

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday  
8<sup>th</sup> December 2004 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

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**Present:**

Cllr. - K.J.S. Ballantyne - Chairman  
Cllrs. C. Carver, E. A. Cowling, Ms. T. Kenny, T. Kiernan, D.  
Powell and Mrs. J. Savage.  
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

**Also in attendance:** C. H. Whittingham Esq.

**04/201 Chairman's remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all present and thanked all Members for their hard work in representing the electorate during 2004.

The Chairman invited all present to remain after the meeting to partake in complimentary seasonal refreshments.

**04/202 Police Report**

PC McPherson not being present, the police report was presented to the meeting by the Chairman.

***7.40 p.m. Cllr. Rawlings joined the meeting with apologies for unavoidably being late.***

**04/203 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies along with reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Craik and Dawes.

Courtesy apologies were received from Borough Councillors D. Blackwell and Miss J. Seymour.

**04/204 Declaration of Interest**

Cllr. Cowling informed the meeting that the agenda held an item relating to the purchase of stationary which directly affected him and he would therefore take no part at all in the matter. Cllr. Powell asked that his position as Secretary to Admaston House Trust be noted.

**04/205 Minutes**

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2004 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

**04/206 Finance & General Purposes Committee**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November were received.

Cllr. Cowling gave a brief report on the progress achieved in the matter of re engraving the marker stones on Council land.

**04/207 Proposed Play Area – Bean Hill**

The Clerk reported that the legal advice had been referred back to NALC but

there had been no reply at the time of the meeting.

***The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Cllr. Rawlings who had attended a recent meeting as a member of the public [not a Councillor] to give a report.***

Mr. Rawlings gave a report of a Working Group meeting which had been open to the public to attend (hosted by the Borough Council).

***The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders.***

#### **04/208 Traffic and Transport Matters**

##### **a) Shawbirch Road**

The Clerk confirmed that the expected traffic calming work had not begun and there had been no response or explanation from Mr. Roderick as to why.

Despite a promise that the work would begin on the 15<sup>th</sup> November, nothing had been done.

The Chairman asked Members to consider a formal complaint to the Borough using the procedures set down in the Charter.

Cllr. Carver proposed that a formal complaint be made under the terms of the Charter. Seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Savage,. It was RESOLVED that a formal complaint be made under the terms of the Charter.

##### **b) Correspondence from P. Bradley M.P.**

The Clerk confirmed that no contact had been made by Mr. Keith Harris with a view to meeting representatives of Council as indicated in the letter from Carl Longland to Mr. Bradley M.P. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Longland again at an appropriate time to ascertain when officers of the Borough would be meeting with members of Council.

#### **04/209 Parish Improvements**

##### **a) Finger posts**

Cllr. Ms. Kenny reported that she was awaiting the return of photographs from the Borough.

##### **b) Awards For All grant – Wrockwardine Playing Field.**

The Clerk confirmed that Council had received approval to adopt the scheme from “Awards For All”, the cheque for £5000 had been received by Council and banked. Members were informed that the selected contractor had “revised” the initial quotation and, pleasingly, the anticipated cost had been reduced. The Clerk confirmed that the full details of the scheme had only just been received by Council; Members agreed that Council needed to make itself familiar with the proposed scheme and then discuss what progress can be made to satisfy the requirements of the grant award.

#### **04/210 Report from Parish Representative on Admaston House Trust**

Cllr. Craik being unavoidably absent, there was no report.

Cllr. Powell handed to Members a report giving details of the successful use of the House and outlined proposals by the Trust to consult the community to ascertain how they would like to see the community centre used. The findings would be used as the basis for grant applications.

Cllr. Rawlings commended the Trustees for ensuring that the House survives as a community centre.

**a) Use of Grant for purchase of a gate.**

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Chairman of Trustees requesting that the grant of £1000 be returned to Council to be held in trust for the purpose it was intended for and informing the Trust that the grant would be released to the Trust at a time that the Clerk is satisfied that the work has been carried out and that the terms of the grant have therefore been fulfilled. The Trust had communicated with Council but had not returned the grant.

Cllr. Powell stated that the matter had been discussed by the Trust and it was understood that the Chairman (of the Trust) would shortly reply to the Clerk. Members confirmed that no work had been carried out on the grant project to date.

**04/210 Correspondence**

**Correspondence requiring a decision**

BT&W HGV signage Charlton Village – Confirmed the work was completed; members were hopeful that the signs would have some impact.

BT&W Traffic related issues. The Clerk was asked to reply with details of the ongoing aims of the Parish to solve issues – and to reiterate to the Borough the issues involved.

Wrockwardine PCC Grant request – to be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

**The Following correspondence was noted:**

BT&W	Gully cleaning programme.
P. Bradley M.P.	Wrekin Bid update.
T&W CVS	Expansion of CVS website.
Wellington TC	Revenue Support Grant Settlement.
Probation Service	Community Punishment Programme.
CPRE	Fieldwork Magazine.

**04/211 Planning Matters**

**Confirmation of TPO**

Woodford Green and Greenwood Drive  
Land off Donnerville Drive Admaston

**The following application was considered:**

W04/1444 Erection of two extensions to either side of vestibule Admaston Methodist Church.  
Members expressed concern over the apparent replacement of existing decorative stone mullioned window with one which appeared to be both plain and quite possibly plastic. The Clerk

was asked to write to the planning officer to request that consideration be given to the retention of the existing window in the scheme.

**There were no Permissions.**

**There were no Refusals**

**04/212 Accounts for Payment**

**Receipts & Payments - It was RESOLVED - that these be approved and paid as tabled.** [Cllr. Ballantyne took no part in the vote]

**Statement 134** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

**Purchase of stationery**

[Cllr. Cowling withdrew from the meeting for this item of business]

The Clerk reported that he had investigated the cost of paper for the computer's printer and had found that the cheapest quote had come from E & J Print. Members approved the purchase of stationery from E & J Print.

**04/213 Press Statement**

The press statement was delegated to the Chairman.

**04/214 Chairman's Closing Remarks**

The Chairman wished all in attendance a very Merry Christmas and informed the public present that although the next item of business necessitated that they left the room, if they were prepared to wait outside for the few minutes that it would take, they would be more than welcome to join with the seasonal refreshments at the close of the meeting.

**04/215 SCHEDULE 12A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining item of business which is confidential and may disclose exempt information.

The Chairman gave a report outlining correspondence received from Admaston House Trust. The item was by way of provision of information only and required no action from Members.

[Cllr. Powell took no part in the discussion]

**04/216 Next Meeting**

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2005 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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

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