

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th December 2009 at
Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. – S.C. Rawlings - Chairman
Cllrs. Mrs. Elaine Ballantyne, K. Ballantyne, Mrs. Nadine
Evans, T. Kiernan and Mrs Jo Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also present: CSO Suzy Coombs.

09/135 Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the last meeting of the calendar year.

09/136 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Craik, Powell and Mrs. S. Turner. The meeting received courtesy apologies from Borough Councillor Miss J. Seymour.

09/137 Police Report

Apologies were received from PC McPherson. CSO Suzy Coombs presented the police report and answered questions.

7:35 p.m. Cllr. Dawes joined the meeting and apologised for being late.

CSO Coombs was asked to keep an eye on vehicles parking on footpaths and members asked for speed checks in the mid afternoon.

The meeting noted that it still awaited the promised speed statistics from the Borough Traffic Officer and Cllr. Kiernan, in his office as Borough Councillor, agreed to (once more) chase the matter on behalf of the Parish Council.

7:44 p.m. CSO Coombs left the meeting after being thanked and wished a Happy Christmas by the Chairman.

09/138 Public Session

No public session was requested.

09/139 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

09/140 Minutes

It was agreed that the minutes had incorrectly recorded Cllr. Mrs. Ballantyne as being present (whilst also correctly recording her apologies for absence).

The minutes were amended to delete the record of Cllr. Mrs. Ballantyne's attendance. Subject to the amendment:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2009 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

09/141 Parish Charter

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Charter should be signed by the Chairman as a record of its adoption by the Parish.

09/142 Rural Matters

Rural Housing Needs

Cllr. Kiernan gave a report on his attendance at a meeting on Rural Housing Needs and spoke of a need to bring families into the rural areas of the Parish. The meeting were given examples of models to finance affordable housing. Cllr. Kiernan was thanked for his attendance at the meeting and for his report.

09/143 Traffic Matters

Rumble Strips on B5063

The meeting discussed the perceived advantages of providing rumble strips on the B5063 at the entrance/exit to the restricted speed zone at Bratton. The Clerk was asked to put the matter to the Borough Traffic Management Officer and, if necessary, request a site meeting.

Provision of footpath adjacent to The Gate Inn Bratton

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Parish Council's view had been reported to the Borough with positive results.

Grit Bins

The Chairman confirmed that the new, green coloured, grit bins had been received and that one had been used to replace the damaged one at the Admaston shops and one was to be used at Aston Road. Members were asked to suggest suitable locations for the remaining two bins.

Bulb Planting

The Chairman gave an update on the progress of the planting programme.

Street Signs

The Clerk was asked to order a sign for BURCOT LANE.

09/144 Street Lights

It was resolved to award the contract to update the lighting mechanisms to Eon UK.

The meeting discussed a request to repair lights in Admaston Spa. It was agreed that as these lights were private and not in public ownership the Parish Council was not able to use funds from the public purse to pay for their repair. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had had a conversation with the person who had made the request and outlined the position of Council.

09/145 Admaston House Trust

It was noted that work on developing the House was about to commence. The meeting discussed access to Admaston Green and it was hoped that the work would not affect the rights of access to the Green enjoyed by the public.

09/146 Parish Improvements

a) Provision of Allotments

The Clerk reported that, disappointedly, the Borough had once again not yet sent a draft lease. Cllr. Kiernan, in his office of Borough Member, agreed to make representation the Borough.

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

The Clerk confirmed that the legal conveyance for the two sites had been completed and that efforts were being made to ensure a smooth transition of existing safety checks and litter collection took place.

c) Waste Bin – Longyard Meadow

The meeting agreed a site for the replacement bin.

d) Telephone Box – Allscott

The Clerk reported that it had been noticed that a commercial advertisement, which had originally been placed by BT whilst it was in their ownership, remained in the telephone box. It was agreed that the advertisement should be removed.

e) Christmas Tree

The meeting noted with some pleasure that Admaston had benefited from a Christmas tree and associated lights and Cllr. Kiernan was thanked for his efforts in securing its placement.

f) Bus Shelter – Admaston

The Clerk was asked to order a replacement panel for the shelter at the Spa.

09/147 Newsletter

The Clerk reminded the meeting that he still awaited sufficient copy to complete a newsletter. The deadline was extended to the end of December with a view to publishing a newsletter for January delivery.

09/148 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

SALC

AGM Minutes and Agenda – Noted.

T&WC

Bridleway Silkin Way. The meeting received a response from Andrew Careless, Rights of Way Officer. Following discussion it was resolved to invite officers and members of the Borough to a site meeting.

G.H. Davies

Following receipt of a quote for work to replace/update the existing war memorial it was resolved to await the

response to the request (in the Parish Magazine) for information on any other potential names for the memorial and to allocate a maximum spend of £1000 to complete the work.

Over 60s Club Grant application to assist with the funding of the Wrockwardine Over 60s Club Christmas Party. It was resolved to award a grant of £400.

T&WC Snow Warden details. It was agreed to ask Mrs Mabel Arrowsmith if she would act as rural snow warden.

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

CPRE Fieldwork Magazine – Cllr. Mrs Nadine Evans.
CPRE Landscapes Magazine - Cllr. Mrs Nadine Evans.
Salop Fire/Rescue Safety Advice – Noted.
T&WC Rural User Group Meeting – Cllr. Kiernan.

09/149 Planning Matters

Applications

The following applications were received:

W09/0967 Erection of a two storey side extension; 58 Glovers Way Shawbirch. There were no objections.

W09/0958 Erection of conservatory to rear; 19 Burnell Road Admaston. There were no objections.

W09/1012 Erection of single storey rear extension including Juliett Balcony above; 30 Dulwich Grange Bratton. There were no objections.

Permissions

The following permissions were received:

W09/0804 Erection of detached dwelling; The Old Shop Wrockwardine.

W09/0808 Erection of two storey side and single storey side extension; Dove Cottage 3 Drummery Lane Wrockwardine.

W09/0837 Erection of summer room; Elmsdene Walcot

W09/0863 Demolition of lean to and flat roof extension; Dove Cottage 3 Drummery Lane (Conservation)

W09/0851 Amended application for erection of conservatory to side 19 Sutton Road Admaston.

The meeting noted that the Borough has recently made a Tree Preservation Order on land adjacent to The Old Shop Wrockwardine: 1 English Oak

Refusals

There were no refusals.

09/150 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 34 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Precept Warrant

The Chairman and two Councillors signed the Precept Warrant in the sum of £45'000.

09/151 Press Statement

The Clerk agreed to send details of the meeting to the press.

09/152 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all for their hard work on behalf of the Council during 2009 and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

09/153 Next Meeting

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Council was to be on Wednesday 13th January 2010 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____