

PARISH OF WROCKWARDINE
Annual Parish Meeting

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 17th April 2008
at Admaston House 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: Over twenty members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed all to the 2008 Annual Parish Meeting.

The Chairman 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 stated that he would take questions after every agenda item.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Craik and Cllr. Dawes.

2. Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Rawlings, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Savage it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true record. [There was one abstention]

3. Presentation of the Annual Report of the Parish Council

Cllr. Ballantyne presented his written report as Chairman of the Parish Council and answered questions.

The meeting discussed Rights of Way.

The meeting discussed the future of the Sugar Beet Factory site.

For the benefit of one resident, the Chairman (answering as Chairman of the Parish Council) explained parish boundaries and the use of the parish precept; the resident was under the mistaken impression that the total precept paid to the Borough was used by the parish council.

Mr. Orrell and Cllr. Seymour also attempted to explain to the resident the functions, boundaries and precept of a parish council compared to the functions and finances of the Borough Council. They did not feel that their efforts were met with an adequate understanding.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Orrell and Cllr. Seymour for their assistance.

4. Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr. Miss Seymour presented the report from the Borough Councillors. The meeting heard that former Cllr. Blackwell had left office on the 13th March and, following a bye election, Cllr. Kiernan had been elected as her colleague on the Borough Council.

Cllr. Miss Seymour answered a number of questions.

The meeting discussed the recent change in administration of the Borough along with traffic issues, safety concerns, need for proper consultations to take place, safety cameras, and the powers of parish councils and co-operation and partnerships between the Borough and Parish.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Miss Seymour for her report.

5. Report from Local Organisations

Admaston House Trust

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

Residents Association

Mr. Orrell enquired about the funds held by the Residents Association stating that he had never heard if a meeting had been called to decide what is to be done with the money which has lain dormant for possibly seven years. Mr. Orrell asked if the funds could go to Admaston House.

The Chairman agreed to look into the matter and speak with Cllr. Dawes.

6. Local Policing Report

There were no officers present.

7. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

Mr. Orrell stated that the APM was a meeting at which the budget of the PC could be presented. The Chairman replied stating that it was a matter for the PC as to whether it wished to present its accounts at the APM however he wished to make it clear that the budget of the PC was available at all times upon request from the Clerk and that all parish council meetings were open to the public. The Chairman informed all present that there were copies of the PC accounts available at the meeting if anyone wished to see them. Mr. Orrell suggested that the PC might wish to consider making its budgets available to the APM.

Cllr. Kiernan gave notice of a public meeting at the Beet factory Sports Club to discuss its future.

Mr. Orrell asked why the police had not been in attendance. The Chairman stated that he could only speculate that they had been called to operational duties as they had been aware of the meeting. Mr. Orrell asked that it be noted in the minutes that the meeting was disappointed that no officer was present. The meeting agreed that such a note should be made.

Cllr. Powell, after informing the meeting that the Chairman had made it known that he would not be standing for re-election as Chairman of the Parish Council at the next AGM, gave his personal thanks to Cllr. Ballantyne for his work in guiding the parish council as its chair and for all his hard work. To the sound of "Hear Hear" the meeting endorsed the thanks and appreciation presented to Cllr. Ballantyne.

There being no further business, the Chairman brought the meeting to a formal close at 9.47 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Meeting

Date.....