

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th April 2006 at
Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. - K.J.S. Ballantyne - Chairman
Cllrs. M. Craik, E. Cowling, E. Dawes, Ms. T. Kenny,
T. Kiernan, D. Powell, S. Rawlings and Mrs. J. Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

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

05/270 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
The meeting was informed that Cllr. Carver had undergone an operation the previous day and was presently in intensive care but doing well. Members resolved to pass on their good wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Chairman explained that there would be an adjustment to the order of the agenda to allow the meeting to move into the larger room to hear item eight on the agenda. This was to allow the greater number of residents who have expressed a wish to witness the proceedings to do so. The larger room being unavailable until after 8.15 p.m. the meeting would attend to item eight as soon as practicable.

05/271 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Carver.
Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr Miss Seymour (Borough Councillor).

05/272 Declaration of Interest

The Chairman declared an interest in planning application W06/0265.
Cllr. Powell informed the meeting that his own house was close to the area to be affected by item eight on the agenda although he would like to speak for the residents. The Chairman asked Cllr. Powell if he still kept an allotment next to the area and if he was a member of the allotment committee – Cllr. Powell confirmed that he did keep an allotment and that he was a member of the committee. The Chairman stated that Cllr. Powell must make up his own mind as to whether he wished to declare any interest. Cllr. Powell stated that the affected residents would be most unhappy if he did not speak. Cllr. Powell agreed to reflect on the matter and inform the meeting of his decision prior to the debate.

05/273 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2006 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

05/274 Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr. Cowling presented the minutes of the meeting to Council and they were accepted and noted.

05/275 Quarry Liaison Group

The Chairman reported that the Liaison group had met and there had been a useful discussion. The quarry representatives had explained about the monitoring of blasting and the group had been satisfied that the levels were well below the permitted scale. The Group had then gone on to look at the proposed siting of the new concrete plant and had been informed that the quarry may in fact put in a much smaller facility.

Cllr. Mrs Savage informed the meeting that she had felt it to be a useful meeting and, having had the theory behind ground vibrations and air blast explained she was satisfied that the quarry operated within the acceptable levels.

The Meeting heard that the next meeting of the Group was to be in six months time.

05/276 Admaston House

a) Report from Parish Representative on Admaston House Trust

There was no report.

05/277 Provision of youth leisure facilities within the Parish

The large room not being yet available to the hour this item was deferred.

05/278 Police Report

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05/279 Parish Charter Complaint

The Clerk informed the meeting that the complaint (Traffic Calming measures Shawbirch Road/Station Road) had been lodged, the Borough had acknowledged the complaint under the procedures of the Parish Charter and the assigned officer was to be Mr. Kevin Sutton. There had not yet been a substantive reply.

05/280 War Memorial

The Chairman gave a report on the selection of a stone from the quarry and informed the meeting that he had met with the quarry management and the vicar and a particular piece of rock had been chosen which had no fractures and a reasonably flat area to allow the stone mason to fix a plaque. The builder had been spoken to and he will work from plans drawn up by the quarry architect; the quarry has agreed to carry out the work.

The Chairman had spoken to local residents who were supportive.

The Chairman sought the approval of Council to proceed with the project and asked members to approve the instructing of the stone mason. Proposed by Cllr. Cowling that the project be proceeded with and that the stone mason be engaged to produce a suitable plaque; seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was RESOLVED.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had written to the Borough Planning department to ascertain whether planning permission for such a project would be required and also to the Highways dept to request that a traffic direction sign be moved slightly to better accommodate the memorial.

05/281 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

SCC	PC Contribution to pension fund – to be dealt with by the F&GP Committee.
Audit	To note date of Audit 3 rd July 2006
Mr. Nicholls	Members approved the re-appointment of Mr. Nicholls as internal auditor.
Energy Services	Notification of increase in maintenance fees – noted.
Mr. L. C. Hood	Letter explaining the reasons behind the planning application for Land adjacent to Rose Cottage Rushmoor Lane – to be dealt with in planning applications.

5. Correspondence not requiring a decision

BT&W	To note receipt of first precept.
Mark Pritchard MP	Rural Post Offices. Mr. Pritchard reported that efforts to find a replacement Sub Post Master for Wrockwardine were ongoing.
BT&W Telford	Bus service tenders. Noted.
Crime Prevention	Letter to raise awareness of the service – noted.

The Chairman brought to the attention of Council a letter he had received from Cllr. Blackwell relating to the Church fete and the minutes of the Parish Council. Members noted Cllr. Blackwell's comments.

