

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2002 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

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#### **Present:**

Cllr. Brown - Chairman  
Cllrs. K.J.S. Ballantyne, E. Cowling, A. Orrell, D. Powell,  
and Mrs. J. Savage.  
Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

**Also in attendance:** One member of the public.  
Cllr. D. Blackwell (Borough Councillor)  
WPC McPherson (Beat Manager)

#### **02/170 Chairman's remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all present stating that this was to be the last meeting of Council for the year 2002 and informing Members that the next meeting was quite early in the new year on the 8<sup>th</sup> January. He felt that meetings had been going on for too long into the evening and it was, he felt sure, agreed by all that to deal with important matters so late, when all were feeling tired, was not the best way to conduct the business of the council. It was proposed by the Chairman, and agreed by Members, that a guillotine be imposed at 9.30 p.m. and the Chairman asked all to do their utmost to contribute to the efficiency of business.

#### **02/171 Police Session**

PC McPherson stated that she had no issues to raise with the Meeting and asked members if they had anything that they wished to raise with her. Cllr. Powell gave a report on the efforts of the T&WC Outdoor Recreational Officer in engaging with local groups. Cllr. Orrell stated that the officer was hoping to get a draft document ready for circulation to schools and the area of Admaston (households). Cllr. Orrell informed the meeting that although he had originally been informed that the funds available for the project were in the region of 30 to 35 thousand pounds, he had since been informed that a sum of 72 thousand pounds had been negotiated. He stated that funding would be quite dependent upon Parishes negotiating for community use. Members discussed the youth project.

Concerns over speeding vehicles using a route from the A5 to Admaston via Wrockwardine village were reported to the Beat Manager.

Cllr. Cowling asked the beat manager if she could talk to Maidens haulage about the light that was dazzling drivers and was a traffic hazard.

Cllr. Ballantyne raised the matter of cars which continued to park on footpaths to the great inconvenience of pedestrians and asked that the Beat Manager not only take action against the offenders herself but also to ask WPC Riggs, Traffic Manager, what she proposed to do about the problem. Cllr. Ballantyne

asked the Beat manager to request that all police officers who were in the area take action when they see vehicles parked on footpaths and not, as they do at present, ignore the problem.

WPC McPherson in agreed to take action on the matters raised. Cllr. Orrell moved that the Meeting thank WPC McPherson for he attendance especially as she had attended whilst off duty. Members thanked the Beat manager and she left the meeting at 7.56 p.m.

#### **02/172 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs. E. Jones, Mrs. M. Carver, Mrs. J. Watts and S. Rawlings. Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. Miss J. Seymour (Borough Councillor).

#### **02/173 Declaration of Interest**

There were no additional declarations.

#### **02/174 Minutes**

02/159 Cllr. Ballantyne stated that the minute should more accurately be recorded as a declaration that the house of his father-in-law backs onto the land at Station Road.

Cllr. Blackwell requested it be recorded that in the matter of the overgrown garden in Wrockwardine, there is a suggestion that T&WC would remove the overgrown vegetation and would consider the construction of a footpath – it had been made clear to T&WC (by Cllr. Blackwell) that if such a project was to be considered, they must consult with the Parish Council.

**Subject to the above;**

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

#### **02/175 Matters arising out of the Minutes**

##### Leaton Quarry

The Chairman reported that those Members who had visited the quarry had enjoyed the tour and had found it most educational. During the meeting (visit) the members were advised of the reserves and renewals of planning permissions that would be required. The information given was advisory. Mr. McClelland was to be thanked for providing such an enjoyable visit.

##### Play Provision

Cllr. Powell outlined the ideas from which the working party would be working. Cllr. Orrell stated that he had met with the contractor and given him details of what was envisaged for the possible youth shelter so that a quote could be prepared. Members discussed possible locations for the shelter.

##### Sites of concern - Reports by Members

Cllr. Orrell questioned the comments about Members reports made by the

Chairman at the last meeting. The Chairman stated that he had not meant to discourage Members from bringing matters to the attention of the Parish Council but had felt that it must often be the case that there would be more speed if action could be taken by an individual bringing the concern directly to the responsible authority rather than waiting for up to a month before reporting the matter via the parish Council.

#### Newsletter

Cllr. Ballantyne reported that the newsletter research was well under way.

#### Footpath Burcott Row to Wrockwardine

Cllr. Orrell reported that the owner of the land that would be used for the footpath had been unwilling to allow T&WC to proceed towards the creation of a formal and official footpath, preferring to retain control of the land and merely grant restricted access for passage. This had meant that the Wrockwardine Millennium Group was now reverting to their original request for a grant of £200 to cover the legal costs that had been asked for by the landowner. Members agreed to place the matter on the next agenda.

### **02/176 Budget & Precept**

Cllr. Brown thanked Cllr. Orrell for the depth and clarity of the presented draft budget and accompanying notes. Cllr. Orrell outlined the possible expenditure and budget for the forthcoming year.

Cllr. Ballantyne referred to the final item of the draft (note 29 finger posts) stating that the £3000 was an estimate and the working party felt that the provision of finger posts could be phased over a number of years; the sum could be reduced for the next year to £1000.

