

## WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2003 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.

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**Present:** Cllr. Brown - Chairman  
Cllrs. K.J.S. Ballantyne, Mrs. E. Jones, A. Orrell, D. Powell,  
S. Rawlings, Mrs. J. Savage and Mrs. J. Watts.  
Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

**Also in attendance:** One member of the public.  
WPC McPherson

#### **03/1 Chairman's remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all and wished them a very happy New Year. Members were reminded that there was to be a Special Meeting to discuss the adoption of a code for the Freedom of Information Act. The Chairman reminded Members that this was to be an election year.

#### **03/2 Police Session**

PC McPherson reported that she had spoken to PC Mickey Riggs about the problems raised by Cllr. Ballantyne and it had been agreed that PC Riggs would carry out an assessment. Cllr. Ballantyne thanked PC McPherson for bringing the matter to the attention of PC Riggs and hoped that PC Riggs would apply herself to the problems with a little more vigour than she had in the past. Given that it must be some 18 months since the matter was first brought to her attention, Cllr. Ballantyne expressed the hope that it must now surely be Admaston's turn to benefit from her expertise.

Members discussed the parking problems in Admaston with particular concern for the difficulties caused by visitors/users of St.Christophers Hall.

Cllr. Rawlings reminded the meeting that there was 1/3 acre of ground behind the hall that could be used for parking. The meeting agreed that the Trustees should be made aware of the concerns within the village and asked for their assistance.

Cllr. Ballantyne informed the meeting that the Trustees of Admaston House and St.Christophers had been in correspondence for some time about the parking difficulties.

The Clerk gave details (on behalf of Cllr. Blackwell ) of vandalism to the stones on the parapet of the bridge over the Silkin Way. Although WPC McPherson was aware of the vandalism, she had no information.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage reported the concerns over the unsafe positioning of the road sign on the old A5 Carlton Junction.

Cllr. Powell gave an update on the Youth Initiative.

Members discussed the initiative.

8.04 p.m. WPC McPherson was thanked for her attendance and left the meeting.

**03/3 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Cowling and Mrs. M. Carver, Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. Miss J. Seymour and Cllr. Blackwell (Borough Councillors).

**03/4 Declaration of Interest**

Cllrs Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Savage asked that it be noted that they have an interest in the proposed footpath (grant application) Burcott Row, Wrockwardine.

**03/5 Minutes**

The Meeting was asked to adopt the following addendum to the minutes:

02/175 Leaton Quarry

Add: During the meeting members were advised of the reserves and renewals of planning permissions that would be required. The information given was advisory only.

02/178 Land at station Road

Add: A map had been prepared for the purposes of the fencing requirements but this also highlighted other areas of possible concern. These were noted by members and where appropriate would be referred to solicitors.

It was resolved to accept the addendum to more accurately record the minutes.

Subject to the above;

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2002 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

**03/6 Matters arising out of the Minutes**

The Chairman referred to the matter of reporting "sites of concern" to T&WC and informed members that he now had a list of contact numbers for the relevant officers at T&WC.

The Clerk agreed to circulate the details to all members.

Bank signatories

The Clerk reported that he had not yet heard from the bank either to receive confirmation that Cllr. Mrs. Savage was accepted as a signatory or that the application to include Cllr. Ballantyne on the list was proceeding satisfactorily.

Research Proposal Admaston Station

Cllr. Ballantyne reported that the research proposal was now in the hands of the working group, and that they would study it and report back to council.

**03/7 Footpath Burcott Way, Wrockwardine**

Members discussed the request from Wrockwardine Millennium Committee for funding towards possible legal costs that would be incurred in the procurement of a footpath at Burcott Way. Cllr. Orrell proposed that council agree to a grant of up to £200 to cover legal costs as they arise. Seconded by Cllr. Rawlings, it was resolved.

[Cllrs. Mrs. Savage and Mrs. Watts took no part in the proceedings]

**03/8 Traffic/ Transport/ Highway Matters**

Shawbirch Road

Members discussed the meeting held with Mr. Roderick (Transport Project Officer) on site at Shawbirch Road on 17th December and the response received since. Mr. Roderick had, since the meeting, confirmed that he would progress the following matters:

1. Propose the location of a build out, in the agreed vicinity between Aldermead Close/Spa Crescent, to the Police.
2. Access all recent traffic flow speed data and pass on to Parish, further ATC to be placed in the vicinity of proposed build out during January. Further ATC also to be placed on Wellington Road on the wellington side of Pemberton Road.
3. Investigate the regulations and confirm approval of finger post style signs in Admaston Village.
4. Discuss the concept of obtaining additional monies from EP should further funds be necessary for traffic calming proposals.
5. Investigate signing of HGV locations, many vehicles having to reverse once they reach low bridges.

Mr. Roderick had agreed to make progress so that there would be something to report to the next PC meeting. He also agreed to meet Mrs Watts in the near future to discuss traffic which was “short cutting” through Wrockwardine.

Members discussed the results of an ad hoc traffic survey taken on the morning of the meeting. Cllr. Orrell stated that at the meeting, Mr. Roderick had also been asked to raise the possibility of imposing a ban on HGV’s during certain hours ( 9p.m. to 9 a.m.). The Clerk was asked to remind Mr. Roderick and write to Mr. Harvey.

