

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 22nd September 2005 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

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

F&GP

05/34 Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

05/35 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

05/36 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2005 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

05/37 Budget Preparations

Members went through the budget as prepared by the Working Group. It was agreed that the suggested 5% to cover inflation should be removed from the proposals.

Cllr. Ballantyne brought to the attention of members that the office and telephone expenses allowed to the Clerk had not been reviewed for a considerable number of years and had remained at £190 since at least 1999. It was proposed that the level of recompense should be recommended to Council as being set at £320 per annum to be paid quarterly. Seconded by Cllr. Craik it was RESOLVED.

Members discussed the level of precept and resolved to make no recommendation to and ask that Council set a level it deems appropriate.

05/38 Playing Fields

a) Wrockwardine Playing Field

Members heard that the enhancement of play provision at Wrockwardine had been satisfactorily completed.

b) Walcott

There was no progress to report.

05/39 Land within the Parish

There was nothing to report.

05/40 Borough Statement of Community Involvement

The Clerk presented to the meeting copies of the Borough Local Plan. Cllr. Ballantyne gave a report on his attendance at a public consultation event at Wellington Civic Offices.

Members felt that there was nothing in the proposed policies which would trigger a connection between any proposed development within the Planning Policy and any possible knock on effect under the Traffic Policy.

Following discussion, Cllr. Ballantyne proposed that the Committee recommends to Council that it asks the Borough to include in the Local Development Framework a policy which requires a highway assessment to be taken for developments other than small developments defined as other than commercial and more than two residential properties. Seconded by Cllr. Craik; It was RESOLVED. [Cllr. Rawlings took no part in this debate and did not vote]

Cllr. Ballantyne proposed that it be recommended that Council write to the Borough to support their statement within the document that it does not want to see development on land identified on maps 6, 7 and 36. Seconded by the Chairman; it was RESOLVED. [Cllrs. Carver and Rawlings took no part in the debate and did not vote]

05/41 Parish Improvements

Finger Posts

It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr. Rawlings should produce a schedule of work for replacing/supplying the finials for the next meeting.

Benches

The Clerk confirmed that two further benches had been ordered.

Street Signs

It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr. Rawlings should produce a fully costed schedule of work for the next meeting.

05/42 Next Meeting

Members agreed that the next meeting should be Thursday 20th October 2005 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.41 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____