Cllr. Ballantyne also requested that the budget for the possible provision of a stained glass window be reduced to £1000.

Members discussed the budget and precept.

The Chairman stated that it was felt that the Clerk aired on the side of generosity in recording the hours worked and the council was most grateful. Cllr. Orrell stated that the budget had allowed for a possible increase in hours worked by the Clerk.

The provision of a notice board at Admaston shops was discussed and members agreed that rather than provide a new notice board it would be more appropriate to provide a small sign pointing to the location of the existing board. This was approved and Members agreed to purchase such a sign.

The Chairman pointed out that a precept of £25'500 would present no increase at all to Band D taxpayers.

Cllr. Ballantyne asked members as a matter of prudence to consider a modest increase and proposed that: **The draft budget be amended by deletion of**

**£3000 from items 28 and 29 and replaced by the sum of £1000 for each of the said items and that the Council seeks to raise a precept of £26'500 for the financial year 2003/2004.**

Seconded by Cllr. Powell the proposal was **resolved**.

Cllr. Ballantyne informed the meeting that the bank had lost the copies of his passport etc. This meant that the additional signatories were not in place at the present time. He had written to the bank and had asked if, in the mean time, they do not delay the processing of Cllr. Mrs. Savage as an additional signatory.

#### **02/177 Traffic/ Transport/ Highway Matters**

##### Shawbirch Road

Members agreed to meet Mr. Roderick (Transport Project Officer) on site at Shawbirch Road at 8.15 a.m. on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

##### Public Transport

Cllr. Orrell informed the meeting that at investigations into the possibility of extending a bus service to pick school children up from Wrekin View Wrockwardine were currently being undertaken.

##### Reversing HGV's

Members discussed the problems of HGV's having to reverse when they meet low bridges in the parish. Questions were asked as to why they were not seeing warning signs in good time and if there was adequate signage. Following discussion, the Clerk agreed to raise the matter with Mr. Roderick at the site meeting.

#### **02/178 Land at Station Road**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he was due to meet with the council's solicitors and would hope to bring the council up to date at the next meeting.

Cllr. Ballantyne stated that he was fairly sure that responsibility for fences lay with the adjacent householders.

Cllr. Orrell stated that he was still endeavouring to have footpath 5 placed on the definitive map.

A map had been prepared for the purposes of the fencing requirements but this also highlighted other areas of possible concern. These were noted by the members and where appropriate would be referred to the solicitors.

#### **02/179 Footway Lighting refurbishment programme**

Members agreed to proceed with the refurbishment of the lights in Pemberton Road in the year 2003/4 and Burnell Road in the year 2004/5.

#### **02/180 Correspondence**

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:-

1. Telford & Wrekin Council -

- (a) NTP3 next meeting 17th December
- (b) Proposed electoral pilot scheme - reply
- (c) Notice of adoption Joint Structure Plan
- (d) Youth Services - Volunteer Appropriate Adult Scheme
- (f) Carol Service 10th December
- (g) Snow Liaison Officer. Mr. Simon Savage to continue as officer. The Clerk was asked to request filling of the parish grit bins.
- (h) Conservation Area Leaflet
- (i) Electoral Register – Circulated.

Telford Women's Refuge	Request for grant funding. Cllr. Cowling proposed that a grant of £100 be made (£50 for children's Christmas presents and £50 for general funding) seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Savage. <b>Resolved.</b> [Cllr. Ballantyne took no part in the proceedings]
CPRE	Planning Update
NHS	Proposed merger of Hospital Trusts
T&W CVS	Open Consultation Day

**02/181 Planning Matters**

**(a) Applications**

To consider the following applications:

- W02/1238 Erection of double garage. Silverdale, Station Road, Admaston. Members raised concerns over yet another access onto Station Road. The Clerk was asked to point out to T&WC that there was widespread concern over the volume of traffic on this road.
- W02/1245 Erection of 2 storey side extension and first floor extension over swimming pool. 28 Shawbirch Road, Admaston.
- W02/1263 Erection of detached dwelling with link to existing double garage and construction of new vehicular access. Silverdale, Station Road, Admaston.
- W02/1311 Determination of GDPO for erection of a 15m monopole with 3 no 1.68m, 2 no 0.3m dish antennae at 12m, associated equipment cabinets with works cabling and 1.8m high fence compound with access gates. Duncot Farm Walcot.

**Permissions**

The following permissions were noted:

- W02/1140 Proposed single storey kitchen/utility extension. 5 Shawbirch Road, Admaston.
- W02/1151 Erection of conservatory to rear of 40 station Road, Admaston.

W02/1128      Erection of extension to form garden room. Meadow Croft,  
Wrockwardine.

**02/182 Accounts for Payment**

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

**Statement 110** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

**Audit Report**

Members received the audit report.

**02/183 Reports**

In view of the hour, the Chairman requested that Members bring any matters of concern directly to the attention of the Clerk.

**02/184 Press Statement**

The Clerk was asked to provide a Press Report that highlighted the precept and its minimal effect on the taxpayer.

**02/185 Next Meeting**

**The Chairman** reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2003 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

The Chairman wished everyone a very happy Christmas.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

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

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