

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th December 2001
at Wrockwardine Parish Hall, Wrockwardine at 7.30. p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. - Mrs. R. Hargrave - Chairman.
Cllrs. K. J. S. Ballantyne, B. C. Brown, Mrs. E.S. Jones,
A. Orrell, D. Powell and Mrs. J. Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

Also in attendance: Nine members of the public.
Cllr. D. Blackwell (Unitary Cllr.)

01/186 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman, in opening the meeting, welcomed the public.

01/187 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs. M. Carver and E. Cowling.
Courtesy apologies were also received from Cllr. Miss. J. Seymour (Unitary Councillor).

01/188 Declaration of Interest

There were no new declarations.

01/189 Traffic Transport and Highway Matters within the Parish

The Clerk informed the meeting that owing to personal reasons, the T&WC officer who had been due to attend the meeting, had been unable to do so. This meant that the plans which were to be presented to the Council outlining proposals for traffic calming in Station Road/Shawbirch Road were not ready.

[The Chairman stated that as there were three very important matters on the agenda; Highway matters, Land at Admaston House and the Budget and Precept, she would, with the permission of Members, restrict the debates to thirty minutes each.]

The Chairman expressed the disappointment of the Meeting that the plans were not available, this was particularly vexing because the Parish council had gone to some effort to inform the public and there were members of the public present who had attended specifically to hear of the plans.

Members discussed the matter. The Clerk informed the Meeting that senior officers, along with the police, would be available to attend either the January meeting of the council or a specific meeting with just traffic matters on the agenda. Cllr. Ballantyne requested that a specific meeting be held at

Admaston House on the third Wednesday of January. The chairman suspended Standing Orders to ask the members of the public present if they would be content with a specific meeting. The public present indicated that they would be content.

Cllr. Orrell, for the benefit of the public present, gave details of the councils efforts to bring the traffic problems within the parish as a whole to the fore.

Following further discussion, it was agreed that there should be a special meeting of the Parish Council restricted to Traffic Matters to be held on Wednesday 16th January at Admaston House.

The Chairman once again apologised to those members of the public who had attended in the hope of hearing details of the calming measures for Station Road &c and thanked them for their interest.

7. 55 p.m. Cllr. Rawlings joined the meeting.

01/190 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2001 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

Cllr. Mrs. Jones asked that it be noted for the record that Cllr. Ballantyne had also offered to deliver the leaflets (01/177 page 4).

01/191 Matters Arising

The Clerk informed the meeting that matters reported (01/184) at the last meeting had been referred to T&WC.

Dog Fouling Signs

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Dog warden was in possession of the signs and would install them as soon as his work load allowed.

Transport Matters

Cllr. Ballantyne reported that he had met with Diane Whittingham (T&WC) and they had toured the bus shelters in the parish. Of the seven, five need renovation, one (at Admaston) needs alterations and one needs rebuilding or replacing. Details of possible grant funding was given.

01/192 Land at Admaston House - Lease

Cllr. Brown, at the request of the Chairman, opened the debate on the lease and tabled a three part proposition.

- i) That paragraph 9 be amended to read “not to assign or under let or part with possession of the whole or any part of the property”
- ii) To delete the last words of para 5 pt.2 in 3rd schedule “without landlords prior permission”
- iii) To add to para 7(6) “The landlord shall allow such sports and past times as have been usual since the land became available for community use”.

This was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Jones. Cllr. Orrell objected to three items being included as one proposition and requested that each part be dealt with separately. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed and the first item should be put to the meeting. The first item was defeated and Cllr. Brown then withdrew the second and third parts.

The Chairman challenged the right of Cllrs. Ballantyne and Powell to vote, referring to their interest in Admaston House. Cllr. Ballantyne made clear his position and belief that there was no conflict in the matter (as did Cllr. Powell).

