

Minutes of a Meeting of Wem Town Council held on Thursday 27th January 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem

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

Mrs P O'Hagan (Town Clerk)

145/22 To receive and consider for approval apologies for absence and reasons given.

RESOLVED:-to accept the following apologies for absence

Cllr Johnson – away, Cllr Edge – family commitment.

146/22 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
Cllrs Towers and Broomhall	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 Towers	154/22 Bias interest director of WSLC	Dispensation to allow participation but not voting on all matters relating to WSLC

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

An application for dispensation to speak and vote on the precept was received from Cllr Everett.

RESOLVED:-to award a dispensation to Cllr Everett to speak and vote on the precept.

c) Register of interests – As part of the Code of Conduct adopted in 28.10.21 to note the need to complete and return to Shropshire Council an Other Registerable Interests form.

147/22 Public Participation - a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for residents of Wem Town to speak - none present.

148/22 Council Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 21st December 2021 and 20th January 2022

RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the Town Council Meetings held on 21.12.21 and 20.1.22 be approved as correct records and they were duly signed by the Mayor.

149/22 Progress report - To consider the Clerks progress report on decisions made at previous meetings.

RESOLVED:- to note the Clerk's progress report.

150/22 Planning Applications

a) To note the recent planning decisions.

RESOLVED:- to note the decisions report.

b) To consider the following planning applications

20/01156/FUL Re-consultation due to Amendment on application - 17 New Street, Wem, SY45AE Proposal: Erection of 26 No. 2 bed and 11 No. 1 bed retirement apartments with guest and manager accommodation, communal facilities, formation of parking areas, new access and landscaping scheme, following of demolition of existing buildings facing New Street and outbuildings within the site.

RESOLVED:- to comment that the Town Council is satisfied that it's comments submitted previously have been satisfied.

151/22 Finance and Accounts for Payment.

a) Internal Controls – to note that internal checks carried out by The Mayor are up to date.

RESOLVED:- to note that the internal control checks were up to date.

b) Monthly income expenditure against budget report – to consider.

RESOLVED:- to note the budget report up to 27.1.22.

c) Accounts for payment - to approve accounts for payment.

RESOLVED:- to approve the following accounts for payment

Supplier	Service	Net	Vat	Gross	Chq / BACS No
EE	Mobile phone	39.25	7.85	47.10	DD
Talk Talk	Broadband	21.95	4.39	26.34	DD
Onecom	Landline	31.60	6.32	37.92	DD
Business 2 Business	Broadband start up	101.21	20.24	121.45	DD
Shropshire Council	Office Rental	1525.00	0.00	1525.00	171.21
Shropshire Council	Payroll charge	152.50	30.50	183.00	172.21

Security Wise	Camera fault investigation	521.00	104.20	625.20	173.21
West Mercia Energy	Energy (Toilets)	108.57	5.43	114.00	174.21
DW Evans	Gravedigging	630.00	0.00	630.00	175.21
Highline Electrical	Streetlighting repairs	54.00	10.80	64.80	176.21
ISM Ltd	Computer Contract	86.97	17.40	104.37	177.21
PG Skips	Rec and cemetery bins	115.30	23.05	138.35	178.21
Viking	Misc. stationery	36.54	7.31		179.21
	Postage	66.00			
	Total			109.85	
PG Skips	Skip	350.00	70.00	420.00	180.21
Mark Fitton	Bus shelter cleaning	70.00	0.00	70.00	181.21
City B Group	Market Stalls	3093.00	618.60	3711.60	182.21
SLCC	Cyber Awareness Training	49.00	9.80	58.80	183.21
Shropshire Council	Salaries January	9134.89	0.00	9134.89	184.21
Healthmatic	Toilet Cleaning	829.17	165.83	995.00	185.21
City B Group	Market Stall Valances	100.00	120.00	20.00	186.21
Via Della Emilia	Tree works storm	876.00	175.20	1051.20	187.21
	Arwen				
	Rec. works	347.00	69.40	416.40	
	Total			1467.60	
Shaw & Sons	Register of graves	176.00	35.20	211.20	188.21

152/22 Finance and Corporate Governance Meeting 11.1.22 - to receive draft minutes from this meeting and consider any recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED:- to receive the draft minutes from this meeting and any recommendations not previously approved.

153/22 Traffic Working Group meeting 12.1.22 - to consider report on meeting. A discussion took place on this item and the fact it was important to fully understand the impact that the implementation of a one way system would have on the town.

