

Minutes of a Meeting of Wem Town Council held on Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem

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

Mrs P O'Hagan - Town Clerk

3 members of the public present

205/22 To receive and consider for approval apologies for absence and reasons given.

RESOLVED:-to accept the following apologies and reasons for absence

Cllr Glover and Cllr Hoffmann (work commitment).

Absent - Cllr Johnson

206/22 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.

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 Edge	Bias interest planning application 22/01177/OUT as knows applicants	

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

None received.

207/22 Public Participation - a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for residents of Wem Town to speak.

A representative of Wem Civic Society raised the following objections to the planning application 22/01177/OUT.

- Whilst the proposals were outside of Wem town's boundary they would have a negative impact on Wem Town and the settlement of Aston.
- The proposed development is outside of the development boundary and the infrastructure of the town is not suitable for a development of this nature.

208/22 Planning Applications

To consider whether the Town Council wish to submit comments on the following Planning Application 22/01177/OUT Land North East of Church Lane, Soulton, Wem. Ref. No: Outline application for residential development of three dwellings (all matters reserved).

Cllr Edge left the room and took no part in discussions.

A discussion took place and concern was raised that the application fell outside of the development boundary in designated open countryside.

RESOLVED:-to object to the application as it falls outside of the development boundary in open countryside as designated in the local plan and cannot be considered to be an exception site.

209/22 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.

a) Staff Sick leave - to discuss and consider quotes to provide cover.

RESOLVED:-

- To suspend financial regulations to allow for less than 3 quotes to be considered for maintenance works relating to the Groundsman's sick leave cover.
- To approve the quote received from Shrewsbury Town Council to provide grass cutting services on a 14 day cycle on all of the Town Council's public open spaces in Wem and the football pitch at the Butler Sports Centre.
- To approve the quote received from Via Della Emelia to remove fence panels and Hawthorn Tree adjacent to Oakley Meadow Public Open Space.
- To approve the quote submitted by David Murray to undertake weekly cemetery grass cutting and fortnightly strimming at Love Lane Cemetery.
- To delegate authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with Mayor and Deputy Mayor to authorise the payment of additional hours to permanent and casual staff to provide sick leave cover.
- To earmark underspend from 2021-22 staffing budget with the exception of £750 to cover cost of additional expenditure for cover relating to staff sick leave.
- To review all cover arrangements at the June meeting of the Town Council.

Meeting ended at 16.30

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