

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th February 2002 at Admaston House Community Centre, Admaston at 7.30. p.m.

Present:

Cllr. - B. C. Brown - Vice Chairman in the Chair.
Cllrs. K. J. S. Ballantyne, E. A. Cowling, Mrs. E.S. Jones,
A. Orrell, D. Powell and Mrs. J. Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

Also in attendance: Twenty three members of the public.

Cllr. D. Blackwell (T&WC Ward Member)

The start of the meeting was delayed beyond the scheduled start time while the Chairman allowed the public to find places within the meeting room which was somewhat cramped.

02/32 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman expressed the appreciation of the Council for the extra efforts put in by the Clerk in attending to the business of the extra meeting held in the previous month which had dealt with traffic matters.

Addressing the public present, the Chairman stated that as it was apparent that they had attended the meeting for clarification over traffic matters within the parish, he would bring forward item 9 on the agenda (traffic matters) to be dealt with immediately after the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January had been approved and matters arising therefrom had been dealt with. Item 6, to confirm the minutes of the special meeting held on 16th January and matters arising therefrom would then be dealt with along with item 9 (traffic matters).

02/33 Police Session

No police officer was present. PC Palmer had forwarded his apologies.

02/34 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs. R. Hargrave, Mrs. M. Carver and S. Rawlings.

Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. Miss. J. Seymour (Unitary Councillor).

02/33 Declaration of Interest

Cllrs Ballantyne, Orrell and Mrs Jones asked that it be noted that they have a non pecuniary interest in matters relating to traffic calming on Station Road/ Shawbirch Road which was limited to that of residing in property adjacent to the roads concerned.

02/34 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2002 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

02/35 Matters Arising (from the minutes of the meeting held on 9/1/02)

a) Youth Initiative with PC Palmer

Cllr. Orrell reported that he had spoken to PC Palmer who requested that a committee be formed comprising of three Councillors and 3 representatives of Admaston House Trust. Further details were given to the meeting and it was agreed that the matter should be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.

Cllr. Powell informed the meeting that the House was suffering from increasing levels of vandalism. Members discussed community involvement in the House which was felt to be an essential ingredient in its future well being.

b) Wrockwardine Parish Hall

The Clerk reported that the Council had now had written confirmation from the solicitor of the Hall Committee that the proposed charity would not be ecclesiastical and replying to the Councils acceptance of the position of Custodianship.

c) Footway Lighting

A reply to the Council's letter was still awaited.

d)Wrockwardine Playing Fields

Cllr. Orrell reported that the council had now received permission to borrow the required lining equipment free of charge, therefore the only expense to the Council would be the purchase of paint. The work could be done on a voluntary basis. The Clerk stated that he had been informed by Cllr. Orrell that it would be possible to borrow the equipment on a DIY basis and had therefore felt that it was not necessary to obtain commercial quotes for the work. Members agreed that the work could be done on a voluntary basis, safety considerations notwithstanding, and that the paint could be purchased.

e) Golden Jubilee of H.M. The Queen

Cllr. Ballantyne gave a report on the findings of the working group. He stated the provision of a stained glass window for St Peter's Church would obviously be the most expensive and long term option but correspondence had been exchanged with the Diocese. The land and finger posts would also be long term projects. The planting of trees could be carried out relatively quickly and easily.

Mrs Savage gave a report on the purchase of seats. She stated that the cost of oak would be in the region of £390 (+ VAT) and teak would be £437 (+VAT).

The Clerk reported that he had contacted EP to ask about the land adjacent to Station Road and had been told that the matter had been left in abeyance

following the lack of response from the Council on a previous occasion. It could be placed back on the table if a formal request was made by the Council. Following discussion Members agreed to make a formal request for the land.

The working group was asked to continue their investigations and report back to the Council. The Clerk was asked to place the Jubilee on the agenda for the next meeting.

02/36 Matters Arising (from the minutes of the meeting held on 16/1/02)

Members were informed that the Council had not yet had details of the traffic survey. The meeting heard that survey wires had been cut several times and it was inevitable that the results would not be accurate.