During the meeting the Clerk received nine letters appertaining to the proposed youth facilities. All of the letters had been addressed to, and served upon, the Chairman. The Clerk pointed out that correspondence which is intended for Council should be addressed to the Council or its Clerk and should be served on the Clerk at the proper address of Council. Correspondence addressed to individual members of Council was always in danger of being treated as private correspondence and may not be brought to the attention of Council. Technically speaking, although these letters have now been passed to Council, they are not the business of Council and members of council have no obligation to bring to the attention of Council any privately addressed correspondence. The Clerk asked that if any member of Council wished in future to orchestrate such letters of protest in the way that these letters have been, then would they please ensure that they were properly addressed to Council and were received by the Clerk in good time for them to be circulated to members prior to the meeting.

05/282 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 151 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

8.02 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow all to move into the main meeting room for item eight on the agenda to be heard.

8.29 p.m. the meeting was reconvened.

Also in attendance PC McPherson, CSO Suzy Alan, three Borough Officers (Derek Owen, Steve Ottley and Verley Bisset) and a number of local youths.

There were over thirty members of the public present for the debate (the public left the room immediately the debate was over)

05/283 Provision of youth leisure facilities within the Parish

Members received a full presentation on the proposals from the police, Borough officers and local youths "A ball court and bicycle track for Admaston".

Mr. Owen explained why the location had been selected and also why Admaston Green had not been included in the plans.

PC McPherson outlined the consultation process undertaken by the Borough and her role in liaison with the local youths. She explained that of the responses to the consultation 75% were in favour of the project. Details were given of how it would be looked after and members were given details of the misconceptions often held over anti social behaviour; Telford Police fully support the proposals. PC McPherson emphasised that whilst there is often a perception of trouble this is not a reality and similar provisions elsewhere have undoubtedly reduced crime.

Mr. Owen thanked all for the opportunity to present the project and invited questions from Councillors.

The Chairman thanked all, especially the young people, for giving an excellent presentation.

Cllr. Powell asked if the findings of the consultation were consistent with the view of the Junior Football Club who were of the opinion that they haven't enough space.

Mr. Owen stated that they had been in consultation with the Football Club and accurate measurements for the existing facilities had been taken. He showed the meeting once more the two sets of plans that had been exhibited to the meeting and stated that they had taken those existing measurements, realigned the pitches (one of the existing pitches was not symmetrical) and had established that the new layout had more than the minimum permitted run offs (Sport England Rules). The accurate plans had proved that the new layout could be done with no detriment to the football facilities.

Cllr. Rawlings asked Mr. Owen to indicate what the real proximity of the

bicycle track to the allotments. Mr. Owen stated that the distance of the cycle track from the allotments would be 70 plus metres.

Cllr. Mrs Savage asked Mr. Owen to identify the features on the plan. Mr. Owen did so and indicated that there are to be different sized pitches for the Junior Football Club – the same as the existing ones. Mr. Owen identified the proposed location of the ball court and the cycle track. He stated that the cycle track was to be for the use of four to twelve year olds.

Cllr. Cowling asked why it was called a BMX track.

Mr. Owen replied that it was not called a BMX track; it is a bicycle track, not necessarily for BMX bikes it is for young people to cycle on and will be safer than the road. Members were informed that other facilities, in other areas, called BMX tracks were five times larger than the proposed facility.

Cllr. Craik asked if the Charlton School was the only school that was consulted.

Mr. Owen stated that all schools in the area had initially been consulted but the main feeder school is Charlton. He added that they had also done a survey of the BRJ and Orleton Park schools.

Cllr. Craik asked how the opening and closing times (shown on the sign illustrated in the presentation) were to be enforced.

Mr. Owen stated that the times were for guidance – the sign being a safety sign.

Cllr. Craik asked if, in regard to policing and maintenance, the young people had been, or were to be, involved (i.e. a liaison group).

Mr. Owen confirmed that the young people were involved and would continue to be involved.

Cllr. Craik then asked if it was correct to say that the football users did not support the proposal.

Mr. Ottley stated that the football club had raised concerns but these had been discussed with them and also Sport England. Sport England had been satisfied with the proposals and would not allow any loss of any pitches.

Cllr. Rawlings asked what the surface of the cycle track was to be.

Mr. Owen stated that the built up sides of the track would be grass and the track itself would be compressed fine shale.

Mr. Owen stated that given the scale of the facility (minute, very small, catering for juniors) no self respecting teenager would be interested it such a

facility. “Teenagers would look a Pratt”.

