

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th April 2009 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr. – S.C. Rawlings - Chairman
Cllrs. M. Craik, Mrs Nadine Evans, T. Kiernan, D. Powell, Mrs
Jo Savage and Mrs Sheila Turner.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also present: Mr. A. Orrell

09/01 Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

09/02 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Elaine Ballantyne, K. Ballantyne and E. Dawes.

09/03 Police Report

Apologies were received from PC McPherson.

The Chairman presented the police report which had been forwarded by PC McPherson.

The meeting received concerns that police vehicles may be travelling at speed through the parish early in the mornings.

7:38p.m. Borough Councillor Miss Seymour joined the meeting.

09/04 Public Session

Mr. Orrell expressed concerns over a planning application for Barratts Field which would later be considered by the meeting; he presented a case against the application citing past applications, current use of the land and access issues. Mr. Orrell hoped that the Parish Council would keep in mind the fact that the sugar beet factory site, although presently derelict retained its commercial use and had the potential for future large commercial use. Mr. Orrell felt that someone ought to ask the Borough Council for a composite plan of the area including roads and sewerage capacity.

There was then a discussion on the planning application. The Chairman declared an interest in the application and took no part in the debate but did state that the meeting would note Mr. Orrell's concerns when it debated the matter later in the meeting.

7:49p.m. Mr. Orrell left the meeting.

7:50p.m. Cllr. Miss Seymour left the meeting.

09/05 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Craik declared an interest in application W2009/0282.
Cllr. Rawlings declared an interest in applications W2009/0247 and W2009/0248.

09/06 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March2009 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

09/07 Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk confirmed that the venue had been booked for the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 7th May 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

**09/08 Rural Matters
Parish Plans**

The Chairman confirmed that the agenda had been set to include the launch of the Parish Plan initiative.

7:52p.m. Cllr. Miss Seymour joined the meeting.

The Clerk was asked to invite Caroline Oaks to the APM.

09/09 Traffic Matters

The Clerk informed the meeting that he was still awaiting a report from the Borough Traffic Management Officer on the recently held traffic survey, the delay was thought to be due to the statistics being added to a larger survey the results of which were still awaited.

The meeting asked the Clerk to endeavour once more to report to the Borough that the difficulties over the zebra crossing had not been attended to and request that some action be taken.

Cllr. Powell reported on a traffic safety matter at the cross roads in Admaston.

Cllr. Kiernan confirmed that he had requested the removal of the now redundant traffic (HGV) direction signs to the sugar beet factory site. He reported that the gulleys in Admaston had been emptied and that Drummery Lane had been resurfaced. The meeting asked Cllr. Kiernan to check with the Borough if Drummery Lane still qualified as a “quiet lane”.

09/10 Rights of Way

The meeting discussed a possible request to the Borough Council that parts of The Silkin Way running through Admaston might be turned into a bridle way. It was resolved that although the Council was not in principle against bridleways when sited appropriately, it was not felt that this part of The Silkin Way would be suitable for such a use. The Clerk was asked to convey the resolution to the Borough.

09/11 Admaston House Trust

a) Report from Parish Representative.

Cllr. Sheila Turner was pleased to report that the Trust had been successful in its bid for Lottery funding and had received an offer of £315'000.

Cllr. Powell gave details of the work which would be undertaken using the funding.

The meeting congratulated the Trust on its success and went on to discuss the proposed development.

09/12 Parish Improvements

a) Adoption of red telephone kiosk Alscott

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by the electricity company with a request to confirm that the electricity supply for the kiosk was to be transferred to the Parish Council; this had been confirmed and it was therefore hoped that a complete handover was imminent.

b) Play Areas

The Clerk informed the meeting that he still awaited receipt of any form of draft leases for the sites but continued to press the Borough for progress. The Chairman presented a number of options presently being discussed by local groups under the Playbuilder funding opportunities offered by the Borough.

Cllr. Kiernan stated that he would request that Borough Officers send draft leases as soon as possible.

Cllr. Miss Seymour was asked to ascertain if any progress could be made on the acquisition of the Whiteways Drive open space.

