

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday
14th December 2005 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

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

Also in attendance: Two Community Support Officers
[D. Worrall and B. Bates]

05/196 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the last Council meeting of the year and introduced CSO's David Worrall and Ben Bates.

The Chairman invited all in attendance to remain behind at the end of the meeting to share festive vittals.

Cllr. Cowling thanked the Chairman for his festive spirit and wished him and his family a very Merry Christmas. The Chairman reciprocated by wishing all present a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

05/197 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence along with the reasons were received and accepted from Cllr. Carver.

Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. Miss Seymour and Cllr. Blackwell (Borough Councillors).

05/198 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Ballantyne declared a personal interest in planning matters W05/1419 and W05/1426.

Cllr. Cowling declared a personal interest in planning matter W05/1419.

The Chairman declined to take the chair during the whole of planning and it was agreed that Cllr. Rawlings should preside for this agenda item.

05/199 Police Report

Apologies from PC McPherson were forwarded via CSO David Worrell. CSO Worrell presented the police report to Council.

The Chairman asked CSO Worrell to request that PC McPherson supply to Council the actual number of motorists stopped/warned/reported during a recent speed camera initiative.

Members discussed the problem of vehicles parking partly or wholly on

pavements and a request was made that the police and CSOs pay attention to this problem whenever they were in the area; it being such a widespread problem that it would not be practical for members of the public to report every individual incident to the police.

7.48 p.m. The Community Support Officer left the meeting having first been thanked by the Chairman for their attendance.

05/200 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2005 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

05/201 Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr. Cowling presented the minutes of the meeting to Council stating that there were no proposals to be put to the meeting.

Cllr. Ballantyne stated that the bench at Bean Hill Brook was well used and suggested that Council placed another one further down. The suggested position for Whiteways Drive was further explained.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage informed the meeting that a seat with a view of the Wrekin would be appreciated by residents. The Chairman stated that this request could be taken into account for the next order.

05/202 Provision of Christmas Tree Lights

Cllr. Cowling asked Council to consider the provision of Christmas Tree(s) and tree lights for the benefit and enjoyment of the Parish.

Following discussion Cllr. Craik proposed that the Parish Council approach English Partnerships to secure agreement to plant a Norwegian Spruce on its land and having sought such permission to then investigate the cost of providing such a tree. Seconded by Cllr. Ms. Kenny it was RESOLVED.

Cllr. Rawlings was asked to investigate the cost of providing the necessary tree lights.

05/203 Admaston House

a) Report from Parish Representative on Admaston House Trust

Cllr. Craik stated that there was nothing to report.

05/204 Youth Play Provision

The Chairman gave a brief summary of cost assessments relating to the proposed project and stated that the Borough Officers had advised that the provision of an all weather surface would be beyond the scope of the project.

The next meeting of the steering group was scheduled to be January 10th 2006.

Members discussed the process of public consultation and the Chairman informed the meeting that it was intended to undertake such a consultation just as soon as all the details have been fully established but not before.

Cllr. Powell raised a concern that the present litter bin provision on Admaston Green was not adequate. Following discussion Cllr. Mrs. Savage proposed that Council purchase a second hardwearing litter bin to be placed on the Green. Seconded by Cllr. Rawlings it was RESOLVED.

05/205 Traffic and Transport Matters

a) Traffic calming Shawbirch Road and Station Road Zebra Crossing.

The Clerk informed the meeting that a recent communication received from John Charles Borough Traffic Management Officer had been a request for the Parish to confirm any requests it had made and wished to make upon the Borough's Capital Programme. The letter outlined the projects which the Borough felt had been brought to its attention as a concern from the Parish. Members were astonished to learn that despite all the correspondence from the parish and a face to face meeting with Mr. Charles to discuss such capital projects, the only concern listed for the Parish was that of the provision of a pedestrian crossing which was not even within the parish! Members were most concerned that the legitimate concerns of the Parish Council seemed to have been entirely overlooked, forgotten or ignored.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had immediately responded to the letter reminding Mr. Charles of all the concerns previously raised by the parish and asking why they had apparently been omitted from this important document.