The Clerk assured the Chairman that matters had been looked into in some detail and the present position was such that the Land and House were now separate and in being dealt with as two very different items the future of one could not affect the other. The Chairman remained unconvinced and the Clerk agreed to note her concerns. Cllr. Blackwell was asked by the Chairman for his comments. He replied that it was always down to the individual to decide whether there was a conflict of interest or not.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that there were a number of other representations from Members to be discussed.

Members discussed the terms of the lease in great detail and following debate, it was agreed that responsibility for maintenance should be vested in the Parish Council and that a request be made to T&WC that the wording of the lease be amended as follows:

- i) Landlords Covenants - clause 5.2 be deleted.
- ii) 3rd schedule Tenants Covenants 2. (repair) be amended to read “ To keep and maintain the Property in good condition”
- iii) The Permitted use to be amended to - Community open space including sports and past times as have been used since the land became available for community use.

Cllr. Orrell requested that amendments be made to the lease to allow the Parish Council to erect certain statutory signs if it wished. Cllr. Ballantyne advised that statutory signs should/would be allowed within the spirit of the present wording of the lease. It was agreed that the Clerk should check with T&WC and request that if this was not the case, a suitable clause be drafted by them to allow such signs to be erected.

The Chairman asked members if the Meeting could now move to agree to accept the lease **subject to the requested amendments.**

Cllr. Orrell proposed that subject to T&WC accepting the requested amendments, a lease on the Land at Admaston House be entered into.

Seconded by Cllr. Brown, it was unanimously **resolved that subject to T&WC accepting the requested amendments, a lease on the Land at Admaston House be entered into.**

01/193 Quality Town & Parish Councils

The Clerk gave a brief outline of the requirements and objectives of the document. It was agreed that as the Council could not meet the requirements

by virtue of the fact that it does not at present have a full elected Membership (there being one co-opted Member), the matter should be kept under review with a view to possible future attainment.

01/194 Model Code of Conduct Order 2001

Members received individual copies of the Order. The Chairman suggested that as there was a requirement for Members to “sign up” to the ideals of the order, they should familiarise themselves with the requirements and the matter can be placed on the next agenda for approval.

01/195 Correspondence

1. Telford & Wrekin Council

(a) Snow Liaison Officer - It was agreed that, subject to his agreement, Mr. Simon Savage should continue as Snow Liaison Officer for the Parish.

(b) Footpath 5/7 Cheshire Coppice Lane. Update.

Cllr. Rawlings declared an interest and took no part in the discussion but thanked Cllr. Orrell for his work with officers of T&WC.

2. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Home Start T&W	Information - noted.
Community Cll.	Parish Plans - noted.
W'dine Parish Hall	Request for the Parish Council to consider becoming a Corporate Trustee. The Clerk was asked to obtain legal advice from NALC prior to any decision being taken.
Ramblers Assoc.	Mins & Agenda - noted.
George Evans	The Wrekin County - noted.
DTLR	Audit & Account Regs - noted.
T&W CVS	Notification of retirement of director Elizabeth Yates. Cllr. Mrs. Jones requested that a letter of best wishes be sent to Mrs. Yates.
Wellington TC	Reply, traffic calming Wellington Rd - noted.
Mr. Lowe	Traffic problems. Cllr. Orrell, requested that he be allowed to give a detailed reply to Mr. Lowe.
Permission	was granted.
Various residents	Traffic matters. It was agreed that the numerous letters from residents expressing views/concerns over traffic problems in the parish should be held over and
presented	in summary form at the special meeting to be
held	January.

01/196 Planning Matters Applications

- W01/1041 Erection of first floor side extension 8 Wellington Rd. Admaston. There were no objections raised.
- W01/1072 Modification of condition 22 (W99/0849) to enable the burning of empty explosive delivery boxes on site. Leaton Quarry, Leaton. Members expressed concerns over the possible emission of noxious fumes. the Clerk was asked to write to T&WC to ask that if they are minded to grant such permission, steps are taken to ensure that the appropriate equipment is installed to deal with possible emissions.
- W01/1071 Siting of mobile catering unit (retrospective) lay-by on B5061 at Overly. No objections were raised.

