

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

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### **Present:**

Cllr. – K.J.S. Ballantyne (Chairman of Council)  
Cllrs. M. Craik, S. Rawlings and Mrs. Jo Savage.

Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also present: Cllr. Mrs. S. Turner and Cllr. Mrs. N. Evans.

### **F&GP**

#### **07/09 Chairman's opening remarks**

[In the absence of the Committee Chairman, Cllr. K.J.S. Ballantyne was elected to take the Chair for the meeting.]

Cllr. Ballantyne welcomed Cllrs. Mrs Turner and Mrs Evans [it was noted that Cllr. Mrs Evans had signed her declaration of Acceptance of Office prior to the commencement of the meeting] and explained that as they were not Committee members they could not actively participate in the meeting and had no vote however, if it became appropriate, he would ask for their views.

#### **07/10 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Kiernan.

#### **07/11 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2007 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

#### **07/12 Security Signage - Bus shelter(s)**

The Chairman presented information about the cost of cameras and stickers which had been obtained by Cllr. Kiernan. It was RESOLVED to recommend to Council that a dummy camera be purchased for the bus shelter at Admaston at a cost of approximately £30 along with appropriate signage (sticker) at a cost of approximately £11.

#### **07/13 Provision of Christmas Trees in the Parish**

The meeting noted that the expenditure for the provision of Christmas trees along with ancillary costs had been approved by Council. Cllr. Kiernan not being present there was no progress report to receive.

#### **07/14 Parish Improvements**

a) Boundary Wall Admaston Green –

The Clerk reported that although a copy of the lease had been received from Council's solicitors, the ownership of the wall in question remained in some doubt – the lease was not clear. The Clerk had written to the owners of the land (The Borough Council) for clarification and was awaiting a reply. Cllr. Craik informed the meeting that he may be able to assist as he held some

conveyancing documents relating to the site in his private records; it was thought that the documents might indicate the true ownership of the wall. The meeting thanked Cllr. Craik and accepted his offer of assistance.

b) Members discussed the planting of bulbs in the parish – the Chairman gave details of the scheme in hand.

**07/15 Development Plan**

The Chairman asked Members to give consideration to a review and update of the Council's Development Plan to take Council through to 2012. Cllr. Rawlings volunteered to assist in the co-ordination of the update.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage stated that she would like Council to give consideration to the much needed refurbishment and electrification of the Wrockwardine Church Clock which, for the village of Wrockwardine, was considered to be the village clock.

Members agreed to give consideration to the Development Plan and report back to Council.

**07/16 Budget 2008/9**

The Chairman informed the meeting that it was time to begin the preparation of a draft budget for the year 2008/9 in good time for Council to set a budget by the October meeting.

The meeting discussed a number of possible projects and issues which were thought to have financial implications including the likelihood of a planning enquiry over probable development of the Sugar Beet Factory site. The meeting discussed the possibility of setting aside funds to provide legal representation should council wish to be represented at such an enquiry.

It was agreed that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chair of the F&GP Committee should meet on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to prepare a draft budget to put before Council. Members were urged to forward any budget suggestions or proposals to the working group as soon as possible.

**07/17 Next Meeting**

**Next meeting to be Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007 Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.27 p.m.

*Signed* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Chairman*

*Date* \_\_\_\_\_