

Minutes of a Meeting of Wem Town Council held in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem on Thursday 24th November 2016 at 7 p.m.

Present:-Councillors, R Dodd (Mayor), E Towers (Deputy Mayor), P Dee, M Meakin, P Broomhall, P Glover, J Murray, D Boddy, C Mellings, P Moyse, C Granger, C Shingler, P Johnson.
Mrs Penny O'Hagan (Town Clerk).

3 members of the public present.
Rev Adams said prayers at the start of the meeting.

110/16 To receive apologies and reasons for absence.

RESOLVED:- to accept the following apology for absence;
K Bailey.

111/16 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
Shropshire Councillor Cllr Dee, Cllr Mellings	Twin-hatted members declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Town Council's relationship with Shropshire Council	Dispensation previously granted to allow participation and voting on all matters relating to Shropshire Council
Cllr Towers, Cllr Mellings	Progress report item 114/16 Wem Swimming and Lifestyle Centre Trustees	Councillors allowed to participate but not vote in all discussions regarding this organisation

b) To consider any applications for Dispensations under s33 of the Localism Act 2011 – none received.

112/16 Public Participation Time a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for residents of Wem Town to speak.

Mr Edwards raised the following items

Bus stop - Following the removal of the old bus stop a temporary bus stop in Mill Steet is in place.

Streetlight adjacent to bridge on Mill Street – Mr Edwards questioned why the installation of a streetlight in this location requires a full road closure.

River Roden Clean out – Mr Edwards reported that work had been carried out to clear the riverside behind The Mill but that the work did not extend beyond the railway bridge.

HGV survey - Mr Edwards stated that he felt the HGV survey was carried out over too short a time period to be of any use and he asked how much the survey had cost Shropshire Council to carry out.

Cllr Mellings responded that the new light on Mill Street will not require a road closure as the work will be carried out in the evening when the road is quieter. The day burning of the new lights and removal of the old columns on Mill Street are also due to be actioned in December.

113/16 Council Minutes.

To approve as a correct record the minutes of an ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 27th October 2016.

RESOLVED:- to approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 27th October 2016 as a correct record and they were duly signed by the Mayor.

114/16 Progress report - To consider the Clerks progress report on matters arising at previous meetings.

The Clerk updated the Council that The Safer Roads Partnership had agreed to reconsider Mill Street as a potential community Speed watch site.

RESOLVED:- to note the report.

115/16 Planning Applications.

Meeting was adjourned for 3 minutes at 19.20 for Councillors to view planning applications

a)Planning Applications for consideration

16/04872/OUT: Proposed Dwelling South Of Tilley Lodge, Tilley Road, Wem, Proposal: Outline application (access for consideration) for the erection of one dwelling; to include some demolition.

RESOLVED:- to support the application.

16/04699/FUL - 25 Lowe Hill Gardens, Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing sunroom

RESOLVED:- to support the application

16/04752/FUL: The Gate House, 45 Lowe Hill Road, Wem, SY4 5UA
Proposal: Erection of single storey extensions following demolition of conservatory

RESOLVED:- to support the application.

16/05047/FUL: 12 Marlcroft, Wem, SY4 5AN. Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension.

RESOLVED:- to support the application.

16/02959/FUL: Tony Moss Motor Cycles, 56 Aston Street, Wem, Shrewsbury, SY4 5AU. Proposal: Change of use of ground floor from Motorcycle Showroom to single residential dwelling; demolition of single storey motorcycle showroom and erection of two dwellings. Amended proposal.

A discussion took place on this application and concerns were raised about the fact the development would have an impact on the street, however councillors felt that due to the existing residential housing along this section of Aston Street the development would be in keeping with the area.

A proposal was made that the Town Council maintains its objection to the application.

Cllr Broomhall proposed the following amendment to the aforementioned

That the Town Council withdraws its original objection in light of the amended application and supports the application. Following a vote on the amended motion it was;

RESOLVED:- to support the amendment to the original proposal and to support the planning application.

b) To note the recent planning decisions.

RESOLVED:- to note the report.

c) Planning Correspondence

To consider Shropshire Local Plan Review.

Cllr Mellings reported on the review of the Local Plan and a discussion took place on how the Town Council could seek the view of residents to develop a plan for the future development of the Town

RESOLVED:- to defer this item to a future meeting.

116/16 Finance and Accounts for Payment

a) To approve monthly financial statement.

The accounts were presented and it was;

RESOLVED:- to note the report.

b) To approve accounts for payment and payments made prior to meeting.

RESOLVED:- to authorise the following payments.

Accounts paid prior to the meeting on 24.11.16

Supplier	Service	Net	Vat	Gross	Chq no.
Shropshire Council	Payroll Aug	6542.74	12.72	6555.46	DD
Shropshire Council	Payroll Sept	6563.27	12.72	6575.99	DD

Accounts for authorisation on 24.11.16

Supplier	Service	Net	Vat	Gross	BACS No
Amberol	Barrel planter	97.00	19.40	116.40	BACS 27

