

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th February 2007 at
Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. – K.J.S. Ballantyne – Meeting Chairman
Cllrs. M. J. Craik, E. Dawes, T. Kiernan, D. Powell,
S. Rawlings and Mrs. J. Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: Mr. A. Bingham.

Public Session:

No public session was requested.

06/147 Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

06/148 Apologies for Absence

Apologies along with reasons for absence were received and accepted from
Cllrs. Carver and Kenny.

Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. D. Blackwell and Cllr. Seymour
(Borough Councillors) along with those of PC McPherson.

06/149 Declaration of Interest

The Chairman declared a personal and private interest in planning application
W07/0032.

06/150 Police Report

The Chairman informed the meeting that although PC McPherson had
forwarded her apologies, he had been made aware that one of the CSO's
would attend. He therefore ruled that he would hold over the police report and
deal with it as and when the officer joined the meeting.

06/151 Minutes

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2007 were confirmed
and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

06/152 Local Development Framework

Design for Community Safety

The Clerk presented the draft documents to the meeting. The Chairman
summarized the proposals and consultation. The document was noted.

06/153 WAC/SALC

Cllr. Kiernan gave a report on his attendance at the Wrekin Area Committee of
the Shropshire Association of Local Councils.

a) Working with Telford & Wrekin

Cllr. Kiernan reported that the Borough Chief Executive, Steve Wellings had made a presentation to the meeting and had stressed that he was intent on improving communications between the authorities and that he wished for greater transparency. Members were appraised of Mr. Welling's long term aims as Chief Executive.

b) City Regions

Cllr. Kiernan gave a report on the advent of City Region status and summarized by stating that he was of the opinion that the Borough "was in it whether we like it or not".

c) Princess Royal Hospital

Cllr. Kiernan gave a brief report on the Hospital.

d) Mobile Telecommunications Masts

Cllr. Kiernan gave a brief report on the issues as presented to WAC/SALC by representatives of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council and informed the meeting that the WAC had resolved to write to the Borough representing similar views. Following discussion it was RESOLVED to support the suggestions put forward by WAC. [Cllr. Rawlings abstained]

Members discussed City Regions.

06/154 Bean Hill – football posts

Cllr. Kiernan and the Chairman stated that they had both received representations from members of the public concerning the recent installation of small football goal posts on land at Bean Hill. Members heard that the small posts had been placed on an unmarked pitch area and it was understood that the area would remain unmarked.

The Chairman stated that he had received a number of complaints, had spoken to the Borough and it had been established that Environmental Maintenance had undertaken the work upon their own initiative following requests from residents to the east of the site requesting provision of kick about facilities.

Members discussed the provision and it was agreed that there were concerns that there had been no consultation. The Chairman was delegated to take the concerns of Council to the Borough.

06/155 Cycle Track – surfacing/drainage

The Chairman informed Council that following a site meeting officers of the Borough had agreed to look at the drainage problems in May 2007 and would also look at resurfacing the cycle track. [The Chairman also referred to issues of drainage on the Silkin Way which were Highways issues and would be addressed by them].

Members discussed the play areas in Burnell Road and Walcott and the Chairman explained that there were still conveyance issues outstanding at

Burnell Road which were to be addressed shortly by way of a Statutory Declaration.

Cllr. Dawes asked if a request could be made to the Borough to trim the bottom branches of the tree at the Burnell Road play area.

Cllr. Powell reported that under the underpass there was a dangerous ditch which frequently flooded causing a five foot square pool. The Chairman agreed to take the matters up with environmental maintenance.

06/156 NTP3

Cllr. Rawlings presented a report on the activities of the North Telford Parish Paths Partnership. The meeting was informed that Bob King, NTP3 officer, was retiring in March and Cllr. Rawlings asked Council to write to Mr. King thanking him for his excellent work on behalf of the partnership – the meeting was pleased to instruct the Clerk to write such a letter.

Cllr. Rawlings reported that NTP3 had been set up to prevent the loss of rights of way and Mr. King had been tasked with ensuring that all rights of way within the remit of the project were included on the definitive map. The meeting heard that this work was coming to a conclusion with ten new paths in the Parish of Wrockwardine. The plans were passed to the Clerk to be retained.

Cllr. Rawlings informed the meeting that the Borough wanted to know how partners wished to move forward now that the project was coming to an end. The feeling of the meeting was that the project had been an excellent liaison group and had achieved a great deal. Cllr. Rawlings stated that there could be a reformed group which could involve itself in the maintenance of rights of way. This may have an impact on the budget but would undoubtedly be beneficial. Cllr. Rawlings asked if Council might be generally supportive of such a move. He informed the meeting that there was no maintenance work in the parish envisaged in the next three years, a great deal of external funding had been spent on the parish recently and NTP3 felt that Wrockwardine was in good shape.

Cllr. Rawlings proposed that the parish explored the principle of entering into a maintenance relationship with the Borough. Seconded by Cllr. Dawes it was RESOLVED.

The Clerk was asked to remind Mr. Careless that he had not yet sent the promised Rights of Way markers.

