

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 15th December 2005 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. – E. A. Cowling Committee Chairman
Cllrs. K.J.S. Ballantyne, C. Carver and T. Kiernan.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

F&GP

05/59 Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

05/60 Apologies for Absence

Apologies along with the reasons were received and accepted from Cllrs.
Rawlings and Craik.

05/61 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2005 were confirmed and
signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

05/62 Playing Fields

a) Walcott and others within the Parish

The Clerk informed the meeting that there was no progress to report.

Cllr. Ballantyne drew Members attention to the condition of the youth shelter
at Wrockwardine Playing Fields stating that it was covered in graffiti and was
beginning to be offensive to the eye. The Clerk was instructed to ask the
handyman to sand off the graffiti and repaint the shelter.

Members agreed to recommend to Council that the shelter be added to the
handyman's regular schedule of maintenance and repair of all the parishes' bus
shelters.

The Clerk was instructed to ask the handyman to remove any remnants of the
broken seat from the youth shelter. Cllr. Carver suggested that the seat be
replaced by a substantial metal one. Members agreed to look at the
replacement again in the spring when a quote could be obtained from Mr.
Yates.

05/63 Land within the Parish

There was no progress to report.

05/64 Parish Improvements

Finger Posts

The Clerk reported that the required signs and posts had been ordered.

Benches

The Clerk confirmed that four benches were now on order – two on the first order and two to be held back until Longyard Meadow had been landscaped as previously agreed. [Average lead time for manufacture and delivery six weeks]

Street Signs

The Clerk showed the meeting colour templates and it was RESOLVED to order the required signs in green with white lettering.

05/65 Provision of a bus shelter Shawbirch Road (Spa)

The Meeting considered a request for the provision of a bus shelter on Shawbirch Road adjacent to The Spa. It was agreed that such a shelter should be provided.

The Clerk presented to the meeting three alternative shelters along with their estimated costs. Following a review of the designs and costing Cllr. Cowling proposed that an Abacus shelter be ordered at an estimated cost of £2283 (ex VAT) including fixing etc. Seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was RESOLVED.

05/66 Next Meeting

Cllr. Ballantyne brought to the attention of the meeting a document signed by Michael Frater which stated that the Borough had retained its four star status and that, as the criteria for achievement had been raised; it had actually improved its standards. Members were at a loss as to how this reconciled with its recent dealings with the Parish Council.

The Chairman wished everyone in attendance a very Merry Christmas.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.11 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____