

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday  
11<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

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**Present:**

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

**Also in attendance:** One member of the public  
PC Judith McPherson and CSO Suzy Alan

**05/214 Chairman's remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all to the first Council meeting of the year.

***7.33 p.m. Cllr. Dawes joined the meeting.***

**05/215 Apologies for Absence**

Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. Blackwell (Borough Councillor).

**05/216 Declaration of Interest**

Cllr. Ballantyne declared a personal interest in planning application  
W05/1542.

Cllr. Rawlings declared an interest in any discussion which may take place on  
Cheshire Coppice Lane during the item on NTP3.

**05/217 Police Report**

PC McPherson presented the Police Report.

Members discussed traffic speeds and the collation of data.

PC McPherson informed the meeting that the request for clarification as to  
what traffic calming measures would be acceptable to the Police to PC Micky  
Riggs, Traffic management Officer. It was reported that PC Riggs had  
commented that it was not the Police who had prevented any traffic calming  
measures but the comment had been made that the proposals were unlikely to  
be effective.

Cllr. Craik reported incidents of general nuisance.

***7.43 p.m. Cllr. Miss Seymour joined the meeting.***

The meeting discussed incidents of theft from motor vehicles.

***7.47 p.m. PC McPherson and CSO Suzy Alan left the meeting having first been  
thanked by the Chairman for their attendance.***

**05/218 Minutes**

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2005 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

**05/219 Finance & General Purposes Committee**

Cllr. Cowling presented the minutes of the meeting to Council and drew Members attention to minute number 05/65 provision of a bus shelter Shawbirch Road adjacent to Admaston Spa entrance.

*7.51 p.m. Cllr. Ms Kenny left the meeting room.*

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the funding would be from the Parish Improvement Fund and that such expenditure had been budgeted for. Members approved the decision.

**05/220 Admaston House**

**a) Report from Parish Representative on Admaston House Trust**

Cllr. Craik presented a report to Members and highlighted concerns over general nuisance caused by youths (on Admaston Green).

Council were asked to give some thought to the clearing of rubbish from around the youth shelter on Admaston Green. [Cllr. Powell informed the meeting that all rubbish had recently been cleared away from the area surrounding the youth shelter]

Cllr. Dawes asked if the Trustees had felt that there was a need for a separate new community building. Cllr. Craik informed the meeting that such questions as the one put by Cllr. Dawes were the reason behind the present public consultation.

Members discussed other possible options all of which Cllr. Craik was able to state were included in, and the reason for, the public consultation.

Cllr. Powell reminded everyone present that the results of the consultation would be published at an open meeting to be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

Cllr. Craik asked if the Clerk could confirm to the Trust that security concerns had been conveyed to the meeting. The meeting noted the concerns and the Clerk was asked to respond accordingly.

Cllr. Craik was thanked for his report.

**05/221 Youth Play Provision**

The Chairman gave a report on the last steering group meeting and stated that there had been insistence on a full and wide ranging public consultation exercise which included a formal consultation with all the local clubs and societies as well as residents and councillors. The consultation programme was presented to the meeting.

Cllr. Ballantyne stated that the whole project was now geared towards the facility being built and opened in August 2006.

The meeting was informed that officers of the Borough had offered to give an informal briefing and this could be held, if Members wished, after the next F&GP meeting at Admaston House with all members of Council being invited.

Cllr. Cowling informed the meeting that he would be unable to attend the meeting.

Cllr. Rawlings stated that the briefing would be helpful and he would be pleased to support the suggestion. It was agreed that an informal briefing could be given to members of Council after the next F&GP meeting.

#### **05/222 Health Service Provision and Regional Government**

Cllr. Miss Seymour gave reports on the proposed Strategic Health Authority Merger, developments in Regional Government, and the possible merger of Police Forces.

Cllr. Craik asked about the future of Parish Councils and Cllr. Miss Seymour responded by stating that although it appeared that the Government were intent on dispensing with one tier of Local Government it seemed most likely that Parish Councils were the one tier which would not be in jeopardy.

The meeting thanked Cllr. Miss Seymour for her in depth and informative briefing.

#### **05/223 Traffic and Transport Matters**

##### **a) Traffic calming Shawbirch Road and Station Road Zebra Crossing.**

The safety issues relating to the poor lighting of the crossing were brought to the attention of Cllr. Miss Seymour who agreed to take the matter up with officers of the Borough. Members also asked Cllr. Miss Seymour to request proper signing signage to forewarn drivers of a pedestrian crossing rather than the existing vague "new road layout" sign. Attention to these points would, members felt, at least conclude the installation of the zebra crossing.

Members reiterated their desire to see a proper explanation of the expenditure for the remainder of the scheme and their desire to see any remaining funds ring fenced for the completion of the calming project.

##### **b) Parish wide traffic matters.**

The Clerk was asked to remind PC Riggs that Council had not yet an explanation of why she had agreed a scheme of traffic redirection with local haulage contractor.

The Clerk was asked to remind the Borough that it had not yet carried out the promised repairs to the pot holed road outside the shops at Admaston.

