

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th December 1999
at Admaston House Community Centre, Admaston at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Cllr. Mr. V. M. E. Holt, Vice Chairman (in the Chair)
Cllrs. D. Blackwell, B. C. Brown, Mrs. M. A. Carver,
Mrs. E. S. Jones, Mrs. J. Savage, J. G. Thomas
and C. H. Whittingham.

Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

Also in attendance: Miss J. Seymour (Unitary Councillor)
Residents of Cluddley

83/99 Apologies for Absence were accepted from;

Cllr. Mrs. R. M. Hargrave

Cllr. W. L. Tomlinson

84/99 Declaration of Interest

The Chairman declared an interest in planning application W99/1003 -change of use at Cluddley Farm to allow storage of 12 static caravans for seasonal workers.

85/99 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman, having declared the above interest, acknowledged the presence of a number of residents of Cluddley and informed the meeting of his intention to stand down from the Chair during the debate and moved that the matter be brought forward in the business of the council and be dealt with after item 6 on the agenda.

86/99 Police Report

There were no police officers present.

87/99 Minutes

It was:

Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 1999 be confirmed and signed by the chairman.

88/99 Matters arising out of the Minutes

(a) Caravan- Wrockwardine

Members were informed that the Enforcement Officer had stated that it was for the Wellington Housing Trust Office to decide if any action was to be taken. It was felt that whilst this was not entirely satisfactory, the Clerk should

still pursue the matter and inform the Trust of the residents difficulties.

(b) Oak Trees - Admaston

Members were informed that the oak tree at No. 6 Admaston Spa had not been placed on the preservation order because it was not healthy and the one at No. 7 had not been included because it was not thought to be under threat. Telford and Wrekin Council had also reassured the council that the ceremonial oak at Admaston was not subject to a preservation order because it was in the ownership of T&WC and was not under threat.

89/99 Planning Matters

(a) **Applications**

Resolved that no objections be made to the following applications:-

W99/0987 Erection of two single storey extensions to provide additional office accommodation. Agropharm Ltd. Overley Hill, Overley.

W99/0988 Demolition of existing building and erection of new storage building. Agropharm Ltd. Overley Hill, Overley.

Members asked the Clerk to check when the premises were last inspected by Health and Safety Officers and request details of what would be stored in the storage building.. As a planning consideration, the Clerk was asked to request that the colour scheme takes into account the fact that this is a sky-line development.

The Chairman asked Members to select a Business Chairman for this item of the agenda.

Cllr. Brown was proposed and seconded. It was:

Resolved that Cllr. Brown take the Chair for the business of Cluddley Farm.

Cllr. Holt left the room and Cllr. Brown took the Chair.

W99/1003 Change of use of land for the storage of 12 static caravans for occasional use by seasonal workers. Cluddley Farm, Cluddley.

Cllr. Brown suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the public present to speak on this matter. He read out a letter, received by the council from Mr. Huxley of Cluddley, expressing grave concerns over the caravans which had been on site for a number of years and outlining several points in objection.

Mr. Rutter, who lives only 200 yards away from the site, complained of rats, litter, mould and sewerage problems and backed up his concerns with a large

number photographs. He went on to say that the caravans had been on the site for three years and were a health hazard.

Cllr. Brown asked if these matters had been reported to any official bodies and was informed that Environmental Health Officers had been notified.

Mrs. Gwynne informed members that she had lived in Cluddley for over 37 years and had always, up until now, been proud to be a resident. The parish council had always managed to maintain Cluddley's rural aspect but this development, with its noise, dust, mud, and traffic along with the increase in population has changed the nature of the hamlet. The development was described as a shanty town.

Cllr. Brown informed the public present that the council would take on board all representations but it would be most useful if T&WC received individual letters from those concerned.

Mrs. Gwynne stated that none of the land owners/farmers lived near to the site and therefore did not have to live with the consequences.

