

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th April 2001 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall, Wrockwardine immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Present:

Cllr. B.C. Brown - Vice Chairman (acting as Chairman).
Cllrs. K.J.S. Ballantyne, A. Orrell, , V.M.E. Holt
Mrs E.S. Jones, D. Powell, S.C. Rawlings and Mrs. J. Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

Also in attendance: Cllrs Blackwell and Seymour (Unitary Councillors)
Three members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 8.28. p.m.

01/53 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

01/54 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. Hargrave (Chairman) and Cllr. Mrs. Carver. The Clerk reported that apologies had also been received from PC Palmer.

01/55 Declaration of Interest

No declarations were made.

01/56 Police Report

No police matters were raised.
The Clerk confirmed that PC Riggs (Traffic Manager) had been invited to attend a meeting of the council. This invitation would be taken up at a later date, after the Annual Parish Meeting and the business of the Annual Council Meeting had taken place.

01/57 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2001 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

The matter raised under reports concerning the traffic survey, was clarified as meaning that the problems would be discussed at the time of proper consultation.

01/58 Matters arising out of the Minutes

(a) Electoral Review

Cllr. Ballantyne requested that his report on the Electoral Review be copied to all Members and placed on the agenda for proper discussion.

(b) Cycle Track, Wrockwardine

Cllr. Mrs Jones asked for a definitive answer on the matter of insurance for play equipment.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the current policy of the council did not include cover for any play equipment at all and it was imperative that the equipment at Wrockwardine was included at the next renewal. This would be put in hand.

The Millennium Committee had been informed that no licence to occupy a portion of land at the Playing Fields could be granted until proof of public liability insurance in the sum of £500'000, covering any period of occupation, was shown to the council.

01/59 Traffic/ Transport/ Highway Matters

Cllr. Ballantyne gave a report on the recent meeting of the Rural Transport Partnership which outlined the scope of schemes implemented by the group.

Cllr. Powell asked for, and was appraised of, details of the "Car Sharing" scheme.

Cllr. Ballantyne informed the meeting that he had raised on his own behalf a request for the re-opening of Admaston Station. The opportunity to do so was taken particularly because Mr. Peter Bradley MP was in attendance.

Mr. Bradley had expressed support for the idea and stated that he would promote it. Mr. Garry Emerson (T&WC) had stated that officers would take the matter up.

Cllr. Ballantyne requested the support of the Council for the re-opening of the Station.

A discussion was held on the matter and it was **resolved that the council support the principle that Admaston station be re-opened to passenger traffic.**

- Cllr. Blackwell handed to the meeting a copy of a letter from T&WC , subject Changes to Bus Services. The Clerk was asked to provide copies for all members.

01/60 Dog Fouling

The Clerk presented the meeting with a survey of the Parish undertaken by T&WC's Dog Warden to ascertain locations for "dog fouling" signs along with a quote for the required number. Members heard that the old laminated signs had been replaced by more robust metal signs.

Members discussed the problems of dog fouling in the parish and necessity for proper signage.

There was some doubt over the available designs and some Members expressed concern over the example given.

Cllr. Ballantyne proposed that the council defer the discussion and ask the

Clerk to obtain samples of all the available sign options . This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Powell. Following a vote, it was **resolved that the council defer the discussion and ask the Clerk to obtain samples of all the available sign options.**

01/61 Inventory of Unmetered Equipment (Street Lights)

The Clerk reported that the council's inventory on the street lights which it owned and was responsible for were woefully inadequate. The task of ensuring that the council was correctly charged for work done and unmetered electricity

was not helped by the lack of information.

The Chairman suggested that members take individual areas of the Parish and undertake a survey of equipment.

Cllr. Orrell agreed with the proposal and requested that those who were willing to undertake the task, divided the Parish between them.

The Clerk was asked to provide the necessary forms and information for members.

01/62 Parish Pump

Cllr. Ballantyne asked the Clerk if there was adequate provision, or if provision was necessary, for the new Stake Holder Pension.

The Clerk replied that as the Council had only one employee, there was no requirement although there was a scheme, run by Shropshire County Council, which parish clerks were entitled to join as officers of Minor Local Authorities.

The Clerk thanked Cllr. Ballantyne for his concerns and assured the meeting that he had, at present, adequate private pension arrangements.

01/63 Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:-

1. Telford & Wrekin Council -

- (a) Foot and Mouth update - noted.
- (b) Directory of Council Services - noted.
- (c) Rural Transport Partnership - meeting Cllr. Ballantyne attended and gave a report to this meeting.
- (d) Periodic Electoral review - noted.
- (e) Best Value Performance Plan - noted
- (f) Insight Magazine - noted.
- (g) Remember Clunk Click - noted.

