

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th February 2009 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr. – S.C. Rawlings - Chairman
Cllrs. Mrs. E. Ballantyne, K. Ballantyne, M. Craik, E. Dawes,
Mrs Nadine Evans, T. Kiernan, D. Powell, Mrs Jo Savage and
Mrs Sheila Turner.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also Present: Mr A. Orrell, H. Whittingham Esq. and Mr. J. Ballantyne.

08/152 Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

08/153 Apologies for Absence

Courtesy apologies were received from Borough Councillor Miss Seymour.

08/154 Police Report

There were no police officers present.

08/155 Public Session

Mr. J. Ballantyne asked the meeting to provide details of the proposed adoption of the play area in Walcot. The meeting provided details; Mr. Ballantyne lent his support to the proposals stated that he would be willing to assist in the maintenance of the site.
The meeting thanked Mr. Ballantyne for his interest and promised to keep him informed on the progress of the proposal.

Mr. Whittingham, referring to the impending adoption by council of the telephone kiosk, informed the meeting that the parish council had first asked the Post Office to provide the facility for the parish on the 23rd of May 1949.

Mr. Whittingham reported that the condition of the Tiddicross Road had not improved over the years and was now considered to be in a dangerous state.

Mr. Whittingham showed to the meeting a photograph of the members of council taken in 1969. The photograph was loaned to Cllr. Kiernan who agreed to get it scanned so that it could be published on the council web site.

Mr. Orrell gave a detailed report on a meeting of residents of Allscott and the surrounding areas held on the previous Monday where the planning application submitted by Maidens had been discussed. He asked if the PC could send a further letter about the concerns. The Chairman informed Mr. Orrell that, following an initial response by the Clerk, to the application, it had been

deemed appropriate to reiterate and amplify the concerns of the parish council and another letter which was considered to be more robust had been sent.

Mr. Whittingham reported concern over the poor condition of the Charlton bus shelter roof.

Mr. Whittingham was thanked for his enduring interest in parish matters and he then left the meeting [7.48 p.m.]

08/156 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. K. Ballantyne declared an interest in planning application W09/0090.

08/157 Minutes

It was noted that minute 08/144 incorrectly recorded the playground site as Broomfield Road when it should have stated Burnell Road. It was agreed that the minute should be changed to correctly record Burnell Road. Subject to the change:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2008 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

08/158 British Sugar site

The meeting discussed the British Sugar Site.

Cllr. Kiernan gave a brief report on the Strategic Land Assessment. It was noted that two areas of parish land (Longyard Meadow and Admaston Green) remained on the assessment. The Clerk agreed to remind the Borough that the land was public open space and not available for potential future development.

Cllr. Nadine Evans brought to the attention of the meeting two areas of land in Allscott which had the potential to be safeguarded as public open space. Cllr. Mrs Evans agreed to investigate the matter further.

08/159 Rural Matters

a) Parish Plans

There was no progress to report. Cllr. Mrs Evans agreed to provide copy for the Parish Magazine to publicise the intention that the Annual Parish Meeting would discuss the matter.

b) Parish Charter

All members having received a copy of the Charter it was agreed that the matter would be placed on the agenda for formal discussion at the next meeting to allow time for the Charter to be read.

c) Parish Forum

There was nothing to report.

08/160 Traffic Matters

Cllr. Mrs. Evans reported that the meeting, referred to earlier in the meeting, had been chaired by Mr. Orrell and had an attendance of between fifty and sixty residents; it was hoped that, in time, the meeting would evolve into a parish wide traffic group.

Council heard that Cllr. Eric Carter (Borough) and Caroline Oaks had been invited to attend a future meeting; the next scheduled meeting of the group was to be 9th March at the Allscott Social Club. Cllr. Mrs Evans felt that the meeting had been positive.

The meeting discussed the perception of the group that there had been a lack of progress made, in traffic matters, by the Parish Council; it was felt to be disappointing that the group had not been made aware of the traffic initiatives undertaken by the parish over some considerable time. A number of examples were tabled.

The Clerk reported that there had been no feed back from the Borough on the recent traffic survey.

08/161 Rights of Way

The Chairman gave a report on ROW matters.

08/162 Admaston House Trust

a) Report from Parish Representative.

Cllr. Sheila Turner gave a report of the Trustees meeting.

Cllr. Powell gave the meeting a report on the users of the facility.

08/163 Parish Improvements

a) Adoption of red telephone kiosk Alscott

There was no progress to report.

b) Play Areas

The meeting noted that the necessary public advertisement had been placed in the Journal. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had requested a copy of the (draft) lease but had not yet received it. The meeting was informed that the Chairman and Clerk were to meet with Dave Ottley to discuss possible grant funding to enable the sites to be refurbished and re-equipped.

c) Provision of a replacement seat Admaston

Following discussion it was RESOLVED, subject to obtaining the permission of the land owner, to replace the damaged seat at the shops in Admaston with one which was held by the Parish Council in storage.

d) Youth Pod

The Chairman gave a report on the availability of a free youth pod which Shawbury PC were seeking to find a home for. Following discussion it was RESOLVED that Wrockwardine PC through the Chairman and Clerk will

liaise with Shawbury PC and seek to acquire the redundant Youth Pod at present in position adjacent to the Church, Shawbury with the intention of placing the shelter, after refurbishment, at an agreed location at a future date. The Chairman and the Clerk are authorised to approve expenditure of up to a maximum figure of £500 to cover the cost of dismantling, making good the site and transport of the Pod to Admaston.

e) Road Signs

It was agreed that the sign for Blacksmiths Lane should be “Blacksmiths Lane”.

8.39 p.m. All members of the public left the meeting.

08/164 Parish Magazine and its distribution

Members agreed to submit any copy to the Clerk before the end of February.

08/165 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

T&WC Electronic Planning Applications. The meeting held a discussion on how they might deal with electronic applications.

T&WC Crucial Crew – grant application (defer to March).

Allscott S&SC Grant application – (defer to March).

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

Internal Auditor Letter of requirements for audit. It was RESOLVED to use the same internal auditor for the next accounts.

CPRE Landscapes magazine.

T&WC Notification that SHLAA is online.

08/166 Planning Matters

The following planning matters were placed before the meeting:

Applications

W09/0034 Felling of one laburnum and reduction in height of one pine Wrockwardine Hall [Conservation Area]. There were no objections.

W09/0033 Erection of two storey rear extension Sutton Cottage 26 Burnell Road. There were no objections.

W09/0090 Erection of a detached triple garage with granny annex Orchard House Bratton Road. The meeting expressed a concern over the size of the extension in relation to the plot size.

Permissions

The following permissions were received:

W08/1298 Erection of conservatory 8 Charlton

W08/1305 Erection of single storey utility room extension Silverdale Station Road.

Refusals

The following refusals were received:

W08/1196 Erection of first floor extension over existing detached garage The Firs Shawbirch Road.

W08/1172 Erection of new roof over existing garage 40 Pemberton Road.

08/167 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 23 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

08/168 Press Statement

The Clerk agreed to send details of the meeting to the press.

08/169 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting.

08/170 Next Meeting

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Council was to be on Wednesday 11th March 2009 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.12 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____