The Clerk was asked to copy the letter to the Member of Parliament and ask him to raise the issue with Whitehall.

b) Parish wide traffic matters.

Members discussed the possible provision of speed monitoring equipment. It was agreed that the matter should be discussed at the January meeting of the F&GP meeting.

05/206 Parish Improvements

a) Lighting in the Parish.

Members discussed the Borough's refusal to hand over the street lights in Dulwich Grange. The Clerk was asked to request that the Borough Members convey to the Officers concerned that Wrockwardine Parish Council is a Lighting Authority and by not having the lights handed to them they are not being permitted to serve their community in the best possible way. Dulwich Grange is a cul de sac and as such can not possibly be part of the Highway. The lights may well be highway standard but nevertheless they are de facto footway lighting.

Members were concerned that the Borough may have some hidden agenda to surcharge parishioners for these lights which the Borough is retaining and Members could see no reason given that the parish is the Lighting Authority for the Parish that the Borough wishes to retain the cost and liabilities of these lamps.

b) Admaston Bus shelter adoption.

The Chairman reported that the seat in the shelter had been repaired.

c) Possible provision of a new shelter at Shawbirch Road (Spa)

This matter was to be discussed at the forthcoming F&GP meeting.

05/207 North Telford Parish Paths Partnership

There was nothing to report.

05/208 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

BT&W Consultation Local Transport Plan – Cllr. Ballantyne.

BT&W Programme of Capital Works - the Borough seem to have “mislaidd” our comments re: traffic calming within the parish and have recorded our concern as being Dot Hill !!! [The Borough have been contacted to correct this] Discussed previously in the meeting.

BT&W Register of Electors – circulated.

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

CPRE Fieldwork Magazine – Cllr. Mrs. Savage.

T&W CVS Notes on forum meeting. Cllr. Mrs. Savage.

SALC -WAC Mins and Agenda – Cllr. Kiernan

8.56 p.m. Cllrs. Ballantyne and Cowling left the room for the duration of the planning matters.

05/209 Planning Matters

Cllr. Rawlings (Vice Chairman) took the Chair.

The following application was considered:

1 Confirmation of TPO gardens of Richmond House and the acorns and rear gardens of 1 and 5 Donnerville Drive.

- 2 Confirmation of TPO land adjacent to 9 and 10 Rushmoor Lane Rushmoor.
- 3 Confirmation of TPO front garden of 1 Donnerville Drive Wellington.
- 4 Confirmation of TPO land adjacent to 18 Station Road and land to rear of 44 Elmsdale Crescent.
- 5 Confirmation of TPO garden of Montrachet and rear garden of 23 and 27 Donnerville Gardens.

- W05/1426 Erection of first floor extension 14 Gilpin Road. There were no objections.
- W05/1419 Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of five dwellings; 21 Bratton Road Bratton. Members considered that the site would be overdeveloped and not in keeping with existing developments. The Clerk was asked to convey these concerns to the Borough.
- W05/1414 Retrospective application for steel clad shed within grounds of Allscott Mill for domestic purposes. There were no objections.
- W05/1493 Erection of two dwellings (outline) land adjacent The Bungalow Allscott. There were no objections.

Permissions

The following permissions were noted:

- W05/1233 Erection of a first floor extension over existing garage 1 Ringers Way Admaston
- W05/1180 Erection of double garage with annex above; Rose Cottage Allscott.
- W05/0708 Erection of single dwelling; land at rear of 18 Bratton Road Bratton.
- W05/1176 Proposed first floor bedroom extension; 2 Dalefield Drive Admaston.

Refusal

The following refusal was noted:

- W05/1177 Erection of detached dwelling (outline) Land at rear of 44 Elmsdale Crescent.

Notification of appeal against refusal W05/0747 Erection of conservatory; The Mill House Walcot.

9.04 p.m. Cllrs. Ballantyne and Cowling rejoined the meeting. Cllr. Ballantyne resumed the Chair.

05/210 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 147 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

05/211 Press Statement

The press statement was delegated to the Chairman.

05/212 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled Wednesday 11th January 2006 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

05/213 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all for attending.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.46 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____