

Minutes of an Extra Ordinary Meeting of Wem Town Council held on Thursday 24th August 2023
at 7 p.m. in the Town Council Meeting Room, Wem Library, High Street, Wem

Present:- Councillors, R Barker, R Dodd, R Drummond, R Gascoigne, C Granger, D Hill, M Hoffmann, P Johnson, M Meakin, D Parry (Deputy Mayor).

Mrs P O'Hagan (Town Clerk).

0 members of the public present.

537/23 To note apologies for absence received.

The following apologies were noted G Soul, E Towers, P Broomhall, P Glover.

538/23 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 Granger	Item 540/23ii 23/03054/FUL Stables Day Care Bias interest as she knows the applicant	
Cllrs Drummond, Meakin and Barker	Item 540/23iv 23/03287/FUL Butler Sports Centre, Bias interest as trustees of Wem Sports and Social Association	

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

None declared.

539/23 Public Participation - a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for residents of Wem Town to speak.

None present.

540/23 Planning

a) to consider the following planning applications

i) **23/03256/FUL** Coach House At Rear Of, 73 High Street, Wem, Shropshire, Shropshire

Proposal: Change of use from a stable block to dwelling, single storey extension and associated external works.

RESOLVED:- to object to the application for the following reason

- **The proposals will result in additional traffic accessing the site at Maunds Corner. There is concern for highway safety at this point as this is an already dangerous section of highway for road users and pedestrians alike.**

ii) **23/03054/FUL** Stables Day Care Nursery, 20 Wemsbrook Road, Wem, Shropshire

Proposal: Conversion of an outbuilding formerly used as a Childrens Nursery to facilitate a change of use into 4 holiday flats.

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

RESOLVED:- to comment that subject to the fire authorities' comments being addressed, the Town Council does not have any concerns over this application.

Cllr Granger returned to the meeting.

iii) **23/03268/FUL** 94 Lowe Hill Road, Wem, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5UT

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension and works to extend existing dropped kerb to the front of the property for parking for at least 2 vehicles, one vehicle for a disabled person in a wheelchair.

RESOLVED:- to comment that whilst the Town Council supports the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension it has concerns about the need for a dropped kerb as there is already adequate on road parking in the area and an existing vehicular access to this property.

iv) **23/03287/FUL** Butler Sports Centre, Bowens Field, Wem, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5AP

Proposal: Erection of a temporary modular building on the site of the previous Wem Sports & Social Club which was demolished in 2021 to act as a clubhouse for Wem Town FC and the local community

Cllrs Barker, Meakin and Drummond left the meeting and took no part in discussions.

RESOLVED:- to support the application as it will be beneficial to the community.

Cllrs Barker, Meakin and Drummond returned to the meeting.

v) Re-submission of Application **22/03272/FUL** – Unit 2 Central Car Park, High Street, Wem, SY4 5AA

23/03442/FUL Proposal: Erection of 5 No two bedroom bungalows (affordable) with associated external works.

A discussion took place on the amended proposal and it was

RESOLVED:- to submit the following comments:

The Town Council support the application as the development is less intensive and there is a need to redevelop this site. However, if the Council is minded to approve the application, then a condition must be placed on any permission that all future tenants of the properties must meet local connection criteria.

Meeting ended 20.00

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