

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Thursday 30th September 2010 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Chair - Cllr. Nadine Evans
Cllrs. S. Rawlings, Jo Savage and Sheila Turner.

M. Goldstraw – Clerk.

F&GP

10/17 Chair's opening remarks

The Chair thanked all for being present.

10/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Craik and Kiernan.

10/19 Declarations of interest

Cllr. Rawlings declared an interest in all matters pertaining to grass cutting contracts.

10/20 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2010 were confirmed and signed, by the Chair, as a true record.

10/21 Matters to be reconsidered at the request of Council

No matters had been referred back to the Committee.

10/22 Budget 2011/12

The Clerk presented a draft budget to the meeting.

The Chair asked Members to aware that in 2011 there would be costs for an election. It was resolved to recommend that the cost of local election be taken out of reserves.

Cllr. Craik had corresponded to the Committee to request that a specific budget for the allotments be considered. Mindful of the balances in reserves, it was resolved to recommend to Council that a sum of £30'000 be set aside out of those reserves to provide for capital expenditure incurred in the provision of allotments with the proviso that the allotments committee set off the sum against future income and that the Committee works towards producing a business plan.

The meeting discussed the possible provision of a digital projector; it was agreed to leave the matter for future discussion by Council.

It was noted that a sum of £750 had been set aside in years past under the heading of refurbishment of Wrockwardine football field. It was resolved to request that Council absorb the funds into the more general heading of refurbishment of playing equipment for Wrockwardine Playingfield.

The meeting discussed the continuing allocation of funds to a retained budget for Allscott legal fund. It was felt that calling the fund a legal fund may prove to be restrictive and it resolved to ask Council to consider broadening the scope of this fund to allow for other professional assistance such as planning consultation.

The meeting agreed to request that Council undertake a 12 month research project to explore how Council could facilitate and enhance facilities for the elderly within the parish.

The Clerk was thanked for his thorough preparation of the draft budget and asked to amend the document to present all Committee recommendations to Council.

It was resolved to recommend to Council a precept for the forthcoming year of £45'000 which would represent a static precept with no increase over the previous year.

10/23 Management of Allotments, Community Orchard and Public Open Space

The meeting noted that progress was being made in the provision of allotments and felt that further progress was a matter for the newly formed allotments committee.

10/24 Grass Cutting Contracts – Specification

The Chair presented draft specifications to the Committee and a number of amendments were discussed and accepted. The Chair agreed to amend the document ready for presentation to the full Council. The Committee was content to accept the document along with the amendments and resolved to recommend it to Council.

The Chair was thanked for her hard work and thoroughness in preparing the document.

10/25 Next Meeting

Next meeting to be Thursday 21st October 2010 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:31 p.m.

Signed _____
Chair

Date _____