#### **05/224 Parish Improvements**

##### **a) Lighting in the Parish.**

The Clerk reported that the Borough had not accepted the position of Council. Cllr. Miss Seymour agreed that she would continue to press for a resolve and it was also agreed that the matter would be raised at the next meeting of the Wrekin area Committee of SAPTC.

b) Admaston Bus shelter adoption.

The Chairman stated that there was no progress to report.

#### **05/225 North Telford Parish Paths Partnership**

Cllr. Rawlings gave a report on the activities of NTP3.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Rawlings for his report.

The Chairman presented to the meeting a letter from the Borough outlining details of the possibility of creating a new footpath a Cheshire Coppice Lane. Members noted the content of the letter. [Cllr. Rawlings took no part in this discussion]

#### **05/226 Correspondence**

##### **1. Correspondence requiring a decision**

BT&W Consultation Local Transport Plan. Meeting date 13/1/06. Cllr. Craik informed the meeting that he may be able to attend.

BT&W Probable cost to parishes of elections in 2007. Noted.

ODPM Standards of Conduct consultation paper. Noted.

SCC Parish paths News. – Cllr. Rawlings.

#### ***8.59 p.m. The member of public present left the meeting.***

Mrs. J. Watts Letter requesting that the letter box at The Avenue be relocated because its present position is adjacent to a very muddy verge. Following discussion Cllr. Cowling proposed that the request be referred to the Post Office for them to assess the need and viability of such a move. Seconded by Cllr. Dawes it was RESOLVED. [Cllr. Mrs Savage asked that the minute show that she had not supported the proposal]

D. Blackwell  
(Church Warden)

Mr. Blackwell had written to the Chairman complaining that he had incorrectly referred to the Church Fete as being the Village Fete in an

article publicising the event in the Parish Magazine. Members felt that the complaint was a little ungracious given that the purpose of the mention in the magazine was to give free publicity to the event. Councillors were unhappy with Mr. Blackwell's complaint and felt that it was an unnecessarily long letter and that there was no need to write it. Members asked Cllr. Ballantyne to respond by expressing their disappointment that Mr. Blackwell felt it even necessary to put pen to paper when the aim of the article was to be positive and helpful to the event and it could not be disproved that this was the result.

## **2. Correspondence not requiring a decision**

There was no other correspondence.

### **05/227 Planning Matters**

#### **Applications**

##### **The following application was considered:**

W05/1508 Proposed underground effluent tank Barrats Field Duncote Farm Walcot.

Members expressed concern that this application had not been part of earlier applications and felt unable to make a decision because the application gave no indication as to what the effluent tank was for. The concern was that the installation could mean a change of use from storage to processing. Cllr. Cowling proposed that the application not be objected to. Seconded by Cllr. Powell.

The Chairman proposed an amendment to the proposal that Council ask the Borough to clarify if the use of the facility was simply to wash the potatoes:- if so there would be no objection. Or if it is to herald a change of use from storage to processing:- in which case Council would object. Seconded by Cllr. Ms. Kenny the amendment was put and was RESOLVED. [Cllr. Rawlings abstained from the discussion and vote]

W05/1542 Erection of ground floor extension and loft conversion 2 Dalefield Drive Admaston. [Cllr. Ballantyne took no part in the matter]

Cllr. Miss Seymour informed the meeting that this application had been referred to the Borough Planning Board. Members made no comment.

W05/470 Erection of single storey rear extension 2 dormer windows in rear roof slope and erection of a detached garage with games room above. 18 Station Road Admaston. There were no objections. Members agreed to ask the Borough to secure a prior application for access permission.

W05/1557 Erection of first floor extension over existing garage to form en-suite bedroom and ground floor toilet and conservatory to rear 50 Glovers Way Shawbirch. There were no objections.

### **Permissions**

There were no permissions.

### **Refusal**

There were no refusals.

### **05/228 Accounts for Payment**

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

**Statement 148** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

UHY Hacker Young                      Audit Report.

The Clerk reported that the auditors had drawn to the attention of Council two matters.

i) The level of Fidelity Insurance Guarantee being inadequate and a recommendation that it be increased to a level of year end balances plus half the annual precept.

Members were satisfied that their procedures were secure however it was RESOLVED to increase the Fidelity Insurance Guarantee to the required level.

ii) In some cases bank statements to support the accounts could not be found. Members noted the comment and acknowledged that they were aware that the Clerk had not received one bank statement from the bank (there was only one statement missing) and had written without success in an attempt to obtain a replacement. The Clerk had immediately brought this to the attention of Council and Council had taken special note of this fact and the fact that none the less the accounts still reconciled with all payments and that all such payments and receipts were in order. Council had satisfied itself at the time that the Clerk had made every effort to remedy the situation and had kept Council fully informed at all times.

### **05/229 Press Statement**

The press statement was delegated to the Chairman.

**05/230 Next Meeting**

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2006 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

**05/231 Chairman's Closing Remarks**

The Chairman thanked all for attending.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.39 p.m.

*Signed* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Chairman*

*Date* \_\_\_\_\_