

## WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 12th April 2000 at 7 p.m. at Admaston House Community Centre, Admaston.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Mrs. R.M. Hargrave (Chairman), B.C. Brown, V.M.E. Holt, Mrs. E.S. Jones, Mrs. J. Savage, J.G. Thomas and C.H. Whittingham. Mr. M.S.J. Goldstraw (Clerk to the Council), Cllr. Miss J. Seymour (Unitary Councillor), Mr. Oldham-Malcolm and three members of the public.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. Carver, Cllr. Tomlinson and PC Palmer.

**2. Welcome and presentation of Annual Report of the Parish Council**

The Chairman welcomed all present to the Annual Parish Meeting and gave the report of the council **Attached**.

Cllr. Holt congratulated the Chairman and endorsed the report confirming that the combined experience of Cllrs. Thomas and Whittingham would indeed be missed. He confirmed that there was good news in that the Post Office now has a temporary Post a new applicant was in the pipeline.

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All members of the council expressed their gratitude for the service of Cllrs. Thomas and Whittingham.

**3. Report from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, St.Peters Primary School**

The report was presented by Mr. Oldham-Malcolm **Attached**.

Mr. Orrell asked if preference was to be given to pupils from the rural areas. Mr. Oldham-Malcolm stated that there was a possibility of another school at Apley Castle - St.Peters was currently at the top of it's capacity. St.Peters would continue to serve the rural areas.

**4. Unitary Councillors report**

Cllr. Seymour passed on the apologies of Cllr. Blackwell and gave her own report followed by that of Cllr. Blackwell. **Attached**.

Cllr. Holt asked for details of the proposed cabinet structure with particular regard to what opportunities were available for debate.

Cllr. Seymour gave details of Scrutiny Panels.  
A discussion was held on the merits of the structure.

**5. Report from Local Organisations**

**The Wrockwardine & Tiddicross Charities**

Mr. M. Goldstraw presented the report on behalf of the Charities:  
**Attached.**

**Wrockwardine Parish Hall**

No report was presented.

**6. Local Policing Report**

There were no police officers present.

**7. Resolutions**

No resolutions were presented to the meeting.

**Question Time**

Mr. Orrell asked why there were no minutes from last years meeting presented. The Clerk apologised to the meeting for the lack of minutes.

Mr. Orrell asked the Chairman of the Parish Council to explain the increase in precept. Cllr. Hargrave explained the expenditure needs of the council and gave details of previous years where the council had spent more than it had raised in it's precept and now needed to restore balances to an acceptable level to avoid overspending.

Cllr. Brown pointed out that there had been, over the years, significant increases in the responsibilities of the council which has meant that the hours and remuneration of the clerk have moved to be in line with national standards and there have been other increases in administrative costs.

A discussion was held on the financial demands the council has to deal with.

**There being no further questions, the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.**

**Signed.....**

**Date.....**