Section 7(2) New Towns Act 1981 and Article 8 of town & Country Planning (New Towns) Special Development Order 1977: Consultation.

- EP/PL/TF/04/01/15 Residential development at Bratton Road. No objections were raised.

Members noted the following permissions:

- W01/0883 Reconstruction or roof over garage to form a games room. Four Seasons, Allscott.

01/197 Accounts for Payment

The Clerk informed the Meeting that there had now been an amendment to the Audit & Account Regulations. The amendment meant that councils operating below a certain level of income (which included this council) could, if they wished, revert to the pre 1996 method of preparing accounts for audit by way of receipts and payments rather than the more complicated method of income and expenditure. The differences in preparation of accounts were discussed and it was **resolved that for the purposes of preparing accounts for audit, the council would adopt the receipts and payment method.**

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

Statement 99 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

01/198 Budget and Precept

The Chairman thanked Cllr Orrell for preparing a draft budget. The budget was discussed in detail. Cllr. Ballantyne gave detailed figures on the likely expenditure on bus shelters and it was agreed that an extra £1500 be added to the budget for bus shelters. Cllr. Orrell gave further details of budget and expenditure and stated that if

the Council were to accept the budget as presented with the addition of the £1500 for bus shelters, a precept of £23'600 would be adequate and would mean that there would be no increase to the individual council tax payer of the Parish portion of their tax bill.

Cllr. Orrell reminded the Meeting that a sum of £4k had been budgeted for Admaston House, although £2k had been spent on Wrockwardine Parish Hall, there remained £2k unused in the budget for this year. He requested that consideration be given to early payment to the Trust as they may be in need of assistance when they take over the running of the House in January.

need The Clerk stated that the money had been allocated on the basis of proved and as the council had not been notified of such a need, it would be unable, at this meeting to give consideration to any request to issue payment.

The Chairman asked for the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting and Cllr. Orrell agreed to contact the Trust Treasurer.

Cllr. Orrell proposed that the budget be accepted as presented with the addition of £1500 for bus shelters and that a precept of £23'600 (Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred Pounds) be set. Seconded by Cllr. Brown. It was **resolved that the budget be accepted as presented with the addition of £1500 for bus shelters and that a precept of £23'600 (Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred Pounds) be set.**

01/199 The Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen

Members discussed various possibilities for marking the occasion and it was agreed that Cllrs. Ballantyne, Brown and Mrs. Savage form a working group and report back to the Council with recommendations for consideration.

01/200 Reports

Cllr. Ballantyne - Gave a report on his attendance, on Nov 28th at the launch of Wrekin Connect.
Requested that Councillors contact details be placed on all notice boards. Members agreed that laminated lists should be placed on all boards.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage - Requested that the appalling state of the roads in Tiddicross be brought to the attention of T&WC along with the damage being caused to drains by tree roots. Allscott Bank was reported as being unsafe for two wheeled vehicles (pot holes) and Wellington Rd, although having received some attention, still had one very bad pot hole left.

Cllr. Rawlings - Reported difficult visibility at junction of

Whiteways Drive and residents parking on junction at Station Rd and Elmsdale Cres. etc obscuring views.

Cllr. Powell -

Stated that acts of vandalism to outbuildings at Admaston House had been reported to PC Palmer but there had been no acknowledgement.

Cllr. Mrs. Jones -

Asked for clarification as to which authority was responsible for replacement/repair of street name signs. The Clerk confirmed that this was the responsibility of T&WC. Mrs. Jones then reported that the sign at the junction of Sutton Rd. and Station Rd. needed replacing. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to T&WC for the work which had recently been carried out to clear rubbish from under the bridge on the Silkin Way.

Cllr. Mrs. Hargrave -

Asked the Clerk to remind the T&WC disability officer that the Council were still awaiting a visit.

01/201 Press Statement

The Clerk was asked to report the special meeting to be held on Wednesday 16th January, the precept and the lease.

The meeting closed at 10.08 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____