PG Skips	Recreation ground bin emptying	51.24	10.25	61.49	BACS 28
	Cemetery bin emptying	32.44	6.49	38.93	
	Skip emptying	69.00	13.80	82.80	
	Total	152.68	30.54	183.22	
Viking	Stamps and paper	90.46	7.09	97.55	BACS 29
XMA	Toner	46.84	9.37	56.21	BACS 30
Mark Fitton	Bus shelter cleaning November	45.00		45.00	BACS 31
Severn Business Solutions	Back up repair	22.50	4.50	27.00	BACS 32
Shropshire Council	Lighting energy 3 rd quarter	2830.25	566.05	3396.30	BACS 33
Healthmatic Ltd	Oct Toilet Cleaning	787.50	157.50	945.00	BACS 34
SLCC	Membership	200.00		200.00	BACS 35
WME	Toilet Electricity Oct	32.64	1.69	34.27	BACS 36
Talk Talk	Broadband	16.00	3.20	19.20	DD
Wem Jubilee Band	Remembrance Parade contribution	60.00		60.00	300008
Wem Christmas Lights	Contribution	3000.00		3000.00	300009
J. Ralphps	Timber purchase reimbursement	40.00	8.00	48.00	300010

117/16 Amenities and Services Committee meeting 10.11.16. - To approve these minutes and recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED:- to approve the minutes of 10.11.16 and recommendations contained therein.

118/16 BT Phone Box – to consider correspondence received from Shropshire Council relating to the proposed removal of BT phone box in New Street. It was reported that the phone box currently had a high number of calls being made from it and there was strong evidence that it should be retained.

RESOLVED:- To request the retention of the phone box on New Street as there is evidence of regular use due to its location close to social housing and the doctors surgery.

FURTHER RESOLVED:- That the Clerk contact BT to ask why the Mill Street phone box has not been removed.

119/16 Shropshire Open Space Needs Assessment – to review Shropshire Council's database of Existing provision of public open space in Wem and to consider questionnaire about views and opinions on public open space in Wem.

The database for the town was reviewed and no areas were identified as missing from the list.

RESOLVED:- to delegate authority to Town Clerk to respond to questionnaire on the Town Council's behalf.

120/16 Highways Issues

a) Incident Book - To consider response from Wem Safer Neighbourhood Team relating to request to hold an incident book in Wem Town Hall.

RESOLVED:- to support Wem Safer Neighbourhood Team's response that they would not support any plans to hold an incident book in the Town Hall.

b) HGV survey – To receive an update on the survey results and to agree the date and format of future meetings/drop in sessions to enable the Town Council and residents to discuss the results with Shropshire Council officers.

A discussion took place on this item and it was considered that in the interests of transparency any presentation of the survey's results to the Town Council should be open to the press and public.

RESOLVED:- to organise a special meeting of the Town Council on 12.1.17 at 7pm to receive a presentation of the results of the HGV survey.

121/16 Correspondence – to consider the following items of correspondence (copies enclosed).

a) Rotary Club – to consider request that the Town Council takes on responsibility for floral planters at the entrances to the Town.

Cllr Moyse declared a bias interest and took no part in discussions.

A discussion took place on the need to ensure that the planters were well looked after as they were an entrance to the town for residents and visitors.

RESOLVED:- to agree to take on the management of the entrance planters and the Clerk was asked to develop a sponsorship scheme of the planters to cover costs of the additional maintenance.

b) To receive Mr Hand's emails of 21.10.16 and 8.11.16 relating to new streetlights on Mill Street and items raised at October meeting of the Town Council.

RESOLVED:- to approve response to questions raised as follows

Vehicle Activated Sign Location - The resolution that was passed by the Town Council at its October meeting stated that the Town Council would include provision in the 2017-18 budget to allow for the purchase of a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on Mill Street. No decision has been made whether it will be within the 20 mph zone, this decision will be made following discussion with the Highway Authority.

Mill Street Streetlights - The Town Council was informed by Shropshire Council in February that work to replace lights would take place in March 2016. This item was for information only and no maps of where the lights were to be located or details of column styles were included in the email therefore the item was noted by the Town Council.

c) SP Energy Networks Project update 2 - updated line route report and Stage One Consultation feedback report – for noting.

RESOLVED:- to note the feedback report.

d) Wem WI – to consider request that the Town Council helps with the maintenance of 90th Birthday Commemoration trees.

It was reported that when this matter was originally discussed the original agreement would be that the WI would have to take on all the future maintenance of the trees. In addition to this the location of the trees is not on an area of grass cut by the Town Council.

RESOLVED:- to respond that the Town Council is unable to offer the services of the Groundsman in looking after the trees as they are located on land not maintained by the Town Council.

122/16 Reports

a) To receive reports from the Council’s representatives to other bodies. Councillors were thanked for sending in reports for circulation in advance of the meeting. A paper copy of reports was circulated and it was;

RESOLVED:- note the reports.

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

A paper copy of the reports from Cllr Mellings and Cllr Dee were circulated. A discussion took place on Shropshire Council’s plans to remove the cardboard recycling unit and the impact this may have on residents if this was removed too soon.

Cllr Mellings was asked to request that a temporary CCTV is located by the recycling bins to prevent unwanted items being dumped as this was becoming a problem. Cllr Mellings responded that this was being considered by Bronze Level Task Force Team.

RESOLVED:- note the report.

123/16 Information/future agenda items – for consideration.

Cllr Towers presented the Town Design Statement and thanked all involved for their work to develop the document.

Cllr Moyses presented his Welcome to Wem booklet which was warmly received. Cllr Murray requested that cashpoint facilities in the town be added to a future agenda.

124/16 Dates of future meetings – To note date of December meeting

RESOLVED:- to note the December meeting date of 15.12.16

Meeting ended at 20.30

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