02/37 Traffic Matters

The Chairman, for the benefit of the public present, gave an overview of the present position of the council and thanked Cllr. Orrell for all his research into the problems encountered by the parish as a whole. Cllr. Orrell gave a history of the “so called” bypass and spoke of the intolerable nuisance suffered by the outlying hamlets.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow the public to speak and allowed all present to have their say. It became apparent that the vast majority of those present were concerned with the possibility of the “reinstatement” of the original route of the “so called” Admaston bypass and were most concerned over the possible drop in values of their property and certain safety aspects relating to their children. The view that was put forward was a request to find a solution to the problems of the rest of the parish without creating problems (or blight) for the residents on the “old” route of the bypass.

Cllr. Orrell reiterated the history and suggested solutions and went to great lengths to point out that the Parish Council had never suggested that the only solution was to resurrect the old bypass which should more correctly be called a relief road. The Parish Council, he stated, had tried on a number of occasions to put forward viable solutions. Details of possible schemes along with a report on the Parish Council’s representations to the Joint Structure Plan hearing were given.

The Chairman explained that although the Parish Council is prepared to listen to representations and take on board what is said, it is the duty of the Council to do precisely what is being asked of it by those present at this meeting and that is to support a solution which will solve the problem for the whole of the parish and not just one small group.

Cllr. Orrell informed those present that whether or not a solution was arrived at was not in fact in the hands of the Parish Council, but in the hands of T&WC and the Dept. of the Environment. The Parish Council was pushing for a solution on behalf of residents who had had enough. He encouraged those present to make whatever representation they feel appropriate to T&WC so

that it can be taken into consideration when drafting future Local & Structure Plans - it was everyone's right to make suitable representations.

at Cllr. Mrs. Jones stated that for the past sixteen years, the Parish Council had, every planning application it has been consulted upon which increased the housing stock in Admaston, taken the opportunity to warn of increased traffic and its consequences and to request that prior to the granting of permission, some form of provision be made to deal with the resultant increase in traffic. For sixteen years, those planning permissions have been granted without taking heed of the requests from the parish and the results are now plain for all to see. Something, she urged, must now be done.

The Chairman allowed more discussion on the topic prior to drawing the public session to a close and reimposing Standing Orders at 9.38 p.m.

9.39 p.m. Cllr. Mrs Jones left the meeting

9.39 p.m. Cllr. Blackwell (T&WC Ward Member) left the meeting

Shawbirch Road/Station Road

Members discussed the options which had been offered by T&WC. Members agreed that it was the majority view of the residents that the proposed traffic calming was a poor substitute for the installation of police speed cameras. Cllr. Orrell asked Members to approve a parish response to Gerry Harvey, addressing issues raised at the meeting of 16th January. The response was agreed by all. The Clerk was asked to write to T&WC with the response and a request that cameras be considered either in addition to or as a substitute for the proposed calming on Station Road/Shawbirch Road.

02/38 Land at Admaston House - Lease

The Clerk reported that the council's solicitor had successfully negotiated all terms within the lease as the Council had requested, with the exception of the "Permitted Use". T&WC were not prepared to alter the permitted use beyond the original wording of "Community Open Space". It was felt (by T&WC) that the wording adequately dealt with the past use of the land and the future required use of the land, without being expanded or altered in any way. Following discussion it was **resolved to accept the original wording of "Community Open Space" and proceed with the lease.**

and The attention of Members was brought to the fact that there was a small triangle of land in the far corner of the plot which did not belong to T&WC and was therefore (obviously) not part of the lease. The land was owned by EP and the Clerk was asked to approach them, at an appropriate time, to ask if it would be possible for the Parish Council to take possession of the land.

02/39 Model Code of Conduct Order 2001

Members were appraised of the advice on the Order which had been received from NALC. Cllr. Ballantyne stated that he had hoped that the advice would

have been more constructive. On the whole, Members did not find the advice helpful and were reluctant to “sign up” to the Code without further consideration. The Clerk gave details of the time scales and deadline at which the Council should either have accepted the Model Code or devised a more comprehensive model of its own and, whilst accepting that Members needed to be absolutely confident in what they were doing, cautioned Members not to leave it to the last minute.

Cllr. Ballantyne proposed that the NALC guidance be copied and circulated to Members prior to the next meeting and that it be placed on the agenda once more for final consideration. The proposal was **resolved**.

02/40 The Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk requested the Meeting to consider an alternative to the present arrangements for the APM, explaining that the scheduled venue was to be Admaston House at 7 p.m. on Wednesday April 10th. Given that the APM quite often attracts a large number of the public, and that the large room at Admaston House was not available until well after 8 p.m., the venue was not going to be suitable. In addition, Wrockwardine Parish Hall was unlikely to provide a solution on that date as the large room there was used by the kick boxing group.

