

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 24th March 2005 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. – E. A. Cowling Committee Chairman
Cllrs. K.J.S. Ballantyne, C. Carver, Ms. T. Kenny and S. C. Rawlings.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: Cllr. Cllr. Kiernan

F&GP

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

05/10 Apologies for Absence

All Members being present there were no apologies.

05/11 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2005 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

05/12 Development Plan 2005 – 2007

[Members had previously been circulated with a draft Development Plan authored by Cllr. Ballantyne] Cllr. Ballantyne was thanked by the Chairman for producing a draft Development Plan.

Cllr. Ballantyne presented the draft to Members explaining that it was not a comprehensive list but a guide and a basis for how Council could move forward.

Members discussed finance matters along with Audit Compliance.

Cllr. Ballantyne reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Orrell of Station Road who had expressed concerns over possible “double taxation” in regard to Community Support Officers. Cllr. Ballantyne explained that it was never the intention of Council to double the precept overnight and that the debate over the introduction of CSO’s was one for the future. Cllr. Ballantyne received the permission of the Committee to reply to Mr. Orrell thanking him for his letter and explaining the purpose and procedure of the Development Plan.

Members went through the draft plan and made certain amendments. Cllr. Ballantyne agreed to amend the draft and circulate the amended version to all Members of Council in good time for the next main meeting.

Members resolved to recommend the amended draft to full Council.

05/13 Engraving of Stones (Public Spaces)

There was nothing to report.

05/14 Playing Fields

a) Wrockwardine Playing Field

The Clerk reported that the contractors had indicated that a September start was planned for the work.

b) Wallcot

There was no progress to report.

RESOLVED That under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

05/15 Provision of Pension/Gratuity for the Clerk

The Clerk requested that Council consider joining the Local Government Pension scheme administered by Shropshire County Council thereby enabling him to join a contributory pension scheme. The Clerk gave details of his conditions of employment section 19 [Gratuity/Pension]

Joined Council September 99.

Year	Salary	3.75% Gratuity
99/00	£3591.64	£134.68
00/01	£3698.76	£138.70
01/02	£3828.24	£143.55
02/03	£3982.59	£149.34
03/04	£4121.98	£154.57
04/05	£8070.36	<u>£302.63</u>
		£1'020.47

Contract of Employment states that Council will deposit monthly in a secure fund 3.75% of salary for a period of 5 years as a Gratuity and council may continue this arrangement by mutual agreement.

OR

Council will become a Member of the Local Government Pension scheme which operates a contributory pension scheme.

Cllr. Ballantyne proposed that the F&GP Committee recommends that Council becomes a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme as administered by Shropshire County Council and that makes its statutory contributions to all employees Membership of that scheme as and when any employee joins the scheme and that the Committee should further recommend to Council that the gratuity due to the Clerk [Mr. Goldstraw] which should have been set aside in the sum of £1'020.47 be vired from reserves and put at the Clerks disposal for the purposes of securing an enhanced pension contribution for himself.

Seconded by Cllr. Cowling the proposition was carried unanimously.

05/16 Next Meeting

Members agreed that the next meeting should be Thursday 21st April 2005 at Admaston House at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.24 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____