Inn Court
Cllr. Orrell

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Justices licence application - Grove, Walcot - no objections.
Copy of letter to Andrew Smith re Joint structure Plan. Cllr. Orrell gave the meeting a full outline of the content and reasons behind the letter which tries to clarify the difference in the "priority road network" and "priority route network".

Admaston Baby
& Toddler Group Reply to parish letter re: Admaston house.
Alan Johnson MP
Minister for
Competitiveness Post Office network - Rural - noted.
Ramblers Assoc. Newsletter - circulated.
Cllr. Ballantyne Report - Electoral Review. to be copied to all members and
placed on next agenda for discussion.

01/64 Planning Matters

(a) Applications

Consideration was given to the following applications:

- W01/0262 Erection of a porch to side of The Elms, Bratton Road,
Bratton - approved.
W01/0267 Erection of conservatory to rear 66 Station Road, Admaston
- approved.
W01/0292 Upgrade of playing facilities, Wrockwardine Playing Fields
- given that his application was submitted by the council there
was no comment.

Section 38 agreement - adoption of development at Station Road, Admaston
as Public Highway by Telford & Wrekin Council - noted.

For the next item to be dealt with, Cllr. Brown stood down and took no further part in planning matters. Cllr. Orrell took the Chair.

Notification of appeal against refusal of development at Orchard Cottage,
Bratton.

Members heard that the council had been one of the initial objectors to this
scheme. It was agreed that representation be made to the Planning
Inspectorate. Cllr. Ballantyne to prepare the objections.

Cllr. Brown resumed the Chair.

(b) Permissions

The following permissions were noted by the Council:

- W01/0109 Erection of single storey extension to provide a
swimming pool. 6 Spa Crescent, Admaston.
W01/0044 Change of use of ground floor of barn to retail shop
etc. the Elephant House, Long Lane.
W00/1090 Demolition of Grain Silo and erection of storage building.
Duncote Mill, Walcot.

01/65 Accounts for Payment

Receipts & Payments - It was RESOLVED - that these be approved and paid as tabled.

Statement 91 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

01/66 Grant Applications

The Counselling and Therapy Trust

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Powell that a donation of £20 be made. **Resolved that a grant of £20 be made.**

Wrockwardine Golden Age Club.

Cllr. Holt declared an interest and took no further part in this application.

Cllr. Mrs. Jones asked for clarification as to the terms of the application which had requested support for cost of transport for members from Wellington to Wrockwardine. Members expressed unease at assisting residents of Wellington but expressed a desire to assist the Club.

Mrs. Jones proposed that the council make a donation of £50 with the proviso that the sum be used for club funds and not for transport. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Rawlings. It was **resolved that the council make a donation of £50 with the proviso that the sum be used for club funds and not for transport.**

Wrockwardine Millennium Committee.

Request for £75 to fund a tree arbour to protect the Millennium tree in Wrockwardine. Support proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Rawlings. **Resolved.**

Wrockwardine PCC request for help in the cost of lighting the Church and maintaining the grounds.

It was **resolved to award a grant of £1000 to be divided equally between the lighting of the church and grounds maintenance.**

Arthritis Care. Members agreed to defer this application until next month

when

the council will have decided how it wishes to deal with non local charities for the forthcoming year.

Manor Heights Chairs and Spares. It was **resolved to award a grant of £25.**

01/67 Reports

Cllr. Mrs. Jones - Had no report but commented that the daffodils on Wellington Road were gorgeous and requested that the council planted more this year.

Cllr. Powell - Reported that some effort had been made to repair pot holes on Admaston Road but questioned whether any action had been taken to repair the area outside the shops.

Cllr. Blackwell - Passed on an invitation from Little Wenlock

Parish Council to form a link to discuss concerns over the future of small rural communities. Members expressed support for such a scheme and the Clerk was asked to make informal contact with Little Wenlock and Roddington.

Cllr. Ballantyne -

Reported a build up of leaves on the verge of Wellington Road which was making travel difficult for cyclists. As this matter was in Wellington Parish, the Clerk was asked to contact either WTC or T&WC.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage -

Reported a pot hole outside the Parish Hall and Rushmoor Lane. Cllr. Mrs. Savage stated that she found meetings held in Admaston House to be physically uncomfortable. There was no ventilation and it was impossible to open any windows. The Clerk was asked to speak to the caretaker to see if anything could be done. Cllr. Holt reiterated that the problem of pot

holes in the car park had not been resolved.

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Cllr. Mrs. Savage requested that the suitability of Admaston House as a meeting venue be discussed at the AGM.

01/68 Press Statement

It was agreed that the Clerk report significant matters discussed at the meeting to the press.

01/69 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council would be the Annual General Meeting of the Council and was scheduled for Wednesday, 9th May 2001 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House Community Centre, Admaston.

The Clerk asked Members to forward any items for the agenda which affected the way in which the Council would conduct its business for the forthcoming year (matters for the AGM) in good time.

The meeting closed at 10.12 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____

