

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2002 at
Wrockwardine Parish Hall, Wrockwardine at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. K.J.S. Ballantyne- Vice Chairman (meeting Chairman).
Cllrs. Mrs. M. Carver, E. Cowling,
A. Orrell, Mrs. J. Savage and Mrs. J. Watts.
Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

Also in attendance: Six members of the public.
Cllr. D. Blackwell (Borough Councillor)

02/115 Chairman's remarks

Cllr. Ballantyne welcomed Members and thanked the public for their attendance. Cllr. Mrs. Jenny Watts was welcomed as a Member of the Council and congratulated on her success in the recent by-election. The Chairman stated that the council looked forward to her contributions and hoped that she would enjoy her tenure.

The Chairman informed Members that correspondence and planning applications had been made available half an hour prior to the start of the meeting to allow prior perusal. There had been concern recently over the lateness of the hour at which council meetings were finishing. This was not a criticism, the council was dealing with a lot of work and it was because of this that the Chairman (Cllr. Brown), Vice Chairman and Clerk had looked at ways in which the time spent could be reduced. It was hoped that time could be saved by Members viewing planning applications prior to the meeting thus allowing any debate to be entered into immediately the agenda item was reached. Similarly, the Clerk had agreed to photo copy any correspondence which was thought to be of substance and forward it with the agenda and other, less important, correspondence would be available for Members to view prior to the meeting. Members could still raise matters from such correspondence if they wished.

02/116 Police Session

The Meeting was informed that there were no officers present. PC Palmer had stated that as he was to retire at the end of July, he would be attending along with WPC Judith McPherson who is to be his replacement. It was known however that WPC McPherson was on sick leave.

02/117 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Brown (Chairman), Cllr. Mrs. E. Jones,

Cllr. Powell and Cllr. Rawlings.

Courtesy apologies were received from Cllrs. Miss. Seymour (Borough Councillor).

02/118 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Mrs. J. Savage declared that, as a member of the Church, she had an interest in matters concerning the proposed new cemetery and so would withdraw from any items concerning this.

02/119 Minutes

Members agreed that minute 2/98 would more accurately reflect what was said if the words “that the “pod” was now in use in Shawbirch. were changed to “in the press as now being prepared for Shawbirch”. Subject to this;

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2002 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

02/120 Matters arising out of the Minutes

Police (Youth) Initiative

Cllr. Orrell commented that since PC Palmer had first raised the possibility of this initiative, there had been no further reply from him regarding the “pod”.

Cllr. Blackwell confirmed that there was only one Pod which would be rotated throughout local communities. This was also confirmed by Cllr. Cowling.

Cllr. Orrell stated that his main concern was that nothing had been done for the age group which is being blamed for causing vandalism. PC Palmer had wanted to form a committee including three parish councillors but had done nothing.

Overgrown Garden Wrockwardine

Members heard that the garden had not been attended to and the problem persisted. Cllr. Blackwell agreed to attempt to mediate.

Golden Jubilee

Cllr. Mrs Savage asked for ideas for the site of a third seat. Members were informed that one seat was proposed to be sited on the village green and one on the Wellington Rd. at Admaston but a third site was still sought.

The working group reported having looked at how best to investigate the cost of a stained glass window for the church. School children may be asked to come up with designs and there is a firm in Shrewsbury which would look at the designs to see if they were feasible.

Cllr. Ballantyne reported that the cast iron fingerposts were waiting for Cllr. Brown and himself to photograph the locations and make notes, prior to any further action.

Newsletter

Cllr. Ballantyne informed the meeting that he had the appropriate grant forms from the Countryside Agency and would progress the matter.

The Clerk read to the meeting a letter from Shropshire County Council which requested that parish councils publicise details of bus times in their newsletters.

Admaston House

Cllr. Ballantyne reported that the Trustees had approved a tender to repair the roof of the House and the money would be from the “bounty” which was provided by T&WC.

Bank signatories

Cllr. Ballantyne and Cllr. Mrs. Savage agreed to meet the Clerk at the bank on Friday 14th July.

Allscott Storage Depot

Cllr. Blackwell reported that planning application W02/0540 had been refused by T&WC. Members discussed the enforcement of planning restrictions. Cllr. Ballantyne asked Members to hold a watching brief and to ask residents to assist.