A brief discussion was held about land in Allscott.

c) Play Wall for Wrockwardine

The Chairman reported that the young persons committee at Wrockwardine had requested that part of their funding could be used to provide a Play Wall; details were given to the meeting and a discussion was held. It was resolved to purchase a play wall for the young people of Wrockwardine to be sited on Wrockwardine Playing Fields.

The meeting received a request to provide a picnic table and benches on Wrockwardine Playing Field. The Clerk provided details of a green oak table and benches supplied by The Green Wood Trust. It was resolved to purchase the picnic table and benches.

09/13 Parish Magazine and its distribution

The Clerk tabled copies of the magazine and a schedule of voluntary distribution by members was agreed upon. The Chairman thanked all the volunteers and copies of the magazine were collected by those who had agreed

to assist.

09/14 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

There was no correspondence requiring a decision.

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

CPRE	Voice magazine - circulated
Mark's Pit Stop	Letter of thanks for grant. Noted.
T&WC	Walkabout Wrekin leaflets – circulated.

09/15 Planning Matters

**The following planning matters were placed before the meeting:
Applications**

The Chairman vacated the Chair to allow Cllr. Craik, as Vice Chairman, take applications W09/0247 and W09/0248. The Chairman took no part in either matter.

W09/0248 Erection of agricultural potato store Unit 2 Barratts Field
Duncote Farm.

W09/0247 Erection of agricultural potato store Unit 1 Barratts Field
Duncote Farm.

The Vice Chairman reminded the meeting that public representation had been made in regard to these applications. Following discussion it was resolved that the Clerk should inform the Borough Council that The Parish Council would like to put on record a number of concerns; it should be noted that the Parish Council were aware that a similar application in 2007 had been rejected by the Borough and there were concerns that these new applications would add to the difficulties already experienced at the site. There was some local doubt that the present buildings were being used for the purpose granted in existing conditions.

The Clerk was also asked to convey to the Borough that there were grave concerns that promises that traffic would not be increased were disingenuous; that previous promises made by this applicant that additional traffic generated by previous applications would keep to internal farm tracks had not been adhered to and the existing development encouraged traffic to use the local lanes with vehicle movements to and from the site starting at 6.00 am and going on to as late as 9.00 pm and even on occasions throughout the night. The Borough were asked to note that residents of the area had continually complained to the Parish Council about inconsiderate vehicle movements at antisocial hours which often cause damage to the verges on the country lanes.

Council were very concerned that the whole road infrastructure for the area was insufficient to deal with these creeping additional applications and Council did not wish to see additional traffic without some restriction as to operating hours.

The Chairman retook the Chair for the remainder of the business.

W09/0210 Tree works per schedule The Vicarage Wrockwardine. There were no objections.

W09/0203 Tree works per schedule Briar House Allscott. There were no objections.

Cllr. Craik left the room.

W09/0282 Erection of first floor extension over existing detached garage (revised plan) 6 The Firs Shawbirch Road. There were no objections.

Cllr. Craik rejoined the meeting.

W09/0281 Erection of agricultural storage building 10 Rushmoor Lane. Following discussion the meeting felt that this address was not in the parish boundary. The Clerk agreed to check.

The meeting briefly discussed a matter of planning enforcement.

Permissions

The following permissions were received:

W09/0033 Erection of two storey rear extension Sutton Cottage 26 Burnell Road Admaston.

W09/0090 Erection of a detached triple garage with granny annex Orchard House Bratton Road.

Refusals

No refusals were received.

It was noted that there was to be an appeal against the refusal of application W08/1121 Erection of first floor extension over existing garage 19 Aldermead Close.

09/16 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 26 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

09/17 Press Statement

The Clerk agreed to send details of the meeting to the press.

09/18 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman invited Cllr. Miss Seymour to give a Borough Councillor's report. Cllr. Miss Seymour gave a report and answered questions.

The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting.

09/19 Next Meeting

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Council was to be the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 13th May 2009 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

All were reminded that the Annual Parish meeting was to be held on Thursday 7th May at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.18 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____