Cllr. Ballantyne requested that Mr. Roderick be reminded that the request was for finger posts throughout the parish.

Members discussed traffic in Wrockwardine village.

Cllr. Orrell informed the meeting of a “new” route to school that was being taken via Bratton Road (Persimmon estate) which is beginning to cause traffic problems.

#### Public Transport Matters

Cllr. Ballantyne informed members that the next meeting of the Rural Transport Group was on the following Tuesday. He agreed to pursue the bus shelter work.

#### **03/9 Land at Station Road**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had met with the council's solicitors and had been advised that E.P. had stated that they would not fund any repairs to the fences and were of the view that as the land was to be a gift to the parish they could not justify any further expenditure. EP had agreed to provide a statutory declaration over the access to the site at no cost to the parish.

Members agreed to proceed on the basis of accepting the land providing the SD was acceptable.

#### **03/10 Vital Villages**

##### Public Transport

Cllr. Ballantyne referred to a published initiative by Hadley and Legommery PC to reopen Hadley Halt. Members agreed that contact should be made with H&L PC with a view to possible pooling of resources.

##### Taxi Vouchers

There was no progress to report.

##### Newsletter

The meeting heard that a quote for publications was in hand and Cllr. Ballantyne was awaiting receipt of others. Funding and the Countryside Agency were discussed.

Cllr. Orrell received an update of the definitive paths within the parish.

#### **03/11 Correspondence**

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:-

##### 1. Telford & Wrekin Council -

- (a) NTP3 minutes – Cllr. Orrell had attended the meeting and gave a report.
- (b) Letter re: Parish transport Leaflets – noted
- (c) Parish ROW Map - Cllr. Orrell received an update of the paths within the parish.
- (d) Traffic problems Admaston – discussed earlier in agenda.
- (e) Proposed electoral pilot scheme – noted.

##### CPRE Newsletter

RCSU Road Safety Camera Unit – Cllr. Ballantyne

SALC Minutes – Rural Forum – noted.

Cllr. Powell Admaston traffic Flow – noted.

Cllr. Ballantyne Copy of letter to Lloyds TSB re signatories to account – noted.  
Mr. D. Davies Offer from a private individual to return 12 oil paintings of Wrockwardine Village dating from 1890 – 1910 to the custodianship of the village. Members discussed the matter and it was agreed that although the PC had no facilities to store/display the paintings, the request could be referred to other groups within the village, which would be in a better position to accept and care for them.

Cllr. Mrs Watts asked if the PC could provide footway lighting for the proposed footpath at Burcott Way. The clerk was asked to request quotes for solar powered white light unit and then place the matter on the agenda for discussion.

### **03/12 Planning Matters**

Cllrs Powell and Ballantyne declared an interest and took no part in discussion of Application W02/1347.

#### **(a) Applications**

To consider the following applications:

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| W02/1347 | Display of 2 non-illuminated name signs to front and rear elevation. Admaston House, Admaston.   |
| W02/1349 | Removal and cutting back of limbs to one oak tree. 15 Burnell Road, Admaston.  |
| W02/1393 | Demolition of existing derelict lean to and erection of a single storey side extension to form equipment store to existing recreation room. Overley Hall School Overley. |
| W02/1387 | Construction of 10 car parking spaces and new vehicular access. Overley Hall School Overley.   |

There were no objections to any of the applications.

#### **Permissions**

There were no permissions.

### **03/13 Accounts for Payment**

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

Statement 111 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

### **03/14 Reports**

Cllr. Mrs. Jones raised concerns over the period of time that was allowed to developers in keeping their advertising signs upon various lampposts within the parish and whether or not permission was necessary. Cllr. Ballantyne outlined the

agreements by which developers were allowed to display their signs and the requirement to remove them once the last house has been sold. Members agreed that there are many signs still displayed within the parish which, it was felt, must be “expired”. The Clerk was asked to write to T&WC highlighting the concern.

Cllr. Mrs. Jones reported that the bridge over the brook that had been reported to the Clerk as damaged, had now been replaced by an excellent bridge that was a credit to the parish.

Cllr. Mrs. Jones asked if the Jubilee Committee had decided upon a location for the third seat. It was suggested that a seat in the vicinity of Brandon Avenue by the steps to the footpath would be suitable and appreciated by the parents of young children who walked to school on that route.

Cllr. Mrs Savage reported problems with sewage back flooding in the village of Wrockwardine. The Clerk was asked to write to Severn Trent to ascertain their views on the continuing development of the area and to ask what their strategy will be to deal with present and possible future problems. Members agreed to request that no further development be allowed in the village until the problems with sewerage had been resolved and the system had been upgraded to cope with increased usage.

Cllr. Orrell brought to the meeting details of concerns over the condition of Charlton Castle. This was discussed but members agreed to take no action to request remedial repairs at this stage.

**03/15 Press Statement**

Cllr. Orrell presented to the meeting a draft press release which was approved.

**03/16 Next Meeting**

The Chairman reminded members that there was to be a Special Meeting on Wednesday 15th January at Admaston House. The next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday, 12th February 2003 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman