

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th February 2008 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr. – K.J.S. Ballantyne, Chairman
Cllrs. Mrs. Elaine Ballantyne, E. Dawes, Mrs Nadine Evans, D. Powell, S. Rawlings, Mrs Jo Savage and Mrs Sheila Turner.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

07/166 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all present and thanked them for attending.

07/167 Apologies for Absence

Apologies along with reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Craik and Cllr. Kiernan. The meeting noted that Cllr. Kiernan was in fact representing Council at a Bus User Group Meeting.
Courtesy apologies were received from Borough Councillor Miss Seymour.

07/168 Police Report

There being no police officer present the Chairman informed the meeting that he would move on to the next item of business but would reinstate the heading if and when PC McPherson joined the meeting.

07/169 Declaration of Interest

There were no additional declarations.

07/170 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2008 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

07/171 Public Session

There being no member of the public in attendance no public session was held.

07/172 Traffic Matters

a) To consider a request from Highway Contractors to use a portion of Longyard Meadow for a work and welfare compound.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Highway Contractor had withdrawn the request.

b) To receive a report from the Chairman and Clerk on a meeting with Borough Traffic Management Officer.

The Chairman gave a report of a site meeting with Nick Kitchen, Borough Traffic Management Officer who had now agreed to look at the height of the crossing Belisha beacons, repainting the zebra crossing, raising the man hole cover and had discussed the possibility of placing speed indicator signs on the

appropriate road. The Chairman informed the meeting that he had learned that the traffic speed indicator equipment had the capability of recording speed data.

The meeting heard that Mr. Kitchen had been challenged over the accuracy of the speed data previously supplied and had been asked to consider another speed survey. Mr. Kitchen had agreed to look at the efficiency of the crossing spot lights and had recognised that there may be a problem with visibility on the side of the large hedge.

The meeting heard that Council was awaiting a response from Mr. Kitchen to the matters discussed at the site meeting. It was agreed to give him a week to respond and if nothing is heard to make a complaint.

The meeting discussed the measuring of average traffic speeds.

07/173 Admaston House

b) Report from Parish Representative.

Cllr. Powell gave a report on the business of the House.

07/174 NTP3

Cllr. Rawlings informed the meeting that there was nothing to report.

07/175 Parish Improvements

a) Walcot Lights

The Clerk reported that the street lights in Walcot were not working and it appeared that they were not on the Council's inventory. The Borough had informed the Clerk that they did not belong to the Borough Council either. Cllr. Rawlings proposed that Council adopt and maintain the lights. Seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Savage it was RESOLVED.

b) Borough/Parish Playgrounds

The Clerk read to the meeting a letter from John Stevens, Borough Play Area Management Officer setting out a summary of a meeting held on 12th February attended by the Chairman, Clerk, John Stevens and David Ottley.

The Chairman gave a full report of the meeting.

The meeting discussed other land acquisition matters which were still outstanding.

The meeting discussed the maintenance of the cycle track and received a letter from Derek Owen explaining maintenance issues and the Borough's maintenance schedule.

07/176 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

Mrs. Parkinson

Request for assistance to re-route the Tesco bus.

The Clerk was asked to contact Tesco to put the request to them with the support of Council. The Clerk was

Govt. Dpt. asked to request that they also explore the possibility of extending the service to Wrockwardine.
Consultation on Orders and Regulations affecting Members of Local Government. Noted.

St. Christopher's Hall Concern over the future of the Summer Project now that the land at the Hall had been lost to development.
Members agreed that there would be no objection to the use of Admaston Green for this community youth project.

SC Pension Revised Actuarial Valuation 2007 – It was RESOLVED to continue to support the pension of the Clerk by increasing the required contribution from Council by 1% thereby increasing the required contribution from 17% to 18%.

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

T&WC Introduction to Borough Community Services. Noted.
CPRE Landscapes Magazine - Cllr. Mrs Jo Savage.
T&WC Bus User Group Meeting – 13th February. Cllr. Kiernan was in attendance at the meeting.
T&WC Code of Conduct training DVD. Cllr. Nadine Evans.
T&WC Walkabout Wrekin leaflets. Circulated.

07/177 Planning Matters

Applications

The following applications were considered:

- W08/0010 Erection of a single storey linked extension; Overly Hall School. There were no objections.
- W08/0083 Erection of orangery extension to rear of dwelling; Pool House Admaston Spa. There were no objections.
- W08/0084 Erection of orangery extension to rear of dwelling; Pool House Admaston Spa. Listed consent. There were no objections.
- W08/0073 Erection of conservatory; 3 Donnerville Gardens Admaston. There were no objections.
- W08/0062 Extension to existing office building; Leaton Quarry. There were no objections.
- W08/0061 Erection of 2 x 14.5m high silos; Leaton Quarry. There were no objections.

- W08/0011 Erection of four dwellings; 6,8, The Avenue Wrockwardine. It was agreed that the development was out of character with the Avenue and did not sit happily with the street scene. The Clerk was asked to convey the concerns of Council to the planning officer.
- W08/0095 Erection of single storey rear extension and installation of roof lantern to rear: Orleton Hall. There were no objections.
- W08/0093 Erection of single storey rear extension and installation of roof lantern to rear: Orleton Hall. Listed consent. There were no objections.
- W08/0106 Erection of conservatory to side; 12 Meadowdale Drive Admaston. There were no objections.
- W08/0143 Erection of single storey rear extension 9 Pemberton Road. There were no objections.
- W08/0130 Erection of conservatory to rear of dwelling and detached timber cabin within curtilage 37 Dulwich Grange. There were no objections.

Permissions

The following permissions were received:

- W07/1640 Erection of detached double garage; Trevorda Allscott.
- W07/0879 Erection of two storey 3 bed dwelling Land adjacent to 1 Walton Cottages Bratton Road.

Refusals

The following refusals were received:

- W07/1618 Erection of two storey extension to 19 Aldermead Cose.
- W07/1575 Creation of two additional dwellings; The Old Shop The Avenue Wrockwardine.
- W07/1576 Creation of two additional dwellings; The Old Shop The Avenue Wrockwardine. Listed consent.

The meeting noted that there has been an appeal lodged against the refusal of W07/0935 erection of a wall, railings, pillars, gates and lion sculptures (retrospective); 19 Aldermead Close Admaston. The Clerk was asked to reinforce the original objections of Council.

07/178 Accounts for Payment

- a) **Receipts & Payments - It was RESOLVED - that these be approved and paid as tabled.**
- b) **Statements 12** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

- c) **The meeting noted that Mazars LLP had been appointed as External Auditors.**

07/179 F&GP Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on the 24th January 2008 were received.

Receipt of Planning Applications from the Borough Council

The meeting resolved to adopt recommendation three of the F&GP minutes:

3) That Council authorises expenditure for the purchase of suitable technology and equipment in order that the Clerk be in a position to communicate planning applications to members of Council and to the public effectively, such equipment to include the purchase of a good quality lap top computer and associated digital projection attachments.

It was agreed that for the time being planning application should continue to be dealt with by main council.

Co-option of Members of Council to Committee

Cllr Mrs Evans and Mrs Turner agreed to be co-opted on to the Committee.

07/180 Date of Annual Parish Meeting

It was RESOLVED to hold the Annual Parish Meeting at Admaston House on Thursday April 17th 2008.

07/181 Press Statement

Delegated to the Chairman - at his discretion.

07/182 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all for their attendance.

07/183 Next Meeting

members were reminded that the next meeting of the Council was to be on Wednesday 12th March 2008 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.56 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____