

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Wem Town Council held on
Thursday 17th December 2020 at 19.00 on the Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform

Present:- Councillor P Glover (Mayor), Councillors, P Broomhall, P Dee, R Drummond, K Edge, A Everett, C Granger, D Hill, P Johnson, M Meakin, C Mellings, G Nash, G Soul, E Towers

Mrs P O'Hagan (Town Clerk)

1 Member of the public present

291/20 To receive apologies and reasons for absence

None

292/20 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 Dee and 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
Cllr Granger	Bias interest item 296/20 planning application 20/04088/FUL	

b) To consider any applications for Dispensations under s33 of the Localism Act 2011.
None declared

293/20 Public Participation Time - a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for residents of Wem Town to speak.

No matters raised.

294/20 Council Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 26th November 2020.

RESOLVED:- that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on the zoom virtual meeting platform on 26.11.20 be approved as a correct record. Authority was given for them to be signed by the Mayor at a later date.

295/20 Reports –

a) Clerks progress Report - to consider the Clerks progress report on matters arising at previous meetings.

RESOLVED:- to note the report.

296/20 Planning Applications

a) Planning Applications for consideration

i) 20/04088/FUL Development Proposed - Conversion of integral garage to living space location - 7 Creamore Corner, Wem, SY4 5YB
Cllr Granger left the meeting and took no part in discussions.

RESOLVED:- to support the application.

Cllr Granger returned to the meeting.

ii) 20/04964/TCA Development Proposed - Works to reduce by 33% 1No Holly Tree and 2No Cherry Trees within Wem Conservation Area location: - Summerlea, New Street, Wem.

RESOLVED:- to support the application.

b) Planning Decisions – to consider report.

RESOLVED:- to note the report.

297/20 Finance and Accounts

a) Monthly budget report – for consideration.

It was reported that the Mayor had completed the internal control checks for November.

RESOLVED:- to note the report.

b) Accounts for payment - to approve accounts for payment and payments made prior to meeting under delegated authority.

RESOLVED:- to note error in November payments sheet as payment authorised did not include VAT.

Supplier	Service	Net	Vat	Gross	Chq / BACS No
Shropshire Pools & Spas	Pipework	2164.00	432.80	2596.80	135.20

RESOLVED:- to note the following bank transfers.

Bank transfers made prior to meeting.

Account	Reason	Minute ref	Date	Amount
Bulmer Cottage Account	Transfer to Unity Bank Account (Swimming Pool Repairs)	195/20	28.5.20	£32,860.00
Developers Reserve Account	Contribution to WSSA for tractor purchase	196/20	28.5.20	£32,400.00

RESOLVED:- to approve the following accounts.

Supplier	Service	Net	Vat	Gross	Chq / BACS No
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Town Clerk	December Expenses Flag Purchase	34.91	6.98	41.89	150.20
PG Skips	Bin Emptying November Cemetery & Rec.	88.68	17.76	106.44	151.20
PG Skips	Skip Hire x 2	520.00	104.00	624.00	152.20
Cllr Glover	Mayors Hospitality	32.76	6.55	39.31	153.20
SALC	Contract Training	30.00		30.00	154.20
ISM Ltd	Computer Contract	61.98	12.40	74.38	155.20
Rialtus	Annual support and maintenance licence	260.00	52.00	312.00	156.20
SLCC	Membership	234.00		234.00	157.20
Via Della Emilia Ltd	Cemetery Hedge cutting Rec works Total	465.00 100.00 565.00	93.00 20.00 113.00	558.00 120.00 678.00	158.20
NS Print	Covid Signs Play Areas	126.00	25.20	151.20	159.20
Viking	Stationery	65.06	13.01	78.07	160.20
Severn Wye Agency	Feasibility Study	8751.00	1750.20	10501.20	161.20
Mark Fitton	Bus Shelter Cleaning Dec	65.00		65.00	162.20
Shropshire Council	Dec Salaries and Nov Casual hours	8314.56		8314.56	163.20
Healthmatic	Toilet Cleaning December	829.17	165.83	995.00	164.20
Onecom	Telephone Charges	48.11	9.62	57.73	DD

c) To delegate authority to Town Clerk, Mayor and Chairman of Finance and Corporate Governance Committee to approve invoices for payment received up to 31.12.20.

RESOLVED:- to delegate authority to the Town Clerk, Mayor and Chairman of Finance and Corporate Governance Committee to approve invoices for payment received up to 31.12.20.

298/20 Amenities and Services Committee Meeting 8.3.20 – to receive draft minutes from this meeting and consider any recommendations made.

RESOLVED:- to receive the draft minutes and approve the recommendations contained within them with the exception of recommendation under minute point 6c which is to be amended to the following;

Resolved:- to recommend that the Town Council

- Does not adopt the public open spaces on phase 2 of the Wilmott Meadow development.
- Agrees to undertake the grass cutting of the land adjacent to the public open space in phase 1 which is already maintained by the Town Council.
- Agrees to reconsider this decision regarding the adoption of the public open space adjacent to the railway line in 2 years.

299/20 Wem Town Hall – to consider 6 month report produced in lieu of Town Hall Committee meeting.
The Clerk apologised that she had omitted to circulate the report prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:- to note.

300/20 Town Council Office Christmas Closure and emergency cover details – to note.

RESOLVED:- to note.

301/20 Correspondence - for consideration

a) Speeding Concerns Shawbury Road

RESOLVED:- to note the correspondence.

b) Shropshire Playing Fields Association

RESOLVED:- that the Town Council submits the following comment as a response to the Cultural Strategy

- The Town Council is fully supportive of the Shropshire Playing Fields Association response relating to the inclusion of Play and its importance to the Strategy.

c) Census Briefing note

RESOLVED:- to note the report.

302/20 Reports

a) To receive written reports from the Council's representatives to other bodies. Report received from Cllr Drummond on the recent Bloom meeting.

RESOLVED:- to note the report.

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

RESOLVED:- to note the written report from Cllr Mellings.

303/20 Future agenda items – for consideration Councillor's opportunity to raise items for inclusion on the next agenda – *Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making* – none raised

304/20 Date of next meeting – to note date of January meeting.

RESOLVED:- to note that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 28th January 2021.

Meeting ended 20.00

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