application.

iii) **21/00221/FUL** 24 Noble Street Wem SY4 5DZ
 Proposal: Installation of 28 solar panels on roof slopes 24 Noble Street Wem SY4 5DZ

RESOLVED:- to support the application.

iv) **21/00222/LBC** 24 Noble Street Wem SY4 5DZ
 Proposal: Alterations in connection with installation of solar panels to roof slope

RESOLVED:- to support the application.

v) **21/00403/TPO** Creamore Villa, Whitchurch Road, Wem, SY4 5QR
 Proposal: Cedar (T1) - Remove one storm damaged limb, remove one other limb which overhangs adjacent Oak tree and which is shading the healthy Oak; Silver Birch (T2) Fell - over-mature and dying protected by Shropshire Council (Fimes Way and Oakley Meadow, Wem) TPO 2015

RESOLVED:- to support the application.

332/21 **Wem Sports and Social Association** – to consider a request from trustees for a contribution from the Bulmer Cottage Fund to cover the cost of the partial demolition of the building.

Cllrs Mellings and Meakin left the meeting and took no part in discussions, Cllrs Drummond and Towers did not vote on this item.

A discussion took place on the quotes for the demolition work that had been received and the planned reconfiguration work.

RESOLVED:- to allocate a maximum of £30,000 from the Bulmer Cottage Fund to Wem Sports and Social Association as a contribution towards the demolition and reconfiguration works.

Cllr Meakin returned to the meeting.

333/21

CIL Local – to consider the submission of an expression of interest to the CIL Local fund towards the cost of the rebuild of the Butler Sports Centre.

The Clerk explained that prior to an expression of interest being submitted it was necessary to include the rebuild of the Butler Sports Centre in the Wem Area Place Plan as a priority. Once the project is included in the plan then an expression of interest to CIL Local Fund towards the rebuild costs could be submitted.

RESOLVED:- to

- **Request the immediate inclusion as a priority B project in the Wem Area Place Plan the building of a sports centre / community facility on the Bowensfield site to replace the Butler Sports Centre following its demolition.**
- **To work with Trustees of Wem Sports and Social Association to submit an expression of interest application and business case for the rebuild.**

Meeting ended 17.40

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