Members discussed the problem and it was agreed to hold the APM and the April Parish Council Meeting (which immediately follows the APM) at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 9th April in the large room at Admaston House Community Centre.

Members went on to discuss which local organisations were to be invited to present their reports at the APM.

Cllr Orrell raised the current restructuring of education within the area and the Clerk was asked to write to the Education Authority for clarification over proposed provision for Wrockwardine children.

02/41 Provision of Grit Bins within the Parish

Cllr. Powell stated that there was concern over traffic skidding on ice at the junction of Burnell Road and Pemberton Road. The Clerk was asked to write to T&WC with a request that the roads be placed on the gritting schedule for the next frosty season.

It was agreed that a grit bin be provided (subject to T&WC approval) on Bratton Road near White Ways.

02/42 Correspondence

1. Telford & Wrekin Council

(a) Draft register of Electors - circulated.

(b) Public Footpath 95 proposal to close a section of footpath which crossed the new A5 and which was considered to be

dangerous. The footpath had a viable alternative nearby. No objections were raised.

(c) LA 21 Week - resolved no action.

(d) Proposed changes to refuse collection rounds - noted.

(e) Social business grants - noted.

2. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

NALC	Parish Pump - noted.
T&W CVS	Training needs in voluntary sector - noted
A.H.T.	Thanks for grant - noted.
CPRE	Shropshire Landscapes magazine - circulated.
NTP3	Minutes etc - Cllr. Orrell
SCC	Public Transport News - Circulated
WC Safety	Community Safety Strategy - noted
NALC	Local Council Review - circulated
Var residents	Traffic Concerns - dealt with under traffic matters.

Cllr. Ballantyne requested that the proposed Planning Green Paper be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

02/43 Planning Matters

Applications

W02/0006	Demolition of existing single storey rear accommodation and erection of a two storey rear extension with conservatory, 15 Bratton Road, Bratton. There were no objections.
W02/0003 track,	Widening of existing field access and construction of farm land off Cluddley. There were no objections.
W02/0020	Proposed single storey side extension, 24 Glovers Way, Admaston. There were no objections.
W02/0070	Installation of locally equipped area for play (leap) with new pedestrian access and alteration to existing, land off Whiteway Drive, Bratton. The Clerk was asked to make representation to the Planning authority that although the Council had no objections to this scheme, it was disappointed that it does not conform with the objectives set out in the Local Plan in that the area was too small in relation to the number of houses built on the estate.

Members noted the following permissions:

W01/1098 Shawbirch	Erection of a single storey side extension to existing double garage to form changing rooms, 39 Road, Admaston.
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There were no objections.

W01/1041 Erection of first floor side extension 8 Wellington Road Admaston.

W01/0912 Modification of condition 8 of planning permission for retention of existing barn for conversion to garage and stable with canopy. The Grange Charlton.

02/44 Accounts for Payment

Cllrs. Ballantyne took no part in this matter.

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

Statement 101 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

In addition, Members approved the payment of £36.00 to Wrockwardine Parish Hall for room rental.

02/45 Reports

Cllr. Cowling - Thanked the Clerk for attending to faulty lights within the parish. Reported that a section of Hedge Row on Bratton Road had been removed by developers and residents had expressed concerns.

Cllr. Powell - Reported a lamp permanently on in Burnell Road.

Cllr. Orrell - Gave a report on the NTP3 meeting which he had recently attended on behalf of the Council. He informed the meeting that the signposts which were due to be erected at Bratton Road had been delayed as a problem had been highlighted.
Reported upon his attendance at the meetings of AHT and stated that vandalism was a growing problem at the House.
Updated Members on the progress of the Joint Structure Plan and requested approval of a response. Members gave approval to his suggested response.

02/46 Press Statement

The Clerk was asked to report the content of the evenings discussion with

local residents on the problems of traffic nuisance within the parish highlighting that the council is seeking to achieve a solution to relieve the blight. One of those solutions may be a relief road but the council is not seeking to simply move the blight from one area of the parish to another.

Cllr. Brown also asked the Clerk to report that the date and venue of the APM had been changed to the Tuesday.

The meeting closed at 10.37 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____