

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th February 2004
at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

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

Also in attendance: Cllr. D. Blackwell (Borough Councillor)
Three members of the public.

04/21 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

04/22 Police Session

WPC McPherson had forwarded her apologies explaining that she was on operational duties at the Telford v. Millwall football match. The Chairman presented the crime statistics, which had been forwarded to him by the officer.

Cllr. Powell gave a brief report on a meeting attended by Members of the Admaston House Trust, Cllr. Ballantyne and the police where the newly recruited Community Support Officers were introduced.

Members discussed policing matters.

7.36 p.m. Cllrs. Craik and Rawlings joined the meeting

04/23 Apologies for Absence

Apology for absence along with reason was received and accepted from Cllr. Brown.

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

04/24 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Ballantyne informed the meeting that he would take no part in the approval of payment to be made as he had an expense claim before Council. Cllr. Powell informed the meeting that there would be a matter relating to Admaston House on which he would take no part.

04/25 Minutes

Members requested that the following minutes be amended to more accurately reflect the meeting:

04/10 Visit to RAF Shawbury to be at 1.15 p.m.

04/20 delete change 18th to 11th

04/12 2nd para. Delete "political"

04/17 Report by Cllr. Craik - Drury Lane should be Drummary Lane.

04/17 Report by Cllr. Cowling - footpath should be "roads"

SUBJECT to the above alterations;

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2003 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

04/26 Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor

Members noted that the closing date for applications was 1st March 2004.

04/27 Finance & General Purposes Committee

Members agreed that the date of the meeting should be changed to Thursday 26th February.

04/28 Parish Charter

Members agreed that the meeting should take place on Tuesday 2nd March. Cllr. Craik apologised in advance.

04/29 Visit to RAF Shawbury

Members who could attend gave their details to the Chairman.

04/30 Traffic and Transport Matters

The Clerk informed the meeting that the promised plans had yet to be received from Mr. Roderick. Members were disappointed that despite being promised back in November that the work would be completed by Easter it looked increasingly unlikely. The Chairman was asked to contact Cllr. Smith, Cabinet Member of the Borough to expedite the work.

Cllr. Blackwell agreed to take the delay up with the officer.

Members discussed traffic issues.

Cllr. Ms. Kenny brought to the attention of Members a letter from Kevin Price (T&W Borough) addressed to a resident of Charlton relating to traffic issues in that area.

8.04 p.m. Cllr. Brown joined the meeting

Members continued to discuss traffic matters. The Chairman brought Members attention to correspondence between himself and British Sugar copies of which had been sent to the Member of Parliament.

Cllr. Brown spoke of the requirement for a major effort to bring transport businesses and industry on board and proposed that within the next three months Council debate the issues and decides whatever strategy it might develop to progress the matter. Seconded by Cllr. Craik. It was RESOLVED.

Members agreed that a special meeting to deal only with traffic matters be called.

04/31 Admaston House Report from Parish Representative

Members, being in receipt of a copy of a letter from the Chairman of Admaston House Trust requesting help and co-operation in overcoming difficulties encountered with youths on the site and informing Council of difficulties encountered with vehicles unlawfully gaining access to both Admaston Green and Trust property agreed that:

Mindful of problems of motor vehicles gaining unauthorised access to Admaston Green from Admaston House car park, the F&GP Committee are asked to consider appropriate preventative measures and if necessary consult with the Trustees of Admaston House to produce a comprehensive scheme and to report back to full Council on such scheme.

It was further resolved that the F&GP Committee be given the authority of Council to consider joint funding of any scheme thought to remedy the above with Admaston House Trust.

[Cllr. Powell took no part in the above item of business]

Cllr. Craik asked if it would be helpful to Council if he were to be its representative on the Trust. He explained that he was the Legal Advisor to the Trust. Members did not think this would present any difficulties and in agreeing to the appointment thanked Cllr. Craik for volunteering.

04/32 Vital Villages

a) Admaston Halt

All Members having had sight of the report, Cllr. Ballantyne proposed that Council allow him to explore in more detail the costs and funding of sectional platforms and also involve Peter Bradley M.P. in the hopes and aspirations of the scheme. Seconded by Cllr. Carver, the proposition was RESOLVED. [Seven in favour one abstention]

b) Engraving of granite stones on land held by Council

Cllr. Brown asked for permission to engage the contractor to carry out the engraving of the site names on Admaston Green and Long Yard Meadow at an approximate cost of £500. Seconded by Cllr. Cowling. It was RESOLVED.

c) Finger Posts

Cllr. Brown informed the meeting that he had toured the Parish and 17 sign posts had been found in different states of repair.

