

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th April 2003 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. Brown - Chairman
Cllrs. K.J.S. Ballantyne, A. Cowling, Mrs. E. Jones, A. Orrell, D. Powell,
S. Rawlings, Mrs. J. Savage and Mrs. J. Watts.
Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

Also in attendance: Four members of the public.
Cllr. D. Blackwell (Borough Councillor)

03/53 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman stated that this was to be the last meeting of the present term of Council. There was to be no election as only eight nominations had been received which meant that there would immediately be two vacancies upon commencement of the next term. He thanked all Members for their contributions with particular mention and thanks for their service to Councillors Mrs. Carver and Mrs. Jones who had not stood for re-election.

The Chairman explained that it was his intention to suspend Standing Orders at 8.15 p.m. and suspend the meeting to allow the Annual Parish Meeting to take place. The Council meeting would reconvene after the close of the A.P.M. He explained that this was an unusual step, but was necessary because the larger room needed for the A.P.M. would not be available until 8.15 p.m.

03/54 Police Session

PC McPherson was not present.

03/55 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. M. Carver.

The Chairman stated that Mrs. Carver's presence had been missed and on behalf of Council wished her every happiness and good wishes in her time spent not being a Parish Councillor.

Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. Miss J. Seymour (Borough Councillor).

03/56 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Rawlings wished it to be noted that he owned land in the north of Admaston and particularly adjacent to the "Land at Station Road". The same declaration applied in relation to any discussion in Traffic & Transport Matters that involved land to the north of Admaston. Some of the land in question had, in the past, been earmarked for the once proposed bypass.

03/57 Minutes

Members agreed that an addendum be added to 03/49 Grants. The addendum to read: Members considered a request for grant funding from Admaston House Trust. Cllr. Orrell, as the Parish Representative, gave a report and also provided a statement setting out the current financial position of the Trust. His recommendation was that a grant should not be made at present because of a number of uncertainties and the fact that the Trustees had sufficient funds at present. He recommended however that the funds set aside in the current years budget should be carried forward to the next financial year.

Subject to the addendum:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2003 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

03/58 Matters arising out of the Minutes

Youth Provision

Cllr. Rawlings gave an update on the provision of Youth Shelters.

7.29 p.m. Cllr. Miss Seymour (Borough Member) joined the meeting.

Replacement Local Plan

Members discussed the Plan. It was agreed that a letter setting out the concerns of Council would be forwarded to T&WC. Cllr. Orrell agreed to provide a draft outlining the concerns.

7.32 p.m. WPC McPherson joined the meeting.

Members discussed the appointment of professional help in the form of either legal representation or expert advice/representation by a traffic engineer. Cllr. Ballantyne cautioned that Council should consider just how much money it was willing to spend on such advice/representation.

Maidens Yard

Cllr. Orrell stated that he had looked at the planning regulations governing the use of the yard and confirmed that there were restrictions in place.

Razor wire – Cllr. Orrell had been informed that someone would have to prove that the wire had been in place for less than four years. T&WC had been informed as early as October 2001 that the wire was in place and no action was taken then.

Lights – it would appear that nothing could be done as the site had permission.

The enforcement officer had informed Cllr. Orrell that she would look into the boundary matter.

Members discussed the matter further in great detail.

The Chairman acknowledged the presence of WPC McPherson and reinstated the police item of the agenda.

WPC McPherson stated that she had received several complaints from residents and had been out to visit Maiden's yard four or five times. Most complaints revolve around HGV's. She had mentioned the lights to them and the problem of oncoming traffic being dazzled by the lights had been brought to the attention of WPC Riggs. Maidens are aware that in has come to the attention of the police as a concern.

Cllr. Powell spoke of concerns over continued vandalism to Admaston House.

8.00 p.m. There being no further police matters WPC McPherson having been thanked by the Chairman for her attendance left the meeting.

8.02 p.m. The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and suspended the meeting to allow the Annual Parish Meeting to take place.

10.20 p.m. The Chairman reconvened the Parish Council meeting and reinstated Standing Orders. Owing to the lateness of the hour, the Chairman stated that he would deal first with Accounts.

03/59 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 114 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

03/60 Land at Station Road

The Clerk reported that the contract had been signed by Cllrs. Ballantyne and Cowling and witnessed by himself prior to the start of the meeting and would be forwarded to Council's solicitors by next post.

Cllr. Cowling proposed that owing to the lateness of the hour all other business remaining to be dealt with be put over to the next meeting of the Council.

Seconded by Cllr. Ballantyne, the proposal was accepted and resolved.

The Chairman recognised the long service of Cllrs. Mrs. Jones and Carver and conveyed the thanks of all Members for their contribution.

Cllr. Cowling asked that it be noted that he would be absent from the May meeting and therefore apologised in advance.

03/61 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council would be the Annual General Meeting and was scheduled for Wednesday, 14th May 2003 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House, Admaston.

The meeting closed at 10.27 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____