Further concerns were expressed by the public and Members asked questions. Cllr. Blackwell was informed that residents had arranged a meeting on site with Mr. Graham Merrington (T&WC). Cllr. Mrs. Savage informed the meeting that she had visited the site and had been shocked to find that it is worse than most hippy sites. Cllr. Mrs. Carver stated that the vans had been there without the appropriate permission for over 3 years and should never be allowed.

Cllr. Brown summarised all the representations for clarity and Standing Orders were resumed.

Cllr. Blackwell asked the Clerk, in any representation to T&WC, to ascertain what the present licence conditions on the land is.

Following discussion, it was **resolved that the council object to the proposal, outlining points put forward by residents and members.**

- (b) Permissions**
No permissions had been received by the Council.

Cllr. Holt returned to the room and, thanking Cllr. Brown, resumed the Chair.

90/99 Grave Yard Wall - Wrockwardine.

Members discussed the proposals to put a post and wire fence around the extension to the grave yard. Cllr. Blackwell informed the meeting that to build a brick wall had been considered prohibitively expensive and would have

come to thousands of pounds. The planning application had been properly forwarded and advertised and no objections were received.

Cllr. Mrs. Carver expressed concern that the Parish council had not seen the plans and opportunities to comment on the wall had been lost.

The Clerk explained that the application had been received by the previous Clerk at the time of transition and had somehow been omitted from the agenda.

Copies of the original application had now been obtained but were now for reference only as permission had now been given.

Cllr. Blackwell stated that if, somehow, the money could be raised a new application would have to be made. At present there was no foreseeable way the money could be raised.

91/99 Town Green Application

Members discussed the letter from Ian Ross, solicitor T&WC, requesting “proper evidence”. Cllr. Brown gave members a report of a long telephone conversation with Mr. Ross who had admitted that he had some letters from residents. Cllr. Brown felt that it would make our case complete if we had statements from four people who were residents of Admaston and had observed constant public use by the people of Admaston. Cllr. Brown felt that the matter, in the end, would hinge on the legal definition of the words “locality” and “predominantly”. It was **resolved that Cllr. Brown be delegated to obtain statements from residents and report back.**

92/99 Time Capsule

Resolved to place a parish map and photographs in the Time Capsule.

93/99 Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:-

1. Telford & Wrekin Council -

- (a) Repair to Walcott Mill Bridge - Concern was expressed that the work is being undertaken at the peak sugar beet time. Clerk to ask if consideration could be given to a delay.
- (b) Caravan Wrockwardine - Previously discussed.
- (c) Snow Liaison Officer - Mr. Simon Savage to continue.
- (d) Community Safety Officer - Noted.
- (e) Visitors Guide 2000 - Circulated.

SAPTC

Wrekin Area Committee Mins & Agenda etc. - Noted.

94/99 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 75 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

95/99 Budget & Precept

Resolved that the Budget & Precept be accepted as tabled and a Precept of £22'000 (twenty two thousand pounds) be raised.

96/99 Grant Applications

There were no Grant Applications.

97/99 Reports

- Cllr. Whittingham - Reiterated problems with drains at Allscott and Rushmore. Requested details of Parish Pump 99/134.
- Cllr. Blackwell - Informed members of a problem with youths sleeping under footbridge at Bratton which had been reported to the police.
- Cllr. Mrs. Jones - Reported
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- Cllr. Brown - Asked members to note that traffic calming proposals were underway on the road from Admaston to Wellington just outside the parish boarder.
- Cllr. Mrs. Savage - Reported continuing problems with drains from Gorsey Bank to Wrockwardine Farm and pot holes on Tiddicross Road and outside the Church Hall.
A report was given to members on a meeting of the Wrockwardine Millennium Committee where 30 villagers attended. Plans are underway to plant trees in and around the village and more playground facilities.

98/99 Press Statement

Clerk to report matters from the meeting.

99/99 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 12th January 2000 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____