Members discussed their requirements.

Cllr. Powell proposed that a clear idea of work required be ascertained along with the costs of cleaning (where needed), painting (where needed) and repairs (where needed). Seconded by Cllr. Craik. It was RESOLVED.

Members agreed that the matter of fitting finials should not be forgotten but no action as to this was agreed at the meeting.

d) Proposal to discontinue the number 51 bus service

Cllr. Ballantyne informed the Meeting that the number 51 bus service was to be withdrawn by Arriva. It was a commercial decision and there was little that

could be done.

04/33 Annual Parish Meeting

Members resolved to move the April meeting of Council to Wednesday 7th to avoid any Easter Holidays and to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 4th May at Admaston House.

04/34 Correspondence

Wroxeter & Uppington PC Bus shelter Bluebell cross roads.
Members considered the letter from W&U PC which insisted that the shelter was not in their parish – it was RESOLVED that Council would take it upon itself to maintain this shelter to the benefit of the residents of the parish of Wrockwardine. The Clerk was asked to inform the council handyman, Mr. Cowley, of the extra shelter and Council approved the addition of £20 per visit for maintenance.

Members noted the following correspondence:

Borough of T&W	Copy of letter to Mr. T. Howells
Borough of T&W	Secondary Schools Admissions
A. Orrell Esq.	Clarification of point of resignation as Councillor.
CPRE	Shropshire Landscapes magazine
AHT	Minutes of Trust meeting

04/35 Planning Matters

Members considered the following applications:

W04/0048	Proposed crown thinning and crown raising of one alder land at rear 57 Burnell Road Admaston. There were no objections.
W04/0060	Change of use of disused milking parlour into practice dance studio (annex to dwelling) Gorsey Bank farm Wrockwardine. There were no objections.
W04/0079	Erection of conservatory to rear of 32 Dulwich Grange Bratton. There were no objections.
W04/0079	Conversion of integral garage to playroom and erection of a detached garage with alteration to vehicular access. 50 Crowdale Road Admaston. There were no objections.

The following approvals were noted:

W03/1501	Temporary site office, compound and parking (retrospective) Bratton Hall Farm (Wimpy Developments) Bratton
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W03/1436 Erection of first storey extension over existing garage and conservatory to rear 67 Crowdale Road Admaston.

W03/1394 Alteration to main entrance and erection of an extension. Bratton C of E Primary School.

04/36 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 125 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

04/37 Reports

Cllr. Powell - Reported that the highway light (T&W Borough) adjacent to the bus shelter on Wellington Road was still not working.

Cllr. Cowling - Referred to his report of the previous report and asked the Clerk to contact Mr. Roderick to inform him that the highway was deteriorating. The matter of a request for a dropped curb was raised.
[Cllr. Blackwell agreed to follow up on this matter with Mr. Roderick]

Cllr. Carver - Reported pot holes in Leaton and on the road from Wrockwardine to Charlton.

Reported problems with drainage ditches (Leaton to Tiddicross).

Reported problems with blocked gully at Burcott – had liaised with officers of the Borough to find a solution.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage - Reported considerable problems encountered by the village of Wrockwardine during the period when routes to Wellington had been closed. Residents had suffered badly when motorists used the village as an unofficial diversion. The Borough had been complained to but appeared to take no action except carry out a snap survey of traffic at off peak times. In addition, when the Avenue was closed for essential tree surgery, Gorsey Bank had been used as a diversion and the road had been left in a mess with damaged

verges, broken down sides and blocked drains.

Reported that the pollarding work had been carried out in a very sympathetic way and to the satisfaction of residents. Mrs. Savage asked if Ms. Reedy, Borough Tree Officer, could be thanked for her considerate supervision of the work. Members readily agreed that it would be appropriate to thank Ms. Reedy.

Cllr. Blackwell -

Spoke of the concerns over flooding at Burcott and out of the field opposite the cemetery (lay-by) stating that he had drawn the matter to the attention of the Borough and that the problem may be emanating from the fields or possibly even the playing field which were the responsibility of the Parish Council. Members agreed to monitor the problem.

04/38 Press Statement

The press report was delegated to the Chairman

04/39 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday, 10th March 2004 to commence at **7.30 p.m.** at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage informed the meeting that she would soon be stepping down from her position as a school governor at Bratton C of E Primary School. The Chairman stated that he was aware of the enormous responsibility carried by today's school governors and that he felt sure both the school and community would have appreciated all the hard work Cllr. Mrs. Savage had put into her many years as a governor.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.54 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____