

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th December 2015 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Chairman: S. Rawlings

Cllrs: Ms. Elaine Anderson, Mrs. Elaine Ballantyne, K. Ballantyne, Ms. Nadine Evans, T. Kiernan, Mrs. Jo Savage and Sheila Turner.

Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: Mr. A. Orrell.

15/101 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year and informed all present of the death of former Cllr. E. A. (Ted) Cowling.

15/102 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

Courtesy apologies were received from Borough Councillor Jacqui Seymour.

15/103 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

There were no declarations.

15/104 Public Session

Cllr. Kiernan gave a report on the Admaston House AGM.

The Meeting noted that Cllr. Ms. Elaine Anderson had attended the AGM on behalf of the Parish Council and had been elected on to the Trust's Committee.

Mr. Orrell asked if Admaston House had considered the matter of car parking. The Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council could not answer questions directed towards the Trust but Cllr. Kiernan stated that in regard to the matter of car parking over the road from Admaston House the Borough Council had funds but the Parish Council may be asked in January if it could contribute. The Chairman pointed out that if anyone wished to obtain grant funding from the Parish Council the appropriate form would have to be submitted.

15/105 Police Report

There was no report.

15/106 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th November 2015 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

15/107 Vacancies in the Office of Parish Councillor

The Clerk reported that both vacancies (both for the ward of Admaston & Bratton) were now subject to co-option but there had been no expressions of interest.

15/108 Planning Matters

Applications:

The following application was considered:

TWC/2015/1021 Land opposite Holly Tree House/Caridia House/Little Field Cottage, 18/19/Robinswell/The Bungalow, Allscott, Telford, Shropshire Outline application for the erection of 7no. dwellings with associated garages and all matters reserved.

It was RESOLVED to object. The application was considered to be unacceptable and should be refused as it is outside the named settlements of High Ercall, Tibberton and Waters Upton defined in Core Strategy Policy CS7, and the settlements named in Wrekin Local Plan saved policy H9, where new development in the rural area is expected to be sited, with no exceptional circumstances defined. Furthermore, the application site is considered to be unsustainable in a remote and isolated area within the open countryside. Accordingly, the proposal is contrary to policies CS1: Homes and CS7: Rural Areas of the Core Strategy and policy H9 of the Wrekin Local Plan, together with the National Planning Policy Framework.

Permissions:

The following permissions were noted:

TWC/2015/0934 Highway and verges off Rushmoor Lane/B5063, Bratton & Shawbirch Road, Shawbirch. Installation of a buried grid connection cable for photovoltaic solar farm sited on land north of Rushmoor Lane (TWC/2015/0560) to connect to Electricity Sub Station, Shawbirch Road Shawbirch (Part Retrospective).

TWC/2015/0904 Land adjacent Gwenlas, Walcot. Minor material amendment to TWC/2014/0848 to reposition the proposed 1 dwelling and access.

15/109 Accounts for Payment

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

Statements 20 & 21 Unity Trust were tabled along with the reconciliations and were approved.

Bank Signatories

The Clerk informed the Meeting that confirmation had been received from the bank that the following Councillors had been added to the mandate:

Mrs Elaine Ballantyne, K. Ballantyne, Ms Nadine Evans, T. Kiernan, S. Rawlings with the Clerk noted as authorised to carry out internal transactions.

15/110 F&GP Committee Meeting

Cllr. Ms Nadine Evans took the Meeting through the minutes of the F&GP meeting held on 19th November 2015.

Pensions Discretions Policy

Following discussion, it was RESOLVED to accept and adopt the tabled policy.

The Meeting was content to accept the progress the Committee was making on Future Projects and Forward Planning, Funding Opportunities and Council Contracts. It was noted that Cllr. Ms Evans proposed to prepare a draft working document on the “Parish Plan” in time for the January meeting of the Council.

The Meeting thanked Cllr. Ms Evans.

15/111 Traffic Matters

Traffic Calming Admaston

Cllr. Ballantyne expressed concern that the Borough Council officers continued to refer to the area covered by the proposed project as “Station Road” when in fact it covered Wellington Road and Shawburch Road; he felt that it was unhelpful when officers called roads by inappropriate names. He thanked Cllr. Kiernan for pressing the matter of the car park with the Borough Council.

Quiet Lanes

There was nothing to report.

Proposed removal of the bus shelter at Aston

The Meeting discussed the possible removal of the redundant bus shelter on the B5061 adjacent to Aston Lane. Concern was expressed that, should the shelter be removed, the bus pull in would increasingly be thought of as a lay-by and that parked vehicles reduced the visibility for vehicles exiting Aston Lane thereby causing a safety issue. It was agreed to leave the shelter in situ whilst enquiries were made as to what the Borough Council may do with the pull in if the shelter were to be removed.

15/112 Correspondence

W'dine Over 60s Club	Application for a grant towards the Club's Christmas Party. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs Elaine Ballantyne that a grant of £400 be awarded; seconded by Cllr. Mrs Turner it was RESOLVED that a grant of £400 be awarded. [Cheque number 300231]
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T&WC	Revised Parish Charter. Noted.
SDH Accounting	Expression of interest Internal Audit 2015 -2016. It was RESOLVED to reappoint Sue Hackett as the Council's Internal Auditor for the audit in question.
T&WC	Temporary Road Closure Order Walcott. Noted.
CPRE	Countryside Voice. Cllr. Mrs Savage.

15/113 Press Statement

The Clerk was asked to provide a press statement.

15/114 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all for attending and wished all a Very Merry Christmas.

15/115 Next Meeting

Next meeting to be Wednesday 13th January 2016 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____