

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 24th May 2007 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

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

Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

F&GP

07/01 Election of Chairman

Cllr. Ballantyne took the Chair to ask for nominations:

It was proposed by Cllr. Rawlings that Cllr. Kiernan be elected to serve as Committee Chairman for the forthcoming year. Seconded by Cllr. Jo Savage, there being no other nominations it was RESOLVED that Cllr. Kiernan be elected to serve as Committee Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Councillor Kiernan took the Chair.

07/02 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Craik.

07/03 Minutes

The Clerk informed the meeting that due to the period of time since the last meeting of Committee (and Council being aware of the forthcoming elections) the Minutes of the previous meeting had been accepted and confirmed by the Committee and signed by then serving Committee Chairman at an earlier meeting of the main Council.

07/04 Security Signage - Bus shelter(s)

Members discussed the provision of security signage for the new bus shelter. It was RESOLVED to purchase a sign – Cllr. Kiernan agreed to investigate costs.

07/05 Provision of Christmas Trees in the Parish

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that two Christmas Trees be purchased, one for Admaston and one for Wrockwardine, and that Council approve any additional ancillary costs which might be incurred in the erecting and siting of the trees.

07/06 Parish Improvements

Members discussed a number of grounds maintenance issues raised by Cllr. Rawlings.

- a) Large hole in Wrockwardine Playing Fields – agreed to investigate and report back.
- b) Hedge cuttings Longyard Meadow – agreed to write to the owner of the adjacent property to ascertain if he was responsible for the hedge clippings

that had been dumped on the site and to attempt to come to an amicable solution. RESOLVED to approve a one off clean up of the site to a maximum cost of £100 out of the general maintenance fund.

- c) Boundary Wall Admaston Green – noted that a section of the boundary wall on Admaston Green was appearing to be unstable. The Clerk reported that he had requested a copy of the lease from the Council’s solicitor in order to ascertain if Council was responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of that particular section of the boundary. It was RESOLVED that, if it was ascertained that the wall was the responsibility of the Council, to authorise the Clerk to instruct a builder to assess the safety and to give an indication of the required work and to report back to Council as soon as possible.
- d) Hole in the hedge at Admaston Green – Cllr Kiernan confirmed that the work had been completed.
- e) Walnut Tree – the Clerk informed the meeting that an earlier discussion with the Borough tree officer had indicated that there was no urgent action required. RESOLVED to take no action.
- f) Cllr. Rawlings informed the meeting that work on the verge at Admaston Bank Wrockwardine had been delayed to avoid disturbance to nesting birds. This was entirely acceptable to the meeting.

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RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining item of business which is confidential and may disclose exempt information.

07/07 Contract of Employment

The meeting was informed that the contract of employment for the Clerk had been amended per NALC/SLCC guidelines to keep pace with ever changing legislation. Members reviewed the tabled contract of employment. Proposed by Cllr. Rawlings that Committee recommend acceptance and adoption of the revised contract of employment. Seconded by Cllr. Ballantyne it was RESOLVED.

07/08 Next Meeting

Next meeting to be Thursday 28th June 2007 Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.14 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____