

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

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#### **Present:**

Cllr. – T. Kiernan

Cllrs. M. Craik, Nadine Evans and Sheila Turner.

#### **F&GP**

##### **08/13 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs E. Dawes, S. Rawlings, K. Ballantyne, Mrs Elaine Ballantyne and Mrs. Jo Savage.

##### **08/14 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008 were confirmed and signed, by the meeting Chairman, as a true record.

##### **08/15 Development Plan**

Cllr. Kiernan presented the final draft of the plan to the meeting. It was RESOLVED to commend the plan to Council.

The meeting discussed Development Plans in general and parish planning in particular. The discussion covered the needs and formulation of a Parish Plan. The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether the Rural Development Officer, Caroline Oakes, could attend a meeting of full council to advise on the production of a Parish Plan.

##### **08/16 Code of Conduct Indemnity**

The meeting heard that the Clerk was still awaiting information from the Council's insurers as to the possible cost of indemnifying members.

The Chairman allowed the debate to diversify to cover concerns over the present banking crisis. The meeting discussed Council's bank balances and debated the security of its funds. The Clerk stated that he was qualified to give financial advice but members had to consider the present circumstances against their responsibility to safeguard public funds.

It was agreed that in view of the fact that Council's funds exceeded the bank guarantee amount, it would be prudent to investigate the possibility of moving some funds to another bank to avoid all of council's assets being in one institution. The Clerk was asked to investigate alternative additional banking and the matter was to be put to main Council.

##### **08/17 Adoption of Telephone Kiosk Allscott**

The Clerk reported that he was awaiting receipt of the correct legal documents.

**08/18 Next Meeting**

**Next meeting *if required* to be Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

Cllr. Kiernan informed the meeting that he would once more be organising the acquisition and placement of the Parish Christmas Trees. He was thanked by the meeting.

Cllr. Nadine Evans tabled a letter from a resident requesting that the “Allscott” signage he had acquired from the derelict sugar beet factory site be used as a village sign in Allscott. It was agreed that the matter should be placed on the next main agenda for full council to consider.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.11 p.m.

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

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