

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 21st September 2006 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. – E. A. Cowling – (Chairman)
Cllrs. K. Ballantyne and T. Kiernan.

Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

F&GP

06/25 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

06/26 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2006 were confirmed and signed, by the meeting Chairman, as a true record.

06/27 RoSPA

Signage, Wrockwardine Playing Fields

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the safety inspectors who had recommended that “age and ownership” signs be placed on the site and had obtained guidance as to the requirements of such signage.

The guidance stated that there should be a sign indicating ownership of the facility, the appropriate age range limitations for the site and or equipment on the site and any other management requirements. The sign should be clearly displayed, preferably in pictographic form.

The Clerk clarified the “other management requirements” as being such requirements as no kite flying (if overhead cables) or no dogs etc. if appropriate.

The Clerk presented the meeting with a draft sign he had designed with a suggested layout and information requirements.

Cllr. Ballantyne suggested that Council might consider the provision of “owners clean up after your dog” signs as being appropriate for placing on other council owned facilities. It was also suggested that the draft sign could be used at the entrance to the playing fields with a smaller version placed on or near to the play equipment.

Cllr. Ballantyne proposed that the Clerk investigate the cost of an appropriate quantity of owner/dog signs and litter signs plus one entrance sign and one play equipment sign. Seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was RESOLVED.

The Clerk was asked to clarify suggestion by RoSPA that Council provide a safe entrance gate.

06/28 Budget 2007/8

Budget

Salary	£6615
Tax & N.I.	£2756
Pension	£1100
Clerk's Travel	£350
Office & Telephone	£370
Stationary & Postage	£550
Subs & Fees	£3000
Insurance	£2000
Cllrs Travel	£100
Training	£200
Lighting (electricity)	£5400
Hall Hire	£500
Fields Maint	£4500
Chairman's Allow	£600
Grants	£3000
Lighting refurb	£NIL
W'dine Play Field	£NIL
Bus shelter maint	£500
Parish Magazine	£2100
Parish Improvements	£3000
Highways Maintenance	<u>£1000</u>
Total	£37'641

Cllr. Ballantyne proposed that it be recommended to Council to adopt a budget based upon the discussions held by F&GP in June with the addition of £1000 for Highways Maintenance making a total budget of £37'641. Seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was RESOLVED.

Precept

Cllr. Ballantyne proposed that a recommendation be made to Council to raise a precept in the sum of £37'500; this would represent a Nil increase within a continually developing budget. Seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was RESOLVED.

06/29 Christmas Tree

Cllrs Kiernan confirmed that he had been able to secure the promise of a donated tree for the parish; he was thanked for his help in obtaining a tree and was asked to convey the thanks of Council to the donor.

Cllr. Cowling informed the meeting that he had obtained a quote for 200 white LED lights (to be supplied via the Borough Council) at a cost of £200 and that he had negotiated that the Borough would:

Install a 4' deep pipe in an appropriate location (Brandon Avenue junction) into which the tree would be secured when in use. Install the tree at an agreed time.

Provide a safe electrical supply from an appropriate source.

Supply 200 white LED lights (PC to pay).

Supply "cherry picker" and labour to install the lights.

Keep the fuse ready for an agreed time for the lights to be officially switched on.

After Christmas – remove, shred the tree and dispose of it and cover and make safe the piping on the ground (cover with manhole cover) and disconnect the electrical supply.

The Clerk was asked to confirm the arrangements. Cllr. Ballantyne stated that Cllrs. Kiernan and Cowling were to be congratulated. Their efforts were a testimony to local ingenuity.

06/30 Parish Improvements

Finger Posts

There was nothing to report.

Benches

The Clerk was asked to instruct Mr. Hosker to route the words "Wrockwardine PC" on the benches at Longyard meadow.

Street Signs

The Clerk confirmed that he had ordered two signs for Drummery Lane and two for Rushmoor Lane.

Cllr. Kiernan raised a local concern over the name of Bluebell Lane. Having listened carefully to the comments of local residents the Committee RESOLVED to take no further action over the request to change the name of Bluebell Lane.

Kissing Gate – Longyard Meadow

The Clerk confirmed that the gate had been ordered.

British Sugar

Cllr. Cowling informed the meeting a view which had been conveyed to him that the PC had not received a reply from British Sugar because of their previous experiences with the PC.

Cllr. Ballantyne stated that he did not believe the report – he did not doubt the veracity of the report but had always found British Sugar to be helpful and

courteous. He could not conceive that a message like that could be handed down from the chair of a company to a tier of local government. Cllr. Ballantyne stated that if the report was true (and he could not conceive that it would) then he would not hesitate to raise the matter with the local Member of Parliament.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Managing Director to express the disappointment of Council that there had been no response to the earlier letter, reiterate what had been said locally and ask the Chair to confirm or otherwise the veracity of the comments.

06/31 War Memorial

The Clerk confirmed that the stone mason had stated that he would commence work on the plaque the day after the meeting.

Cllr. Ballantyne confirmed that the ground works for the memorial would be started the day after the meeting.

Cllr. Ballantyne proposed that a more modern rubbish bin (in keeping with the style of the ones on Admaston Green) be ordered to replace the unsightly concrete bin on the site of the war memorial. Seconded by Cllr. Cowling it was RESOLVED.

Cllr. Ballantyne confirmed that he would be attending a meeting in the following week to confirm details of the Remembrance service.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Royal British Legion to ask if there could be legion involvement in the service.

06/32 Next Meeting

Next meeting to be Thursday 19th October 2006 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.29 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____