

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 23rd February 2006 at Wrockwardine parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. – K.J.S. Ballantyne – (in the Chair)
Cllrs., C. Carver, M. Craik and T. Kiernan.

Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

F&GP

05/74 Chairman's opening remarks

In the absence of Cllr. Cowling, Cllr. Ballantyne took the Chair with the consent of the meeting. Cllr. Ballantyne welcomed all to the meeting on what was a cold and snowy evening.

05/75 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Cowling and Rawlings. Cllr. Ballantyne informed the meeting that the day was Cllr. Cowling's 86th Birthday and he was recovering well. Members wished Cllr. Cowling a very happy birthday and a speedy recovery.

05/75 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2006 were confirmed and signed, by the meeting Chairman, as a true record.

05/76 Playing Fields and Land within the Parish

a) Walcott and others within the Parish

The Clerk was instructed to contact the Borough to ask for further clarification as to why, just because there were difficulties with the Pemberton Road site, Walcott playing field could not be handed to the Parish. It would be helpful for the Parish to have some indication as to when these playgrounds might be handed to the parish to allow budgets to be prepared.

Members identified the land at Whiteways Drive on a map as requested by the BT&W officer.

05/77 Adoption of Street Lighting

The meeting was informed that Council had been notified that the Borough had now adopted, under a section 38 agreement, the roads, footways and street lighting on the Whiteways Drive development. The Clerk had requested that the lights within the development be transferred to the Parish as Lighting Authority and the Borough had stated that it would not do so because the lamps were of "Highway Standard".

Cllr. Ballantyne stated that the lamps were in fact “Dual Lighting” and were therefore equally capable of being either highway lighting or footway lighting and the Parish was a Lighting Authority. The lamps themselves were not on a Highway but illuminated a cul-de-sac. The Clerk was asked to persevere with the request.

05/78 Parish Improvements

Finger Posts

The Clerk reported that the required signs and posts were on order and awaiting delivery.

Benches

The Clerk reported that two benches had been sited, one on the playing field at Wrockwardine and the other at a footpath in the vicinity of Whiteways Drive.

The Clerk was asked to ensure that two more benches were on order.

Street Signs

The Clerk confirmed that the sign was on order. Members asked the Clerk to ascertain how the sign was to be fitted.

Bus Shelter Shawbirch Road

The Clerk confirmed that the shelter was on order.

Members discussed possible dates for the Quarry Liaison Group. It was suggested that a possible date for meeting could be Monday 27th March at 11.00 am at the quarry.

05/79 Next Meeting

Thursday 23rd March 2006 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____