

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at  
Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

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**Present:**

Cllr. – K.J.S. Ballantyne, Chairman  
Cllrs. Mrs. Elaine Ballantyne, E. Dawes, Mrs Nadine Evans,  
T. Kiernan, D. Powell, S. Rawlings, Mrs Jo Savage and Mrs  
Sheila Turner.  
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

**Also Present:** Mr. D. Tranter, Mrs. Jenny Watts, Mrs. Enid Lintern, Ted  
Cowling Esq., Mr. Graham Hayward and four youths from Wrockwardine.

***7.30p.m. Cllr. Powell was called away to attend to an Admaston House matter and  
left the meeting room.***

**07/202 Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all present with a special welcome to Mrs. Lintern  
and Mrs. Watts. Congratulations were extended to Cllr. Kiernan on his success  
in the Borough elections for the Ward of Wrockwardine.

All present were invited to remain behind after the completion of business to  
partake in refreshments provided by the Chairman who explained that due to  
unexpected circumstances he had been unable to provide his usual Christmas  
refreshments but felt that as he was not standing for re-election to the Chair it  
would not be inappropriate to remedy the festive lapse in hospitality as this  
was the last meeting at which he would be in the Chair.

**07/203 Apologies for Absence**

The Clerk informed the meeting that Cllr. Craik had asked him to apologise to  
the meeting for anticipated late arrival due to business commitments.  
Courtesy apologies were received from Borough Councillor Miss Seymour.

**07/204 Police Report**

There being no police officer present the Chairman moved to the next item of  
business.

**07/205 Declaration of Interest**

There were no additional declarations.

**07/206 Minutes**

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008 were confirmed and  
signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

**07/207 Public Session**

Mrs. Watts introduced informed the meeting that she wished to present to

Council a number of requests, one of which was on behalf of the young lads who used the playing fields for football. The following matters were put to Council:

- i) The football field goal mouths had become unusable (mud); a request was made for more frequent cutting of the football area and that it is marked out.
- ii) A request was made for a youth shelter, like the one provided by the Parish Council in Admaston, to be placed on the playing fields at Wrockwardine.
- iii) A request was made for a dog ban to be placed on the playing fields with a sign stating Dogs Not allowed.
- iv) Stated that she understood £1000 had been set aside for landscaping of the verge opposite the Millennium Coppice on Station Road Wrockwardine.

***7.42 p.m. Cllr. Powell joined the meeting.***

- v) Complained about an overgrown hedge at 14 Wrekin View.
- vi) Asked about the application for grant funding of the Church (informed it was on the agenda for discussion later in the meeting).
- vii) Reported a number of pot holes and complained that the footpath on Wrekin View was in a poor state.

The Chairman informed Mrs Watts that the overgrown hedge at Wrekin View along with the pot holes and the footpath were matters needing to be brought to the attention of the Borough Council and were not within the powers of the parish council to solve.

In regard to the landscaping of the verge at station road, Mrs Watts was informed that Cllrs. Kiernan and Rawlings had been asked to investigate the matter and would be asked to report back to Council at the next meeting.

Mrs Watts was reminded that the Admaston youth shelter had cost £11.5k and had been funded by planning gain acquired from English Partnerships. The request for a Wrockwardine Youth Shelter would be placed on the agenda.

The Chairman agreed to place the request for attention to the football field on the next agenda and reminded all that a sum of money had been set aside in previous budgets for this work. The meeting discussed the necessary work and took advice from Mrs Watts and Mr. Tranter.

***7.53 p.m. Cllr. Craik joined the meeting.***

The meeting discussed a possible programme of work for the repair and reinstatement of the football pitch. It was agreed to discuss the matter further under Parish Improvements later in the agenda.

## **07/208 Grants**

### **a) Admaston House**

Mrs Lintern addressed members on the request from the Trust that the terms of the previously agreed grant funding be revisited and amended to allow the funds to be used in the refurbishment of the original house.

Mrs Lintern answered a number of questions and confirmed that the grant by the Council would be acknowledged and that the money would not be required for the next 12 to 18 months.

Following discussion Cllr. Rawlings proposed that the Parish Council support the Trust project for refurbishment of the existing house and that the grant pledged by Council for the new build project be cancelled and the funds redirected under the same terms to aid the funding of the existing house refurbishment. Seconded by Cllr. Mrs Jo Savage it was RESOLVED.

[There were 2 abstentions due to declared interests]

***8.08 p.m. Mrs. Lintern and Mr. Hayward left the meeting.***

### **c) Wrockwardine PCC**

[Cllr. Mrs Jo Savage declared an interest and took no part in the debate]

The meeting discussed a letter from the Wrockwardine Deanery Team Ministry seeking financial assistance for restoration of the Church along with provision of new amenities.

Following discussion Cllr. Kiernan proposed that a donation of £5000.00 [Five Thousand Pounds] be made to assist in completion of the work. Seconded by Cllr. Dawes it was RESOLVED. There were six votes in favour of the proposition and two abstentions.

***8.12 p.m. Mr Tranter and Mr. Cowling left the meeting.***

## **07/209 Traffic Matters**

The meeting discussed a response from the Traffic Management Officer and found that it was not consistent with previous discussion held with John Charles some time ago. The Clerk was asked to respond to the letter with further questions from Council.

The meeting discussed a number of concerns including speed indicating equipment and the Clerk was asked to correspond with the Borough.

## **07/210 Admaston House Trust**

b) Report from Parish Representative.  
There was nothing to report.

## **07/211 NTP3**

The meeting agreed that the NTP3 project had run its course and that the topic

heading should henceforth be Rights of Way.