Cllr. Cowling stated that the proposition published within the agenda had described the facility as a BMX track and multi use games area.

The Chairman asked the meeting to approve an amendment to the wording of the proposition to bring it in line with the actual proposals; the amendment to change the words BMX track to bicycle track. Members agreed.

Cllr. Dawes stated that he could not see parents allowing children to use the facility independently.

PC McPherson replied that as a parent herself she would be pleased to go with her child and expected that this would be case with all responsible parents wherever the facility was placed.

Mr. Owen pointed out that the photograph (of another facility used for illustrative purposes) was of a young child with ADHT who was using the track with his parents. One of the recommendations on the safety sign will be that young children use the site under supervision. Leisure services and the police will be providing supervised activities from time to time.

9.16 p.m. Members returned to the table.

The Chairman asked Cllr. Powell if he had given consideration to whether or not he wished to declare an interest. Cllr. Powell informed the meeting that he did have an interest in that he has an allotment and also lived adjacent to the proposed site. He informed the meeting that he would not vote but requested the right to talk.

The Chairman confirmed that he would be allowed to speak but would not be able to vote.

The amendment to the resolution deleting the words BMX track and inserting the words cycle track was formally put and accepted.

The Chairman proposed that:

This Parish Council recognises the benefit to the wider community of making leisure provision for its inhabitants and is mindful that English Partnerships has provided substantial funding for youth outdoor leisure facilities within the Parish.

The Council therefore accepts the recommendations of the Steering Group specifically tasked by the Borough and Parish Councils to investigate such provision and resolves to support the Borough Council in its efforts to establish a cycle track and a Multi Use Games Area on its land at Ringers Way Admaston in the terms set out by the Steering Group.

Seconded by Cllr. Rawlings.

Cllr. Cowling put an amendment to the resolution:
That only a Multi Use Play Area is build on the land at Ringers Way. The amendment was seconded by Cllr. Kiernan.

Cllr. Cowling stated that he had put his amendment after approaching Wellington Town Council who had turned down a similar scheme because of opposition in the area. Hadley and Leegomery PC said yes to a BMX track and even went in for a grant. The track is never used. Newport Town Council were approached by the Borough and agreed – that track is never used; they have now voted £5k per year on the precept to have the track altered. It is a waste of money as it is never going to be used.

Cllr. Cowling stated that many residents had wished the facility to go on Admaston Green but the Council had voted against such a use of the Green.

Cllr. Craik asked for clarification of the motion wishing to know if Council was binding its hands with no going back.

The Chairman said that the motion was to inform the Borough that the Parish Council accepts that the project is the right way the money provided by E.P. to be used. He stated that the proposition came at the end of many years – “this is in effect the end of the road- if it fails I suspect the money will fall back into the EP coffers”.

Cllr. Mrs Savage asked if the tracks Cllr. Cowling was referring to as failing were the same as the one Council was looking at in the present scheme.

With leave of the meeting, Mr. Owen stated that they were not; the ones referred to by Cllr. Cowling were five times the size of the one proposed with Wellington double that.

The amendment was put with four votes in favour and four votes against. The Chairman used his casting vote against the amendment. The amendment was lost.

The Chairman then turned to the substantive motion:

Cllr. Powell stated that at one stage the Parish Council had considered that the project might be put on the Green. He spoke of the dangers on the proposed site of broken glass and the proximity of the allotments. Cllr. Powell reminded the meeting that the proposed cycle track was to be right next to the underpass and he spoke of unsavoury goings on in that area.

Cllr. Powell agreed that the facility was needed but stated that it would be better on the other side of the road. He urged members to reconsider the use of the Green.

Cllr. Craik thanked the officers and the young people but he felt that there had not been enough consultation particularly St. Peters school. He stated that he

had asked about the football clubs and had not been satisfied with the answer. Cllr. Craik stated that he had been against shutting the Green out as a possibility and that what was lacking was joined up thinking; he could not support the motion.

Cllr. Kiernan agreed with Cllr. Craik and felt that there had not been enough consultation particularly in regard to the football club.

Cllr. Cowling stated that he was against the proposition and outlined his experiences of the reactions and form filling at the local consultation day.

Cllr. Rawlings stated that he was disappointed in his fellow Councillors who feel that way. He said that Council had consulted everyone for nigh on four years and Councillors could not say they had not been consulted. To turn away now would show them to be cowards. Cllr. Rawlings stated that it was wrong to oppose the facility because of its proximity to allotments and houses; they are at least 85 to 90 metres away and the project had done the best it could to alleviate difficulties to the allotments.