06/157 Admaston House

Cllr. Powell informed the meeting that the Trust intended to make a major grant application to the Lottery Fund in the sum of £300'000. The details of the application were outlined along with its purpose.

The meeting was informed that the monkey puzzle tree had been damaged in a recent storm and following advice was found to be also diseased. As a consequence the tree had to be cut down.

a) Report from Parish Representative
There was no report.

b) Parish Council as Holding Trustee
There was no progress to report.

06/158 Parish Improvements

a) Shelter (Wrockwardine Playing Fields)
The Clerk reported that the contractor had been instructed.

b) Street Signs
The Clerk confirmed that the signs for Drummery Lane had been installed but for some inexplicable reason someone had uprooted one of those signs and turned it around to face the wrong way! The Clerk stated that he would instruct the council handyman to reinstate the sign.
The Clerk also confirmed that one of the signs for Rushmoor Lane had been sited but there had been some uncertainty as to the correct position to install the second sign. There was a degree of uncertainty within the meeting as to where Rushmoor Lane began at the Alscott end of the village. The Clerk was asked to investigate the matter further.

c) Gates etc. Longyard Meadow
There was no progress to report.

d) Bus Shelter Admaston Spa
The Clerk reported that he had been made aware that the Borough were not entirely happy with the concrete base for the shelter and he was to meet with officers of the Borough on the proposed site within the next few days.

Cllr. Kiernan reported that the oak tree in the triangle in Wrockwardine was well and truly dead and asked if it could be replaced. He also reported that the area opposite the Millennium Coppice had become a dumping ground and asked if council could replicate the Coppice to tidy up the area. The Clerk was asked to place these matters on the next agenda as they would involve expenditure if approved.

06/159 Correspondence

1. Correspondence not requiring a decision

T&WC	Urban Bus User Group Meeting – noted.
T&WCVS	Community Volunteer Magazine – Cllr. Powell.
Audit Commission	Appointment of external auditor – noted that UHY Hacker Young had been reappointed.
SALC	Local Democracy Pack. Members were informed that the information was available from the

Clerk and that there was to be an information meeting on Tuesday 13th March at the Civic Offices Telford.

2. Correspondence requiring a decision

T&WP	West Mids Spatial Strategy – Noted.
Playing Fields Assoc	Newsletter
CPRE	Magazine
W’dine Deanery	Letter of thanks for provision of Christmas Tree
St. Georges Day Ctee	Magazine encouraging the promotion of St. George’s Day – Cllr. Craik.
T&WC	“Live Here & Love It” campaign – noted.
Ramblers Assoc	Minutes and Agenda – noted.

06/160 Planning Matters

The Chairman additionally declared an interest in application number W07/0147.

Applications

The following applications were considered:

W07/0032	Erection of a two storey side extension 10 Meadow Drive Walcot
W07/0147	Repositioning of previously approved erection of double garage application reference W05/0687 Moor farm Cottage Bratton Road.
W07/0030	Erection of conservatory to rear of property and retrospective permission for garden shed 11 Burnell Road Admaston.
W07/0038	Demolition of existing outbuildings alteration to existing garage and erection of a single storey rear extension 14 Wrockwardine. Listed Building Consent.
W07/0039	Demolition of existing outbuildings alteration to existing garage and erection of a single storey rear extension 14 Wrockwardine.
W07/0042	Conversion of garage to habitable room 5 Donnerville Drive.
W07/0106	Erection of conservatory to rear of property and retrospective permission for two garden sheds 13 Burnell Road.

There were no objections to any of the tabled applications.

[The Chairman took no part in the discussion on applications W07/0147 and W07/0032. Cllr. Rawlings took the Chair for these applications]

Permissions

The following permissions were noted:

W06/1508 Erection of detached dwelling Land adjacent to Admaston Hall
Bratton Road Bratton.

W06/1457 Erection of two detached dwellings and two detached garages
land adjacent 32 Bratton Road.

Refusals

There were no refusals.

Noted:

Appeal W05/1493 Erection of two dwellings adjacent the Bungalow
Allscott.

06/161 Accounts for Payment

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

b) **Statement 161** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

c) Bank of Scotland

The Clerk obtained the remaining personal details required by the Bank of
Scotland. Members expressed the hope that the account might now be shortly
opened.

06/162 Police Report

In the absence of police representation the Chairman distributed copies of the
police report.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Police Traffic Management
Officer had been replaced; the new officer was noted as being PC Rob Lake.
Members were confident that PC Lake would bring improvements and
efficiencies to the post. The Chairman hoped that there might now be a more
positive attitude to the purchase and use of a hand held speed gun by the parish
council.

06/163 Press Statement

The Chairman was delegated to produce a press release.

06/164 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all for attending.

06/165 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was
scheduled for Wednesday 14th March 2007 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at
Admaston House.

Members discussed the fact that the April meeting of Council was scheduled to coincide with the Easter Holiday period. Following discussion it was RESOLVED that the April meeting be moved from the 11th April to the 4th April to avoid a clash with Easter.

Members discussed the date and venue for the next Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed that the meeting would be held at Wrockwardine Parish Hall and the Clerk was asked to contact the Hall's booking officer to obtain a suitable date.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____