

Progress Report on matters raised at previous meetings as at 11.9.25

Item	Minute No.	Update
<b>Highways issues</b>	357/22 406/23	Wem Traffic Project new Unitary Councillors to be asked to continue to push for traffic impact assessment to be included in a future Shropshire Council capital budget.
<b>Wilmott Meadow</b>	112/18	Taylor Wimpey progressing legal transfer of phase 1 POS. Awaiting section 38 agreement with Shropshire Council for the storm drains to be completed before the public open space transfer can take place. Chased again May 25 Taylor Wimpey still awaiting adoption completion by Shropshire Council
<b>Climate change</b>	648/24 793/24	Climate Change Action Plan updated and on website
<b>Public Toilets</b>		No major issues over summer
<b>Mill Dam Seats</b>	665/24 65/25-26	Renovated and installed.
<b>Streetlighting</b>	44/25-29	Order placed for column replacement works SP Energy network cost breakdown – email sent, response circulated
<b>Town Council office</b>	73/25-29	Surveyor appointed report underway
<b>Events</b> Christmas Festival  Carols	888/25  41/25-29b	Market stall bookings open for Christmas Road Closure approved, signs purchased  Date to be set.
<b>Mayoral chain</b>	890/25	Not updated as per 890/25 Deputy Mayor's bar engraved
<b>Jubilee Square Tree</b>	891/25	£600 earmarked prior to year end closedown
<b>Christmas Lights</b>	24/25-29a	Creative Kids competition winning entry being manufactured
<b>Lowe hill Development</b>	59/25-29c	Email sent ref meeting 1.8.25 no response to date
<b>Policing Panel and PCC Survey</b>	<b>70/25-29</b>	Survey sent Names of Councillors on panel provided
<b>LNRS Local Nature Recovery Scheme Cluster Group</b>	<b>71/25-29</b>	Response sent 1.8.28
<b>Msc.</b>		
Allotments		All 66 plots at Love Lane are let. Five people are on the waiting list. Following the last formal inspection (July) there were 4 plots not being maintained and with little cultivation. This is a breach of the tenancy agreement and improvement letters were sent, leading 3 tenants to vacate. One is being monitored. The next inspection is in October.

		<p>Allotment income to date is £2,177 (total last year was £2,123)</p> <p><b>Allotment Community</b> New tenants seem keen and proactive and there is a thriving community at Love Lane and some great networking among the new and existing tenants, which supports health and wellbeing. Despite the very dry and hot summer t an abundance of produce has been harvested.</p> <p><b>Water Troughs</b> Due to a very dry summer, we have seen a rise in our water bills for the allotments Last year the total water bill was £257. So far this year we have paid £471.</p> <p><b>Promotion</b> We are planning a meet your neighbour event, celebrate your harvest in September and are looking to organise a seed swap in the Spring.</p>
Cemetery	65/25-29	<p>Good Grief sign fixed to one of the benches on Love Lane Cemetery.</p> <p><u>Since April 2025:</u> WTC managed and attended 9 burials from April 2025 to date. One of these was out of parish. 11 memorial permits issued Income, made up of interment fees, plot purchase, memorial permits and transfer of exclusive rights: £10,930.</p> <p><b>Cemetery capacity</b> We are currently on row 26 which is the last row before the path, leaving space for 10 burials on this side of the cemetery.</p> <p><b>Cremated remains</b> The cemetery working group has met to discuss allocating an area of the cemetery for cremated remains, which will offer the opportunity for Wem Town Council to provide an additional service option to residents. We have notified the main funeral directors in the area that we are now able to offer and manage this service.</p>
Market		<p>Income to the end of August: Market Rents: £1305 Market Licences £70</p>
Worknest HR and H&S consultants		Ongoing
2024-25 Accounts	40/25-29	Awaiting external audit report
WSSA		Trustee meeting next meeting 2.10.25.
CCTV		Working party meeting to be arranged,
Floral Planters		On display will be removed 30.09.25
Wem Store Cupboard Project		next meeting 1.10.25
Wem SNT Contract	45/25-29	Contract to be reviewed Jan 2026
Honorary Townsman	53/25-29b	Both recipients have accepted award. Presentation will take place on 16 <sup>th</sup> October.

All general information received that does not require a decision has been circulated via email.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Committee / Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
2.10.25	19.00	WSSA Trustees	Wem Library
15.10.25	14.30	WSLC Liaison Group	Wem Library
24.10.25	10.00	Finance Committee	Wem Library
30.10.25	19.00	Full Council	Wem Library
27.11.25	19.00	Full Council	Wem Library
18.12.25	19.00	Full Council	Wem Library
29.1.26	19.00	Full Council	Wem Library
26.2.26	19.00	Full Council	Wem Library
26.3.26	19.00	Full Council	Wem Library
30.4.26	19.00	Full Council	Wem Library