

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2007 at
Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. – K.J.S. Ballantyne – Meeting Chairman
Cllrs. E. A. Cowling, E. Dawes and T. Kiernan.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: PC Judith McPherson

Public Session:

There being no members of the public present no public session was held.

06/131 Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and wished everyone a happy new year.

Cllr. Dawes proposed a vote of thanks for the goodwill displayed by Cllrs Cowling and Kiernan in the time spent organising and co-ordinating the two parish Christmas Trees enjoyed by the parish during the festive season. The meeting endorsed this proposal and passed on their thanks and appreciation to Cllrs Cowling and Kiernan.

06/132 Apologies for Absence

Apologies along with reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Carver, Craik, Kenny, Powell, Rawlings and Savage.
Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. D. Blackwell and Cllr. Seymour (Borough Councillor).

06/134 Declaration of Interest

The Chairman declared a personal and private interest in planning application W06/1508.

06/135 Police Report

PC McPherson presented the police report to members and answered questions.

Cllr. Cowling raised a number of issues relating to damage caused to a greenhouse on the allotments, youths being present on the playing field (kicking a football about) at three in the morning, damage to sheds on the allotments, theft from the local shop, damage to a hedgerow and damage to the Christmas tree lights.

PC McPherson answered the points raised by Cllr. Cowling and also agreed to study his points in detail and report back to Council with a full response.

Cllr. Kiernan confirmed that all the points raised by Cllr. Cowling had been

reported to the police but there had been no discernable response.

PC McPherson spoke of the importance of reporting all such incidents to the police and went on to explain that all calls were graded according to priority. The grading system was fully explained along with the fact that the police force still has the same number of officers it had 20 years ago, despite the vast increase in population in Telford and the Chief Constable had taken a policy decision that there would inevitably be some incidents that the police simply could not attend.

Cllr. Cowling stated that had every confidence in both the local officer and the police force in general.

A brief discussion was held on the Cycle Track. PC McPherson once more confirmed that there had been no complaints or reported incidents at the cycle track.

PC McPherson confirmed, in response to Cllr. Craik's enquiry at the last meeting, that prior to Christmas there had been a speed and drink driving campaign in the parish but it was not possible to provide accurate statistics – however the meeting heard that PC McPherson had asked that the responsible officer considered ways in which she could bring appropriate statistics to the public. It was reported that the Inspector did not have grave concerns over the number of traffic related incidents during the campaign.

The Chairman asked the officer if she could apply subtle pressure on the Borough to bring back to the village the “slow down” signs which to date had only had limited use in the parish. PC McPherson was asked to assist the parish in resolving the outstanding issues with the zebra crossing.

Members discussed alcohol sales and test purchasing by Trading Standards.

8.08 p.m. PC McPherson left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman.

06/136 Minutes

It was noted that minute 06/123 incorrectly recorded Cllr. Cowling as Cowley and that Mrs Eade is incorrectly referred to as Miss Eade. It was resolved that the minutes should be corrected. Subject to these corrections being made, **The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2006 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

06/137 Local Development Framework

Telecommunications – Response required by 2nd February. Cllr. Dawes agreed to review the provided documentation and report back to the Clerk and Chairman in order that a response can be submitted.

2. Correspondence requiring a decision

SLCC/NALC	Parish Pump – noted.
BT&W	Crucial Crew 2007 – no action.
Bank of Scotland	Further details required to open account - Attended to.
SALC	White Paper Unitary Submission. Noted.
WAC/SALC	Minutes and Agenda – Cllr. Kiernan to attend.

06/142 Planning Matters

Applications

The following applications were considered:

- W06/1541 Erection of a two storey side extension 40 Station Road
Admaston. There were no objections.
- W06/1520 Erection of a potato store Barratts Field Duncote Mill Walcot.
Members discussed the provision of landscaping within the
original application; Cllr. Kiernan informed the meeting that
landscaping had begun. There were no objections.
- W06/1539 Erection of two side and one rear extension to existing
development Overley Hill Cottage Overley. There were no
objections.
- W06/1504 Erection of a steel framed storage building Respol Overley.
There were no objections.
- [The Chairman took no part in the discussion on application W06/1508, Cllr.
Cowling took the Chair for this matter]
- W06/1508 Erection of a detached dwelling land adjacent to Admaston Hall
Bratton Road Admaston. There were no objections.

Permissions

The following permissions were noted:

- W06/1333 Change of use of disused agricultural buildings to use class B1
(Business) Disused buildings at Sunnylands Farm Orleton
Estate Wellington.
- W06/1300 Erection of conservatory to side of dwelling and retrospective
permission for a garden shed 29 Holt Coppice Bratton.

Refusals

The following refusal was noted.

Noted:

Tree Preservation Order The Grove Inn Walcott.

Appeal – Erection of two detached dwellings (outline). Land adjacent Rose Cottage Rushmoor Lane Bratton. Appeal by way of written statements to be submitted by 12th January 2007. It was RESOLVED to take no action and leave the matter to the Inspector.

06/143 Accounts for Payment

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

b) **Statement 160** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved. [Cllr. Cowling took no part in the approval]

Cllr. Cowling asked for an explanation as to why his expenses (approved in December) in regard to the installation of the Christmas Tree at Wrockwardine had been approved in the sum of £143.30 when the amount claimed had been £146.30 stating that he had not received the £3 he had tipped the delivery driver.

Cllr. Cowling stated that he and other Councillors had devoted many hours of voluntary work to the Parish and travelled many miles in the course of that work. He felt that the refusal of Council to pay the £3 was petty.

The Chairman stated that Council was grateful for the time Cllr. Cowling and all other members had put into projects but reminded all that there had been a resolve not to pay expenses and members had decided that there should be no cost to the taxpayer for their services. He further reminded Members that travel outside the parish could be claimed as a legitimate expense and that members had debated the possibility of payment of travel within the parish on Council business but resolved not to do so.

In regard to the £3 tip given by Cllr. Cowling to the delivery driver, the Chairman explained that Council had to account for every penny of its expenditure and as the Clerk had not received a receipt for the expenditure (and could not receive a receipt as it was an ex-gratia payment) he had referred the matter to the Chair. In consultation with the Clerk, it had been decided that reimbursement could not be made. The Chairman stated that he felt that reimbursement would not be lawful and therefore a correct decision had been made. He unreservedly apologised to Cllr. Cowling for not discussing the matter with him, and stated that payment could have been made by way of the Chairman's allowance.

06/144 Press Statement

The Chairman was delegated to produce a press release.

06/145 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all for attending.

06/146 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday 14th February 2007 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

It was RESOLVED not to hold a F&GP meeting for the month of January.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____