

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th January 2010 at
Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

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

Also present: Clare Turner (Borough Officer)
Two members of the public.

09/154 Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the first meeting of the calendar year and thanked them for turning out on such a snowy evening.

09/155 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Powell.
The meeting received courtesy apologies from Borough Councillor
Miss J. Seymour and PC McPherson.

The meeting noted with sadness that earlier in the day the funeral of Charles Carver, a respected former member of Council, had taken place and Council had been represented by the Chairman and other members.

09/156 Police Report

There was no police report.

09/157 Walcot Play scheme

Mrs. Turner presented plans for refurbishment of the Walcot play area, gave details of the proposed consultation and answered questions.

The meeting discussed the Walcot site.

The meeting heard details of the proposals for the Pemberton Road site.

Mrs. Turner was asked to find out about "Adult Gymsnasiums".

7:45 p.m. Mrs. Turner left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman.

09/158 Public Session

No public session was requested.

09/159 Declaration of Interest

The Cllrs Ballantyne declared a personal interest in planning applications W09/1067 and W09/1030 .

09/160 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2009 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

09/161 Planning Matters

Being aware that the two members of the public who were present had attended to witness planning matter the Chairman called for that item to be moved forward on the agenda. The meeting agreed.

8:00 p.m. The Cllrs. Ballantyne left the meeting.

Applications

To following applications were received:

W09/1030 Erection of one retirement bungalow (outline); Land at rear 9 Bratton Road.

The Clerk was asked to point out Borough Planning Officers that this property had already had a refusal for similar development. Application W2006/0265 was refused and subsequently appealed.

W09/1067 Erection of five dwellings to include access, layout and scale (outline); 21 Bratton Road.

The Clerk was asked to notify the Borough that Wrockwardine Parish Council in principle supported the application however there were some reservations over the likely increase in traffic and the nature of the access to the property. There were concerns that the safety of vehicles and pedestrians may be compromised due to the nature of the access and egress design. The Clerk was asked to request that the concerns were brought to the attention of the Traffic Management Officer.

8:10 p.m. The Cllrs. Ballantyne rejoined the meeting.

W09/1077 Erection of a detached double garage with self contained flat above; 3 Buckatree Cottages Ercall Lane. There were no objections.

W09/1104 Extension of time limit for implementation of W2005/0766 for conversion of existing barns into one dwelling with garage land at Upper Leaton Farm Leaton. There were no objection

Permissions

The following permission was received:

W09/0882 Conservatory to rear Field View Wellington Road.

Refusals

The following refusal was received:

W09/0920 Erection of detached two storey dormer bungalow:
Land adjacent to Hollytree House Allscott.

09/162 Rural Matters

Rural Housing Needs

The meeting heard that Fiona Stewart, Borough Housing Policy and Enabling Officer would like to arrange to meet with individual Parish Councils to answer any questions and to discuss how each parish could be involved in carrying out surveys locally. It was noted that arrangements are already being made for the first of the surveys to be carried out in parishes where a particular interest in them has been expressed and that Fiona wished to know some dates in 2010 when it would be convenient for herself and Caroline Oakes (or other officers) to attend one of council's meetings.

It was agreed to invite the officers to a meeting in either March or April.

09/163 Traffic Matters

Traffic Statistics

The traffic statistics provided by the Borough Officer were presented to the meeting. Following a discussion it was agreed that the data provided was so severely edited and limited in its content as to be of little use. The Clerk was asked to write to the officer requesting the raw data so that the parish could make some correlation between the volume and speed of traffic over a period of weeks.

Rumble Strips on B5063

There was nothing to report.

09/164 Admaston House Trust

Cllr. Mrs Turner reported that work on the redevelopment of the house had begun but, because of the weather, had temporarily come to a halt.

09/165 Parish Improvements

a) Provision of Allotments

The Clerk reported that a draft lease had been received from the Borough but had been returned because of a possible error in the term of years; the draft had stated a term of 25 years and it had been the understanding of the Chairman and Clerk that the required term would be a minimum of 125 years due to the nature of the required use. It was hoped that the difference was as a result of an error and could be easily amended.

b) Playgrounds at Walcot and Burnell Road/Pemberton Road.

The meeting felt grateful that Clare Turner had attended and made the presentation however there were concerns that it had appeared that Mrs. Turner simply was not aware that the play areas were in the ownership of the parish council and that as a result the parish had not been sufficiently a part of the consultation process (there was a perception that the parish had in fact been ignored).

Concerns were expressed over the surfacing of the site.

The meeting felt unhappy with the process of consultation; it appeared to members to be back to front with the quotes being called for before the public (or the parish) had had any say in the matter.

The Clerk was asked to thank Mrs. Turner but remind her of the parish ownership of the sites and ask that the parish and community be properly consulted before moving forward to complete the project.

8:54 to 8:57 p.m. Cllr. Dawes briefly left the meeting and then returned.

c) Street Signs

There was no discussion on street signage.

The meeting discussed gritting issues, the location of grit bins, Outside Gyms and lighting in Aldermead Close. There were no resolutions on these matters.

09/166 Newsletter

The Clerk tabled the completed newsletter which was accepted by the meeting. Members agreed on a plan of distribution.

09/167 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

Crucial Crew Grant application – declined.

T&WS Quote for grounds maintenance, litter pick and ROSPA per the terms of the leases for Pemberton Road and Walcot play areas (total £1052.42 per annum). Resolved to accept.

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

T&WCVS Annual Report – Cllr. Craik.

West Mercia Const Your Police Service – Noted.

T&WS Missed refuse collections proposed action – noted.

T&W CVS Newsletter – Noted.

Highways Dept. Map of proposed roadwork – Cllr. Ballantyne.

Cllr. Mrs. Evans gave a report on a meeting attended by The Rural Advocate.

09/168 Accounts for Payment

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

The meeting approved the following additional payments:

Madeley Print Shop Ltd	Newsletters	cheque 010366	£275.00
SC Rawlings (reimbursement)	Salt & Grit	cheque 010367	£111.63

Statement 35 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

09/169 Press Statement

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

09/170 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all for attending and wished all a safe journey home.

09/171 Next Meeting

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Council was to be on Wednesday 10th February 2010 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:35 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____