

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Thursday 22nd July 2010 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Chair - Cllr. Nadine Evans
Cllrs. K. Ballantyne, Sheila Turner and Jo Savage.

M. Goldstraw – Clerk.

F&GP

10/09 Chair's opening remarks

The Chair thanked all for being present.

10/10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Craik, Kiernan and Rawlings.

10/11 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th June 2010 were confirmed and signed, by the Chair, as a true record.

10/12 Matters to be reconsidered at the request of Council

Dothill Nature Reserve

The meeting accepted that there was no impediment to the Local Nature Reserve being accepted in whole, including the recently acquired land.

Newsletter

It was RESOLVED to recommend to Council that the Newsletter should be called *Parish Scene, the Newsletter of Wrockwardine Parish Council*.

It was suggested that the parish map could be used as a watermark for the councillors contact page.

10/13 Budget 2011/12

The Chairman asked members to revisit the Parish Development Plan to reconsider projects for the forthcoming year.

The meeting discussed budget implications in light of the prevailing financial circumstances. It was agreed that the council would be faced with a budget which could not be increased and would need to take funds out of reserves.

The meeting discussed possible joint funding of projects with the Borough Council; it was acknowledged that the Borough would be under considerable budget pressures.

Members were asked to give consideration, during the summer recess, to budget matters.

10/14 Management of Allotments, Community Orchard and Public Open Space

The meeting discussed possible measures which could be taken to publicise the waiting list for the allotments.

During the discussion for a short period between 8:22 pm and 8:24 pm Cllr. Ballantyne left the meeting.

It was agreed that the matter should be featured in the next Newsletter and notices placed on the notice boards.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he was still in touch with the Borough over the possible acquisition of land at Whiteways Drive and had been assured that the matter was still ongoing. It was agreed that there would be financial implications (ongoing maintenance) with such an acquisition.

The meeting discussed the replacement of the War Memorials and the replacement of the sign post finials.

The meeting discussed the grants budget.

10/15 Grass Cutting Contracts – Specification

The Chair gave a report on the progress she had made in drafting the required specifications.

The meeting discussed a number of the specification requirements.

10/16 Next Meeting

Next meeting to be Thursday 16th September 2010 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:05 p.m.

Signed _____
Chair

Date _____