Cllr Rawlings gave details of a problem he was in the process of attempting to resolve where a footpath off Elmsdale Road had been blocked.

### **07/212 Parish Improvements**

#### **a) Borough/Parish Playgrounds**

The Clerk reported that there continued to be positive progress in the negotiations report to gain ownership of the playgrounds and the land at Whiteways Drive.

#### **b) Playingfields Wrockwardine**

It was RESOLVED to give consent for immediate remedial work to be carried out on the football ground to a maximum sum of three hundred pounds.

[Cllr. Craik abstained from the vote]

### **07/213 Correspondence**

#### **1. Correspondence requiring a decision**

T&WC Proposed siting of recycling facilities for larger plastic items. The meeting felt that this was a positive move and approved.

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

T&WC Walkabout Wrekin leaflets – circulated.

CPRE Fieldwork Magazine/Voice Magazine – Cllr. Rawlings.

T&WC LDF progress report – Cllr. Rawlings.

T&WC Precept BACS – It was noted that the first part of the precept had been received from the Borough Council.

### **07/214 Planning Matters**

#### **Applications**

The following applications were considered:

W08/0251 Erection of externally illuminated double sided pole sign, installation of externally illuminated and non illuminated fascia signs and associated exterior lighting; The Plough Inn, Allscott. There were no objections.

W08/0284 Erection of dwelling with detached garage Land at Church Farm Wrockwardine. It was RESOLVED to object as this was the third property on this plot and it was therefore considered not to be infill, nor did it fit in with the principle of infill on a frontage. The meeting considered that if all of these planning applications had been submitted as one (and they were all by the same land owner) instead as one after the other, there would have been a high probability that this would have been considered to have been contrary to the Borough

planning policy and the development would not have been considered to be infill. It was the view of the Parish Council that the submission of these plans one after the other was sharp practice. The application was considered as not being infill and therefore contrary to Borough planning policy.

In regard to this application, the Clerk was asked to point out to the Borough that in a recent application for a number of replacement homes made by The Wrekin Housing Trust they advised the Trust that it would need to satisfy them that it had done a proper housing needs survey which proved a need for additional houses. Council felt that this seemed not to have been applied to the applicant of W2008/0284 who had over the last few years gradually, and one by one, submitted a number of applications under the guise of “infill” and been successful on each occasion.

- W08/0295 Demolition of existing cart shed; Land at Church Farm, Wrockwardine. There were no objections.
- W08/0313 Demolition of single storey outbuilding, erection of a single storey and two storey extensions to side and rear, installation of new windows, formation of new vehicular access and installation of new septic tank; 7 Allscott.  
[The Chairman and Cllr. Mrs Elaine Ballantyne declared an interest in this application and left the room – Cllr. Rawlings took the Chair for this application following which the Chairman and Cllr. Mrs Ballantyne returned to the room and the Chairman resumed the Chair.]  
There were no objections.
- W/08/0314 Erection of conservatory to rear and installation of rear patio; The Plough Inn, Allscott. It was RESOLVED to object to the application. The meeting had concerns over the safety aspects of the proposal; the conservatory was to be a glass structure which was to be built adjacent to a busy main road on a bend. There was no buffer zone from traffic and should a vehicle take the bend too fast and leave the road it was felt that it would inevitably come straight through the conservatory. Council objected to the proposed development because there was no provision for sufficient protection from the road.

- W08/0320 Demolition of two dwellings and replacement with four new two storey terraced dwellings; 6 & 8 The Avenue, Wrockwardine [amended plans]. The Clerk was asked to inform the Planning Officer that in principle there were no objections to the redevelopment of the site but there was objection to those particular buildings. The proposed development was to be in a conservation area and the proposed buildings, although an improvement on the derelict existing buildings, were not considered to be in keeping with the area.
- W08/0330 Erection of a two storey side extension; 5 woodhall Close, Shawbirch. There were no objections.
- W09/0329 Display of one illuminated fascia sign; Unit 2/3 Allscott. The meeting was concerned over light pollution.

#### **Permissions**

The following permissions were received:

- W08/0130 Erection of conservatory to rear of dwelling and detached timber cabin within cartilage; 37 Dulwich Grange.
- W08/0106 Erection of conservatory to side; 12 Meadowdale Drive.
- W08/0242 Erection of covered way to rear 36 Donnerville Gardens.
- W08/0073 Erection of conservatory 3 Donnerville Gardens.
- TPO/05501 Tree Preservation Order Walnut Tree; Church Farm

#### **Refusals**

The following refusal was received:

- W08/0143 Erection of single storey rear extension replacement of existing garage and erection of a fence around property; 9 Pemberton Road.

#### **07/215 Accounts for Payment**

- a) **Receipts & Payments - It was RESOLVED - that these be approved and paid as tabled.**
- b) **Statement 14** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.
- c) **Internal Auditor** – Mr. J. Nicholls was approved as Internal Auditor for a further year.

**07/216 F&GP Committee**

Next meeting of the F&GP Committee would be held in May subject to the approval of meeting dates for the forthcoming year at the Council AGM.

**07/217 Annual Parish Meeting**

All present were reminded that the APM was to be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> April at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.

**07/218 Press Statement**

Delegated to the Chairman - at his discretion.

**07/219 Chairman's Closing Remarks**

The Chairman thanked all for their support during his tenure and wished the very best to his successor stating that he had enjoyed the support of a very active Council; special mention was made of Cllr. Mrs Jo Savage who was the longest serving member of Council. The Chairman stated that he had been proud to serve Council as its Chairman.

**07/230 Next Meeting**

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Council was to be the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.26 p.m.

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

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