

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 22nd June 2006 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. – E. A. Cowling – (Chairman)
Cllrs. K. Ballantyne, C. Carver, M. Craik and T. Kiernan.

Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also present Cllr. S. Rawlings.

F&GP

06/09 Apologies for Absence

All members being present, there were no apologies.

06/10 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2006 were confirmed and signed, by the meeting Chairman, as a true record.

06/11 Banking Provision

Members of the F&GP Committee signed the Bank mandate for the Bank of Scotland. The Clerk agreed to obtain the additional signature of Cllr. Mrs. Savage.

06/12 Playing Fields and Land within the Parish

a) There was nothing to report.

b) There was nothing to report.

06/13 Employees Pension Provision

There was nothing to report.

06/14 Budget 2007/8

Cllr. Cowling called upon members to address the issues involved in setting the budget for the year 2007/8.

Cllr. Kiernan reminded members that Cllr. Rawlings had asked for consideration to be given to funds being made available to enable Council to enter into partnerships with the Borough to encourage the repair and maintenance of footpaths.

Members discussed pot holes within the parish and possible funding remedies.

The possible provision of a bus shelter in Wrockwardine was raised and members discussed the fact that this matter had been publicly explored unsuccessfully in the recent past when the view of the residents was sought in the Parish Magazine. It was agreed that the F&GP Committee could not make any resolve to provide or not provide a bus shelter, the matter being one for the Council; Resolved to place the matter on the next main agenda.

The meeting discussed the salaries, and pension provision of employees.

The meeting discussed the items set out in the Development Plan.

The meeting discussed the likely cost of the Parish Magazine.

It was agreed to recommend to Council the following general increases in budget/precept provision:

Salary	+ 5%	= £6615
Tax & N.I.	+5%	= £2756
Pension	+ £100	= £1100
Clerk's Travel	+ £50	= £350
Office & Telephone	+ £50	= £370
Stationary & Postage	+ £50	= £550
Subs & Fees	set at £3000	= £3000
Insurance	set at £2000	= £2000
Cllrs Travel	no increase	= £100
Training	no increase	= £200
Lighting (electricity)	set at £5400	= £5400
Hall Hire	- £100	= £500
Fields Maint	no increase	= £4500
Chairman's Allow	no increase	= £600
Grants	no increase	= £3000
Lighting refurb	sufficient in reserves	= £NIL
W'dine Play Field	sufficient in reserves	= £NIL
Bus shelter maint	no increase	= £500
Parish Magazine	+ £100	= £2100
Parish Improvements	no increase	= £3000
	Total	£36'641

06/15 Parish Improvements

Finger Posts

There was nothing to report.

Benches

Members heard that the two benches had been installed in Longyard Meadow. It was noted that Council still had in store one steel bench which was looking for a location; it was agreed that members would give this some consideration. Cllr. Rawlings was thanked for storing the bench on behalf of the Council.

Street Signs

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had been assured that the signs for Bluebell Lane would be completed ready for installation by the first week in July. It was RESOLVED to order a replacement for the missing sign at "Broomfield Road".

Bus Shelter Shawbirch Road

The Clerk asked members to clarify the colour of the shelter; it was RESOLVED that the shelter should be Sherwood green. The Clerk asked members to choose whether the shelter should be free standing on its own base or should be mounted upon a concrete plinth. The suppliers had agreed to supply engineering drawings for a plinth if one was required but the parish council would have to contract for the plinth to be installed separately. It was RESOLVED to contract for a plinth to be installed ready for the bus shelter to be delivered and fitted.

06/16 Next Meeting

Next meeting to be Thursday 20th July 2006 Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.58 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____