Cllr. Blackwell referred to concerns over a house in Shawbirch which was being used as a care home, stating that he had advised residents in private capacity and left them to pursue matters as they saw fit. Cllr. Blackwell stated that he was aware of the addresses and they were being watched by T&WC.

02/121 Play Area Whiteways Drive

The Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Derek Owen of T&WC had forwarded his apologies but would attend to discuss play provision in the parish at the September meeting. Members agreed that the matter could remain on the table.

Cllr. Orrell gave a report on alternative provisions which could be made available.

It was agreed that the proposal for play provision for younger children at Whiteways Drive had been agreed in the original plans for the development but T&WC now argue that younger children have adequate play facilities near St. Peters school. There was no provision for older children. Cllr. Orrell asked if Members wished to insist on a play area at Whiteways Drive or accept an alternative for older children. Cllr. Orrell stated that one of the problems in the parish was that there was nothing for older children to do and this could change if the Admaston House initiative ever took off.

Cllr. Blackwell informed the meeting that some of the residents of Whiteways Drive had stated that they had no problem with the area being retained as open space for a kick about area but had concerns that a more formal play area would attract an unsavoury element.

Members discussed various play requirements and Cllr. Ballantyne stated that

the discussion would probably be more useful if and when Mr. Owen is present.

02/122 Poll Cards

Following discussion of the need for Poll Cards at future by-elections of the Council, it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Carver that in future the Council should ensure that Poll Cards are provided at the expense of the Parish Council. Seconded by Cllr. Cowling. **Resolved.**

02/123 Traffic/ Transport/ Highway Matters

Members discussed the refusal of planning application W02/0540 Allscott Storage Depot.

Cllr. Orrell asked Members to consider whether or not the council should make representation to T&WC about the inclusion of provision for a by-pass in the Local Plan, reminding all present that Cllr. Watts had only recently fought and won a by-election using the call for a by-pass in her publicity material.

Following discussion it was agreed that a simple letter should be submitted reminding T&WC of the parish representation at the Joint Structure Plan hearing, that a majority of residents were in favour of some form of relief road and that it was hoped that Babbie would look at something of that sort to alleviate the problems within the parish and surrounding areas.

Shawbirch Road

Cllr. Ballantyne summed up (for the benefit of those in attendance) the meeting

held with the police and Mr. G. Harvey of T&WC. He stated that Mr. Harvey had given an undertaking to prepare a proposed scheme which could be put before the council. [The Clerk reported that no scheme had been received] The Clerk was asked to remind Mr. Harvey of his undertaking and request that a plan was available for the September meeting of the council. Cllr. Orrell suggested that a possible reason for the delay may be that the rules regarding speed cameras had changed since the meeting.

02/124 Notice Boards

Members discussed the present notice arrangements for the provision of notices at the shops in Admaston and it was generally felt that the siting of the board was not wholly suitable, being somewhat out of sight and around the corner from the main pedestrian flow.

The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of siting a free standing board along with the associated costs.

02/125 Land at Station Road

Cllr. Ballantyne informed the meeting that the council had now received

formal

notification from E.P. that they were willing to convey the land to the parish, along with a contract and as it was already resolved to proceed with the acquisition of the land, the Clerk would now instruct solicitors to act on behalf of the parish council.

Cllr. Orrell asked the council to note that the fencing of the land was in a very poor state. Cllr. Ballantyne, noted the concerns stating that the fence may well need to be replaced, such costs go with land ownership, but the will of the council was to acquire the land for the long term good of the community.

02/126 Bus Shelters

Cllr. Ballantyne reported that the glass in the shelter at Admaston had been broken within hours of its installation and the work on the shelter has yet to be completed but is still in hand. Cllr. Orrell felt that it may be better not to have any glass but to leave an open aperture. Cllr. Ballantyne stated that it may yet come to that.

old Cllr. Ballantyne stated that the replacement of the demolished shelter on the A5 with a shelter similar to the others, was estimated to be in the region of £4620, 75% of which would be funded from the Rural Partnership with 25% (£1200) having to come from the parish council. There were other alternatives, one being a tubular steel shelter and another being to do without a shelter.

