

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th January 2008 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr. – T. R. Kiernan – Meeting Chairman
Cllrs. Mrs. Elaine Ballantyne, E. Dawes, Mrs Nadine Evans, D.
Powell and Mrs Sheila Turner.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: Two members of the public

07/147 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The meeting Chairman welcomed all present and thanked them for attending. The meeting was informed that Cllr. Ballantyne had been unavoidably detained and would attend as soon as he was able. Cllr. Kiernan took the chair pro-tem.

07/148 Apologies for Absence

Apologies along with reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Craik, Cllr. Mrs. Jo savage and Cllr. Rawlings. The meeting had received and noted the apologies of the Chairman in the previous agenda heading.

07/149 Police Report

There being no police officer present Cllr. Kiernan 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.

07/150 Declaration of Interest

Cllrs. Powell and Kiernan asked the meeting to be aware that they would take the appropriate course of action when the meeting came to discuss the grant application by Admaston House Trust which was on the agenda

07/151 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2007 were confirmed and signed, by the Meeting Chairman, as a true record.

07/152 Public Session

Mrs Canlin asked the Council for advice on how she might deal with fly tipping on her property stating that she had received no assistance from the Borough Council (being informed that the tipping had taken place on private land) but had received some advice from PC McPherson about the criminal damage she had incurred and from Borough Councillor, Miss Seymour. The Clerk reminded the meeting that Parish Councils were similarly restricted in their ability to directly assist a private individual.

The meeting discussed the problems of fly tipping and Cllr. Kiernan offered some private advice.

Members expressed sympathy with the problems currently being experienced by Mrs. Canlin but felt unable to assist because of the restrictions placed upon them by statute.

7.40 pm the Chairman joined the meeting. [for the purposes of clarity - Cllr. Kiernan remained in the Chair for the rest of the Public Session].

Mrs. Canlin informed the meeting that Cllr. Miss Seymour had said that she would get the Borough Public Health Officers to look at the problem.

The meeting was informed that PC McPherson had written an open letter to local residents in regard to the matter.

7.46 pm Cllr. Miss Seymour (Borough Councillor) joined the meeting.

Cllr. Kiernan gave Cllr. Miss Seymour a summary of the discussion thus far and Miss Seymour agreed to respond to the enquiry by Mrs. Canlin the following day.

7.48 pm Cllr. Kiernan stood down from the Chair and the chairman took over.

07/153 Traffic Matters

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Clerk had written to the Borough Traffic Officer to seek a site meeting to discuss the difficulties on the zebra crossing – no reply had been received to date.

07/154 Admaston House

a) To consider whether to re-open the grant debate.

The Chairman outlined the Trust's request to re-examine its previous decision as set out in the minutes of the previous meeting. Members were reminded of their Standing Orders which state that a decision should not be reopened within six months unless there is material new information. The Chairman informed the meeting that they had, in effect, two decisions to make. First, members needed to decide if they had before them enough new and materially different information to re-open the debate. If they did not, then the debate could not be re-opened and the original resolution would stand. If they considered that there was new and materially different information then Council could move to the second part of the debate which would be re-opened. If this was to be resolved, the Chairman stated that the matter would be put on another agenda for full debate at another time.

The Chairman asked Cllrs. Powell and Kiernan if they had any new evidence to bring to the table. Cllr. Powell felt that there had been a misunderstanding. The Chairman asked if there was any new information to be put before Council. Cllr. Powell stated that the Trustees would like to put more information before Council.

7.58 pm Cllrs Powell and Kiernan left the room.

Following a debate where the general consensus was that Council had received a detailed grant application at a special meeting and that at that meeting the request was for prime funding for the project as a whole, the Chairman put the first question to the meeting and asked if they wished to re-open the debate. Cllr. Dawes proposed that Council being of the view that there was no materially new information resolves not to re-open the debate. This was seconded by Cllr. Ballantyne. It was RESOLVED unanimously that the debate should not be re-opened.

8.02 pm Cllrs Powell and Kiernan rejoined the meeting.

The Chairman explained to Cllrs Powell and Kiernan that it was the unanimous view of the meeting that the decision of Council debate was not re-opened and that the original decision of Council correctly reflected what was asked of it at the special July meeting. The Chairman informed Cllrs. Powell and Kiernan that there was nothing preventing the Trust from submitting a new application to Council.

b) Report from Parish Representative.

Cllr. Powell gave a report on the successes of other grants received by the Trust.

07/155 NTP3

Cllr. Rawlings not being present the report was left in abeyance.

07/156 Parish Improvements

The meeting heard that there had been an unforeseen adverse reaction from the residents of Aston against the resolve of Council to provide street signs. The Clerk informed the meeting that fortunately the contractor had not yet started work on the order and he had asked them to hold off on production pending further consideration from Council. It was RESOLVED to cancel the order for Aston street signs.

Members discussed the condition of a number of the Bus Shelters and were informed by the Clerk that he and the council's handyman were scheduled to inspect all shelters on the morning of the 22nd January with a view to reporting back to Council any necessary work.

Members discussed the registration of Village Greens.

07/157 Grant Application

a) Over 60's Club

Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Dawes that a grant of £450 be made to the organisers of the Over 60's club to subsidise the forthcoming Christmas meal. Seconded by Cllr. Kiernan, it was RESOLVED that a grant of £450 be made.

b) To consider setting down criteria for grant applications.

The meeting delegated this matter to the F&GP Committee to give their consideration and report back to Council.

07/158 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

T&WC Proposed Huntington Lane surface mining. Cllr. Miss Seymour gave a report to the meeting stating that she did not think that there would be an impact on the parish. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Coxill, the Borough Planning Officer to ascertain if the Borough thought that the proposals might have any environmental impact on the parish of Wrockwardine.

SALC Councillor Training. Noted.

Telford Sea Cadets Invitation to Unit Review – Chairman agreed to represent Council.

T&WC Invitation to question time – budget – noted.

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

CPRE Fieldwork Magazine – noted.

Resident Fly Tipping – dealt with in the public session.

T&WC Core Strategy – adopted plan. Noted.

07/159 Planning Matters

Applications

There were no planning applications to consider.

Permissions

There were no permissions received.

Refusals

There were no refusals.

07/160 Accounts for Payment

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

b) **Statements 11** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

The meeting approved the additional payment of £90 to Wrockwardine Parish Hall for hall rental.

07/161 F&GP Committee

There were no minutes to receive.

The Clerk was instructed to place the following matters on the agenda for the January F&GP meeting; Development Plan, Grants Criteria, Co-option of Members of Committee, and the receipt of planning applications from the Borough Council.

The Chairman urged members of the Committee to be present in order to avoid the meeting being yet again inquorate; an inquorate meeting could not go on to co-opt further members.

07/162 Press Statement

The Chairman agreed to let the press know that Council had approved a grant to the Over 60's Club.

07/163 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all for their attendance.

Upon being invited by the Chairman, Cllr. Miss Seymour gave a Borough Report.

The meeting reported a number of Borough matters to Cllr. Miss Seymour.

07/164 SCHEDULE 12A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs Turner; seconded by Cllr. Dawes it was:

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining item of business which was confidential and may disclose exempt information.

Clerk's Salary and Travel Allowance

07/165 Next Meeting

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was to be on Wednesday 13th February 2008 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9. 19 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____