RESOLVED:- to receive the draft report from this meeting and approve the recommendation that Shropshire Council is asked to fund WSP (UK) to undertake a traffic impact assessment on the following proposals

- **Development of a clockwise or anti clockwise one way system around the town.**
- **The reversal of the existing one way system on Chapel Street/Leek Street.**
- **Management of traffic around Maunds Corner.**

154/22 Wem Swimming and Lifestyle Centre Liaison Group Meeting 14.1.22– to receive draft notes from this meeting and discuss any recommendations made.

A discussion took place on the need to ensure that the Clerk has apologies from councillors if they cannot make the meeting so that meetings can be cancelled if they are not going to be quorate.

RESOLVED:- to receive the draft notes from the meeting held 14.1.22 and to nominate Cllrs Dodd and Hill as reserves for future WSLC Liaison Group meetings.

155/22 Queen Platinum Jubilee

a) Steering Group meeting 11.1.22 to receive report on meeting held 11.1.22.

RESOLVED:- to receive the draft report.

b) Plant a tree for the Jubilee – to receive update on and discuss funding for. It was reported that there had been considerable interest in this project with over 80 people requesting a free tree.

RESOLVED:- to

- **Increase the amount of trees on offer to accommodate all who had requested a tree by 31.1.22**
- **Locate the Jubilee Tree donated by Shropshire Council on Wem Recreation Ground.**

156/22 Town Council's Strategic Priorities 2021-25 – to consider draft plan.

A discussion took place on this item especially relating to the need to improve the High Street especially shop frontages.

RESOLVED:- to adopt the Strategic Priorities for 2022-25.

157/22 Floral Planter Watering and Maintenance Contract – to consider quotes received and award contract.

It was explained that only one quote had been received despite the contract being advertised on the website and on noticeboards.

RESOLVED:-

To suspend financial regulations to allow only 1 quote to be considered for this contract.

To award the 2022-23 Floral Planter watering and maintenance contract to Harlequin services.

158/22 Climate Change

a) To review action plan.

The action plan was reviewed and it was

RESOLVED:- to receive the action plan.

b) To consider correspondence from Covenant of Mayors.

A discussion took place on this item and the difficulty of uploading the information required onto the website and it was

RESOLVED:- to rescind the resolution 24.4.19 to sign up to the Covenant of Mayors and allow the suspension to stand.

159/22 Fire Station CCTV Camera – to consider quote to replace camera.
It was suggested that a pan tilt zoom camera may not be the most appropriate camera for this location and the Clerk was asked to seek a quote for an alternative camera that provided a 360 degree view of the site.

RESOLVED:- to defer a decision on this matter to the next meeting.

160/22 Consultations

a) Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure plan – Shropshire.
Councillors were urged to complete the survey as individuals. A discussion took place on this matter and disappointment was expressed that the Town had not been selected as a priority site. The views of a correspondent on this matter were considered and it was

RESOLVED:- to delegate authority to the Clerk to respond to the survey on behalf of the Town Council and to provide suggestions for the improvement of walking and cycling links around the town.

b) Shropshire Council Budget Consultation.

RESOLVED:- not to respond.

161/22 City of Sanctuary - to consider verbal report from Cllr Towers and Parry following meeting held with regional lead on 19.1.22.

RESOLVED:- not to progress this matter but to ask a representative from Shropshire Supports Refugees to speak at the Annual Town Meeting so that those present can learn more about how the Town can best support refugees settled in the area.

162/22 Correspondence

a) Termly Heads Up Report.

RESOLVED:- to note the report.

163/22 Reports

a) To receive written reports from the Council's representatives to other bodies.
None received

b) To receive a written report from Shropshire Councillors Broomhall and Towers.

RESOLVED:- to note the written report received from Cllrs Towers and Broomhall.

164/22 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.*

Claire Greenaway to be requested to attend a future meeting.

Remembrance Service – to discuss road closure options on 11th November itself.

Councillor badges – to consider purchase of.

165/22 Dates of future meetings –

a) To note the date and time of February meeting.

RESOLVED:- to note that the February meeting will be held on 24.2.22.

166/22 Exclusion of Public and Press

To resolve that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

RESOLVED:- to exclude the press and public (none present).

a) Royal Mourning Protocols – for review.

RESOLVED:- to adopt the reviewed protocols.

Meeting ended at 20.20