Members discussed the shelter and it was felt that it should be replaced. Cllr Orrell asked Cllr. Ballantyne (through the Rural Bus Group) to investigate the usage and investigate other quotes.

02/127 Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:-

1. Telford & Wrekin Council -

- a) Best Value Performance Plan - noted
- b) Trees adj. Silkin Way - Letter in response to the parish questioning why the trees had been cut down. Members were not satisfied with the response from T&WC. The Clerk was asked to request that officers meet Cllr. Ballantyne on site to discuss the problem further. Cllr. Ballantyne agreed to report back to members.
- c) Confirmation of Poll Results - noted.
- d) Copy of press add (Code of Conduct)

West Mercia

Constabulary

NTP3

CPRE

CPRE

St. Peters Church

Youth Shelters, Best Practice Guide - noted.

Minutes and Agenda - Cllr Orrell

Planning Update - Cllr. Orrell

Rural Villages Update - Cllr. Mrs. Savage

Appeal for funding (new burial ground).

Members discussed the request for funding of £1300. Cllr. Orrell proposed that the council contribute the sum of £1300 towards the proposed burial ground under the councils appropriate powers. Seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Carver. **Resolved that the council contribute the sum of £1300 using its powers to do so under section 216(4) of the Local Government Act which permits Burial Authorities [The Councils of districts, Parishes and Communities being such Authorities] to “provide or maintain a cemetery in which inhabitants of its area may be buried”.**

Cllr. Mrs. Savage took no part in the above.

SALC/WAC	Agenda - noted.
WAC Rural Forum	Agenda - Cllr. Ballantyne.
Newport TC	Freedom of Information Act - noted.
DoT	Confirmation of objection to HGV Operators Licence (Allscott Sugar Factory)

02/128 Planning Matters

(a) Applications

1. To consider the following applications:

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| W02/00671 | New access road on the B4394 Allscott Sugar Settlement Ponds. Cllr. Orrell requested that the council ask what assurances were there that monitoring would take place. Cllr. Ballantyne suggested that the council write to ask that a further 106 agreement be negotiated for all traffic goes out of the site westwards and does not go through either Admaston and Allscott. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to T&WC expressing the above. |
| W02/0672 | Alteration/renovation and additions Orleton Hall. No objections. |
| W02/0612 | Siting of single storey demountable. St Peter’s Primary School. No objections. |

Permissions

1. The following permissions were noted:

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| W02/0384 | Erection of covered and open canopies to production area. Agropharm Lt. Overley Hill, Overley. |
| W02/0527 | Erection of a rear extension. The Cherry Trees, Charlton. |

02/129 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 106 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Audit

Notification of date of Audit was received and the Clerk confirmed that the appropriate notices had been displayed throughout the parish.

Copies of the Accounts were circulated to Members Cllr. Orrell proposed that the accounts be approved. Seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Savage. It was **resolved unanimously that the accounts be approved.**

Cllr. Orrell presented members with an analysis of the accounts and gave a report on the budgets of the council. Cllr. Ballantyne thanked Cllr Orrell for his work on the report and also thanked the Clerk for the preparation of the accounts.

02/130 Reports

Cllr. Orrell - Reported that the hedge at Admaston Green needed cutting . Clerk to action.

Cllr. Mrs. Watts - Requested speed restrictions for Wrockwardine village. Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to write to T&WC to ascertain why restrictions were not implemented along with the surrounding villages. Reported that the drain on David's Bank had never been cleared. It had been jetted but this had not solved the problem. The drain itself was broken and roots were growing into it. Clerk to report. Incidents of fly tipping were reported. The Clerk asked all members to report fly tipping as soon as they were aware of it and not leave it until the date of the meeting. The parish council had had some success in the past when requesting clearance and a record was being kept of all incidents within the parish.

Cllr. Blackwell - Reported residents concerns over vehicles parked on the pavement at Bratton.

02/131 Press Statement

The Clerk was asked to give a summary of the meeting to the press with special mention of the funding aid of £1300 to the church for the cemetery.

02/132 Next Meeting

Cllr. Ballantyne reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday, 11th September 2002 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House Community Centre, Admaston.

The meeting closed at 9.54 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____