

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th April 2010 at
Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. – S.C. Rawlings - Chairman
Cllrs. E. Dawes, Nadine Evans, T. Kiernan, Mrs Jo Savage and
Mrs. S. Turner.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also present: Andrew Careless (Borough Officer)
Cllr. Tracy Hope (Borough Member)
Cllr. Steve Bentley (Borough Member)
Cllr. Jacquie Seymour (Borough Member
Wrockwardine Ward)
One member of the public

09/207 Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

09/208 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Craik, Cllr. Mrs Ballantyne
and Cllr. Ballantyne.

The meeting received courtesy apologies from PC McPherson.

09/209 Police Report

There was no police report.

09/210 Public Session

No matters from the public were raised.

09/211 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Rawlings declared a personal interest in planning application W10/0202
and in matter relating to grass cutting at the Church.

Cllr. Mrs. Jo Savage declared a personal interest in matters concerning
Wrockwardine Parochial Church Council.

7:36 p.m. Cllr. Powell joined the meeting.

09/212 Minutes

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2010 were confirmed and
signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

09/213 Silkin Way – Bridleway

The Chairman introduced Andrew Careless, Borough Rights of Way Officer,
and Borough Councillors Tracy Hope and Steve Bentley who explained the

reasons and rational behind the proposals to encourage horse riders to use the Silkin Way.

Mr. Careless apologised for the way in which the project had been handled and went on to explain that, following a request from local horse riders, the Borough Council was considering how the Silkin Way, from the Wellington Link to Bratton, was used, and by whom.

The meeting heard that riders had told the Council that they had, for a number of years, previously used the route as a safe alternative to using the road, that their use had been without incident and that this use was only interrupted when a new metal kissing gate was installed to replace the existing wooden one.

Mr. Careless assured the meeting that the route was not recorded on the definitive map as a right of way, but had been used by the public and promoted by the Council as a footpath and cycleway, for many years. The meeting heard that the Borough considered that, because the route was not on the definitive map, it was a permissive route and that the Borough, as owner of the route, was entitled to authorise horses to use it and had done so.

Following questions from the meeting Mr. Careless assured all that the Borough Council did not intend to compromise the safety of pedestrians and cyclists already using the route and that the use by horses was in fact simply a trial.

The meeting was informed that the trial period for the use of the route by horses was to conclude at the end of September 2010 and that extensive consultation would then follow.

Mr. Careless assured all that henceforth the process would receive an appropriate amount of publicity.

The meeting discussed the project and Mr. Careless and the Borough Members answered a number of questions.

8:10 p.m. After being thanked by the Chairman for their attendance Mr. Careless, Cllr. Tracy Hope and Cllr. Steve Bentley left the meeting.

09/214 Rural Matters

Rural Housing Needs

Ward Councillor Miss Seymour gave details of the Local Implementation Plan for housing right across the Borough and outlined the steps being taken to address issues with rural housing.

The meeting discussed what questions might be added to or altered in the draft letter supplied by the Borough Council.

Wrockwardine Footpath Project

The meeting was informed that Cllr. Kiernan had obtained provisional costs for the provision of a footpath on Station Road Wrockwardine from the Borough Highways department but was still awaiting a response from a local landowner to an alternative proposal. The meeting agreed to await the alternative response before proceeding further.

09/215 Traffic Matters

Traffic Statistics

The Meeting received further traffic statistics provided by the Borough Traffic management Officer and the Chairman gave details of a meeting held at the Borough offices.

The meeting discussed recent damage caused to Walcot Bridge and details, from the Borough, of the proposed measures for repair were tabled. The meeting was concerned over the disruption which would inevitably be caused by a traffic diversion and asked that the Borough Council give adequate notice and provide good signage.

09/216 Finance & General Purposes Committee

The minutes of the meeting of the F&GP Committee held on 25th March 2010 were received by the meeting.

09/217 Newsletter

The Chairman asked the meeting to provide any content for the newsletter in good time for the Clerk to produce a draft for the June meeting to consider.

The meeting approved the inclusion of the Annual Accounts in the next newsletter subject to them being available.

09/218 Admaston House Trust

Cllr. Powell gave a report.

09/219 Parish Improvements

a) Provision of Allotments

The Clerk reported minor concerns over a number of clauses in the draft lease recently received from the Borough Council. Following discussion it was resolved that an appointment should be made with officers of the Borough to deal with the minor issues and that the Clerk along with the Chairman and Cllr. Kiernan should attend to present the views of the Parish Council.

b) Playgrounds at Walcot and Burnell Road/Pemberton Road.

The meeting heard that work on the refurbishment was in progress.

c) Grass Cutting

Cllr. Rawlings left the room – Cllr. Kiernan took the Chair

The meeting considered taking on the financial responsibility for cutting the grass of the Church Yard and Cemetery in Wrockwardine for future years and to make a grant to cover the cost of any existing contract for the present year.

Following discussion it was resolved to take on the financial responsibility for cutting the grass of the Church Yard and Cemetery in Wrockwardine for future years and to make a grant to cover the cost of any existing contract for the present year.

Cllr. Rawlings rejoined the meeting and resumed the Chair.

d) Lighting of Church

It was resolved to grant £500 to Wrockwardine PCC to fund the external lighting of the Church.

09/220 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

Marks Pit Stop	Grant application – to be placed on the agenda for grants meeting.
Shropshire Council	Grants – Aggregates Levy Fund. It was resolved that the Clerk and Chairman submit a grant for funding towards the proposed footpath at Station Road Wrockwardine.

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

CPRE	Fieldwork Magazine – Cllr. Nadine Evans
SALC	Parish Pump – circulated.
T&WC	Street Lighting changes – noted.
St. Christopher's Hol Club	Thanks for grant – noted.
Telford Samaritans	Thanks for grant – noted.

09/221 Planning Matters

Cllr. Rawlings left the room Cllr. Kiernan took the Chair

Applications

The following application was received:

W10/0202	Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension; Cheshire Coppice. There were no objections.
W10/0178	Erection of a two storey side extension; 58 Glovers Way. There were no objections

Permissions

The following permissions were received:

W09/1067	Erection of 5 dwellings etc; 21 Bratton Road.
W09/1104	Extension of time limit for implementation of W05/0766 conversion of existing barns into one dwelling with garage; land at Upper Leaton Farm.

W10/0151 Felling of one alder tree; land adjacent to The Stables, Wrockwardine.

W10/0015 (TPO) Crown cleaning of walnut tree; land adjacent to The Stables, Wrockwardine.

To meeting noted that the Borough had confirmed a Tree Preservation Order for tree at The Old Vicarage.

Refusals

There were no refusals.

Cllr. Rawlings rejoined the meeting and resumed the Chair.

09/222 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 38 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

The meeting noted the time table for external audit.

09/223 Press Statement

The Clerk was asked to provide a press statement.

09/224 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all for attending.

Cllr. Kiernan brought to the attention of the meeting the sad death of Doreen Webb who had been the oldest resident of the parish and had died at the age of 103. The meeting noted the news with sadness.

09/225 Next Meeting

All those present were reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting was to be held on the 23rd April at Admaston House at 7:30 p.m.

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Council was to be the Annual General Meeting and would be held on Wednesday 12th May 2010 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:28 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____