

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

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#### **Present:**

Cllr. – K.J.S. Ballantyne – Meeting Chairman  
Cllrs. E. Dawes, T. Kiernan, D. Powell,  
and Mrs. J. Savage.  
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

#### **06/185 Chairman's opening remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all to the last meeting of Council for the present elective term.

#### **06/186 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies along with reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Carver, Cowling, Craik, Rawlings and Kenny.  
Courtesy apologies were received from WPC McPherson, CSO Suzy Coombs and Borough Councillors D. Blackwell and J. Seymour.

#### **06/187 Declaration of Interest**

The Chairman declared a personal and private interest in planning applications W07/0352 and W07/0371.

#### **06/188 Police Report**

There was no police report.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

#### **06/189 Minutes**

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2007 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

#### **06/190 Annual Parish Meeting**

##### **a) To note the date and venue**

Members noted that the Annual Parish Meeting was to be held on Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall. The Clerk confirmed that he had replaced the torn down notice on the Admaston notice board but had that very evening visited the Wrockwardine notice board and had to report that it had become so rotten at the base that it had fallen over. The Clerk informed the meeting that despite the fact that the notice board was lying on the floor, he had nevertheless replaced the notice advertising the date and venue of the Annual Parish Meeting.

Members agreed to consider the purchase of a replacement notice board at the next meeting of Council.

**06/191 Bean Hill – football posts**

The Chairman reported that council was still awaiting some points of clarification from the Borough. It was confirmed that a planning application was to be submitted for change of use.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had met with local residents and their views had been passed to the Borough.

**06/192 NTP3**

There was no report.

**06/193 Admaston House**

a) Report from Parish Representative

There was no report.

Members were made aware that the Trust was in the process of submitting a substantial grant application for Lottery funding.

b) Parish Council as Holding Trustee

There was no progress to report.

c) To note date and venue of special meeting of Council to consider a request for funding from the Trust.

It was agreed that the meeting should be held at Wrockwardine Parish Hall – date yet to be confirmed.

**06/194 Parish Improvements**

a) Shelter (Wrockwardine Playing Fields)

The Clerk reported that the contractor had started the work.

b) Street Signs

The Clerk reported that as there was still a degree of uncertainty as to where the Rushmoor Lane sign might be correctly placed the matter remained in hand.

c) Gates etc. Longyard Meadow

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had ascertained that the delays to the work had been due to contractual difficulties between the commissioned supplier and their own contractor. The Clerk stated that he would continue to press for the work to be completed and he hoped that the difficulties between these third parties could be resolved sooner rather than later. The meeting expressed a desire to retain the contracted supplier.

d) Bus Shelter Admaston Spa

The Clerk informed the meeting that the supplier now had all the relevant instructions and it was hoped that the project would finally be completed before the next meeting.

e) Silkin Way Planting (Bulbs and Trees)

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had made arrangements to meet with the Borough Officer (Rob Jeavons) to go through the logistics of the required planting regime.

f) Grounds Maintenance Wrockwardine (Triangle Oak and opposite MMII coppice)

Cllr. Kiernan gave a report on the state of the ground and informed the meeting that he had spoken at length with Cllr. Rawlings about the matter in order to suggest to Council a remedy. The meeting heard that Cllr. Rawlings had indicated to Cllr. Kiernan that it may be possible to do a more basic job by flailing off all the growth, and then controlling the weed growth this spring to provide a cleaner area that should take some shrubs and planting next Autumn with maybe some grass seeds applied this year if weather allows. Cllr. Kiernan thought the possible cost would be a couple of hundred pounds or so for the clearance with £30-40 for seed and materials. It was proposed by Cllr. Kiernan that the suggested scheme be adopted. Seconded by Cllr. Powell it was RESOLVED to accept the suggested programme. Members agreed to add the scheme to the present maintenance regime.

#### **06/195 Quarry Liaison Meeting**

The Chairman presented a report on the meeting and members then discussed issues arising.

#### **06/196 Correspondence**

Cllr. Kiernan raised the issues still unresolved from statements made by PC McPherson to Cllr. Cowling. As neither Cllr. Cowling nor PC McPherson were present it was agreed that the matter should be raised anew at the next meeting under the agenda item of Police Report.

##### **1. Correspondence not requiring a decision**

Ramblers Assoc	Mins & Agenda – noted.
Admaston House	Thanks for Grant – noted.
Audit Commission	Appointment of external auditors. Noted that UHY Hacker Young had been appointed once more as external auditors.
T&WC	Cost of local elections - £1570 if election is held. £90 if no election is held.

##### **2. Correspondence requiring a decision**

Resident of Wrockwardine	Letter bringing to the attention of Council that a local land owner had lodged a mass application with Land Registry to register all previously unregistered land in Wrockwardine. The Clerk was asked to inform the Borough to request that it ensured that the public ownership of land within Wrockwardine would not be affected.
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Letter from resident

The Chairman informed the meeting that a resident had asked the Borough to resurface Drummary Lane and having received no response had instigated a formal complaint against the Borough.

Members discussed traffic issues and there were fears that if the lane were to be entirely resurfaced it might encourage rat running. Members felt that a better solution would be to simply repair dangerous pot holes but leave the lane essentially alone. It was resolved to request that Drummey Lane becomes a "Quiet Lane".

The Chairman informed the meeting that Becky Eade had informed him that the work to provide fencing for the play ground and allotments would commence shortly and that the Borough would also provide protective planting for the site.

#### **06/197 Planning Matters**

The Chairman reminded Members that planning applications are available for inspection prior to the commencement of the meeting and asked that Members who wished to question any particular application make themselves familiar with it prior to the start of the meeting in order not to unnecessarily delay the proceedings.

#### **Applications**

The following applications were considered:

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| W07/0302 | Erection of one detached two storey dwelling and two bungalows with associated access (outline) Land off Bostock Close Admaston.  |
| W07/0363 | Erection of two storey and single storey extensions 24 Donnerville Gardens Admaston.  |
| W07/0352 | Erection of six dwellings and alteration of existing vehicular/pedestrian access 21 Bratton Road.   |
| W07/0353 | Conversion of existing garage into playroom and erection of a garage to side of property, erection of a two storey front extension and erection of a conservatory to rear of 1 Donnerville Drive. |
| W07/0371 | Erection of detached dwelling; Land adjacent to Admaston Hall.  |

There were no objections to any of the tabled applications.

#### **Permissions**

The following permissions were noted:

- W07/0106                      Erection of conservatory to rear and retrospective permission for two garden sheds 13 Burnell Road.
- W07/0147                      Repositioning of previously approved double garage altered driveway and parking layout (W05/0687) Moor Farm Cottage Bratton Road.

**Refusals**

There were no refusals.

**06/198 Accounts for Payment**

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

b) **Statement 163** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

**06/199 Press Statement**

The Chairman was delegated to produce a press release.

**06/200 Chairman's Closing Remarks**

The meeting being the last to be held during the term of the present Council, the Chairman thanked all members for their commitment, hard work and fortitude in dealing with all the issues council had dealt with during their tenure of office. He stated that the quality of debate and the courtesy of all members was in itself a testimony to the council. He thanked members for their support and stated that it had been a privilege to serve them as chair – they had made his task enjoyable.

The Chairman extended the thanks of all the members to the Clerk for his hard work and diligence.

Whether members were standing for re-election or not, the Chairman wished them the very best of success in whichever initiative they sought to undertake for the future.

The members thanked the Chairman for his good wishes.

**06/184 Next Meeting**

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was to be the Annual Meeting and was scheduled for Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:53 p.m.

*Signed* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Chairman*

*Date* \_\_\_\_\_