

PARISH OF WROCKWARDINE
Annual Parish Meeting

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 12th May 2005
at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. - K.J.S. Ballantyne – Chairman of the Parish Meeting
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk to the Parish Meeting

Also in attendance: Eleven members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed all to the 2005 Annual Parish Meeting and gave a brief outline of the purpose of and requirement (in law) for an Annual Parish meeting and reminded all present that this was not, as was sometimes mistakenly thought, a meeting of the Parish Council but a meeting of the Parish.

The Chairman offered refreshments to all.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Powell and Kenny, PC McPherson and Mr. G. Hayward. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Borough members, Cllrs Blackwell and Miss Seymour, had advised that they were attending another meeting of the Borough Council but hoped to be present in time to present their reports.

2. Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Savage, seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true record.

3. Presentation of the Annual Report of the Parish Council

Cllr. Ballantyne presented his report as Chairman of the Parish Council. He thanked all of the Councillors for their work during the past twelve months and stated that they should be pleased that Council has achieved a great deal. Cllr. Ballantyne thanked the Clerk for his help and advice during the last 12 months.

Cllr. Ballantyne informed the meeting that later in the year the Parish Council intended to invite Mark Pritchard MP to speak to the Parish and there would be an opportunity for all to ask questions.

Mr. Meredith asked Cllr. Ballantyne to comment upon the recent application by the operators of Leaton Quarry for an increase in HGV in light of the fact that the Traffic Commission had stated that they could do nothing but the Borough could put in place their own restrictions.

Cllr. Ballantyne stated that the Traffic Authority is reluctant to put restrictions when there are already operations in place. If the community feels that substantial changes in the present use are being made then the public are entitled to ask the Borough to place restrictions. The Transport Authority exists to consider if a site is suitable and provided the site is suitable, they do not see their role as arbitrator between the Borough and its residents. If planning permission is not required the Borough can not impose conditions.

Mr. Orrell spoke of the restrictions currently in place and asked if the restrictions would follow through for any new permission.

Cllr. Ballantyne stated that if either Mr. Meredith or Mr. Orrell wished to write to the Borough it would be better for them to do so as individuals. The Clerk advised that as the meeting was not a Parish Council meeting, there could be no parish council resolution on the matter. If this matter was to be discussed by the council it would need to be properly placed on the next agenda and that would be in a months' time.

Cllr. Ballantyne stated that if it was the wish of the meeting he would write to the Borough as Chairman of the Parish Meeting to raise the concerns of the meeting with them.

Cllr. Orrell asked about the likelihood of Admaston Halt being re-opened and spoke of potential parking problems.

Cllr. Ballantyne responded by outlining the scheme as envisaged; the scheme was not to be a commuter halt and there would be no car parking facilities. Details of the recently commissioned survey were conveyed to the meeting.

The meeting discussed the proposals further.

Mr. A. Meredith spoke of local concerns over damage being caused to curb sides by Heavy Goods vehicles. The Chairman referred to a meeting held with highway engineers.

8.07 p.m. Cllrs. Blackwell and Miss Seymour joined the meeting.

4. Report from the Parish Councils representative on the Board of Governors of St Peter's Primary School

There was no report.

5. Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr. Miss Seymour gave a "Borough" report and afterwards answered questions.

Cllr. Blackwell then gave his “Borough” report and afterwards answered questions.

The meeting discussed the regeneration of district centres.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs. Blackwell and Miss Seymour for their very detailed reports and for answering questions.

**6. Report from Local Organisations
Wrockwardine & Tiddicross Charities**

Mr. Goldstraw presented the accounts for Wrockwardine & Tiddicross Charities on behalf of the Trustees.

Wrockwardine Parish Hall

There was no report.

Wrockwardine Millennium Committee

There was no report.

Admaston House Trust

Cllr. Powell gave a report and answered questions about Admaston House Trust.

7. Local Police Report

The Chairman presented the Police Report on behalf of PC McPherson.
Cllr. Craik presented to the meeting detailed crime statistics for the Parish.

8. Resolutions

There were no resolutions to be put.

Question Time

There were no questions put.

There being no further business the Annual Parish Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m. when all in attendance were invited to partake of refreshments.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Meeting

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