Cllr. Rawlings stated that he did not accept that there had not been enough consultation with the football club. Dave Ottley was in consultation with them all the time and has assured Council that they were being consulted.

The Chairman stated that the reported response from a child to Cllr. Cowling at the consultation day had been a legitimate response from a 7 or 8 year old.

In regard to concerns over the consultation process the Chairman reminded Councillors that three weeks prior to the meeting there had been an open house consultation at Admaston House. Of those who attended the consultation 75% were in favour of the proposals – the residents of Burnell Road had been given notice of the consultation by way of a delivered notice.

The Chairman stated that for some time the Trustees of Admaston House had pleaded for these facilities for the youth of the area to be as far away from the House as possible – as for the matter of broken glass, he felt that it was a shallow argument as at least one Trustee of Admaston House had long complained that the Green was the worse for it; now it would seem that it would be preferable.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the lease for Admaston Green had a condition attached to it that there should be no development without the consent of the Borough Council; the whole point of Council taking on a 125 year lease of the Green was to prevent any development. Council had properly and fully debated the matter of placing all or part of this facility on the Green recently and had resolved not to do so.

The proposition was put:

There were four votes in favour and four votes against. The Chairman used his

casting vote in favour of the proposition.

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05/284 Police Report

There was no report.

05/285 Planning Matters

It was noted that Cllr Ballantyne had declared an interest in planning application W06/0265 and he took no part in that application.

Applications

The following application was considered:

TPO Rear Garden of 70 Admaston Road Wellington. There were no objections.

W06/0361 Demolition of two dwellings and re-development to provide four affordable homes (outline) 6/8 The Avenue Wrockwardine. Cllr. Mrs Savage expressed concerns over the capacity of the Wrockwardine sewage system and asked if it could cope with further developments; she had thought that it was up to capacity years ago. Members were also concerned over the number of vehicles the development might attract. It was **RESOLVED** to ask the Borough to satisfy itself as to sewage provision and car parking sufficiency.

W06/0353 Erection of a first floor extension over existing garage erection of dormer windows erection of conservatory to rear and erection of a detached garage Holly Tree House Allscott Lane. There were no objections.

Cllrs. Powell and Cowling declared an interest in application number W06/0265 and took no part in that application. The Chairman also declared an interest and took no part in the matter – Cllr. Rawlings presided.

W06/0265 Erection of one retirement home (outline) Land at rear of 9 Bratton Road. There were no objections

- W06/0253 Erection of two detached dwellings (outline) Land adjacent Rose Cottage Rushmore Lane.
Cllr. Rawlings presented the letter from the applicant and outlined the reasons behind the application.
Cllr. Cowling proposed that Council support the application; seconded by Cllr. Kenny, there were four votes in favour, one against and two abstentions. It was RESOLVED to support the application.
- W06/0284 Erection of a single storey rear extension 9 Donnerville Gardens. There were no objections.
- W06/0283 Erection of GP room St Peter's Primary School off Crowdale Road Shawbirch. There were no objections.
- W06/0248 Installation of two GRP kiosks Walcott Sewage Works. There were no objections.
- W06/0421 Erection of one retirement bungalow with garage (outline) Land at rear of 10 Bratton Road. There were no objections.
- W06/0424 (Conservation) Demolition of redundant farm building Church Farm. There were no objections.
- W06/0401 Erection of one number 2 or 3 bedroom bungalow Land at rear 8 Bratton Road. There were no objections.
- W06/0411 Erection of conservatory to rear of 24 Aldermead Close. There were no objections.

Permissions

The following permissions were received:

- W06/0028 Demolition of lean to and flat roof extension Dove Cottage 3 Drummery lane (Conservation consent).
- W06/0042 Erection of single dwelling and double garage Land adjacent Orchard Cottage Elmesdale Crescent.
- W06/1419 Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of five dwellings 21 Bratton Road.

Consent to fell one fir tree at Corndon.

- W06/0192 Erection of bay window and conservatory Briar House Allscott.

Refusal

The following refusals were noted:

W06/0032 Erection of two storey extension Dove Cottage 3
Drummery Lane Wrockwardine.

05/286 Press Statement

The press statement was delegated to the Chairman.

05/287 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was the Annual General Meeting and was scheduled for Wednesday 10th May 2006 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

05/288 Chairman's Closing Remarks

Cllr. Miss Seymour (Borough) informed the meeting that she would be attending a joint Health meeting shortly and would report back to Council.

The Chairman thanked all for attending.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.35 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____