

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th July 2003 at
Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. B. C. Brown - Chairman
Cllrs. K.J.S. Ballantyne, A. E. Cowling, M. Craik A. Orrell,
Ms. T. Kenny, D. Powell, Mrs. J. Savage and Mrs. J. Watts
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

[Cllrs Craik & Kenny signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office prior to the commencement of the meeting]

Also in attendance: Over twenty members of the public.
Katherine Kynaston (T&WC)
Newspaper reporter

03/103 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting stating that he was always pleased to see members of the public at meetings taking an interest in the business of the Council.

There being a large number of the public attempting to gain access to the rather restricted room, and having previously ascertained that their interest was the matter of a planning application for a green waste processing centre at Bratton Hall Farm, the Chairman informed the public that arrangements had been made for the meeting to transfer to the larger room at approximately 8. 30 p.m. when the application would be discussed.

Cllrs. Michael Craik and Tracy Kenny were welcomed by the Chairman as the two new members of Council who had been successfully co-opted using the nomination process via the Clerk.

Cllr. Craik introduced himself to Members (Cllr. Ms. Kenny having already been introduced to Members).

Cllr. Brown then announced that he would stand down from the office of Chairman with immediate effect after thanking Members for their good humour and assistance. He gave particular thanks to the Clerk.

7.37 p.m. Cllr. Blackwell, Borough Ward Cllr. joined the meeting

Cllr. Ballantyne (as Vice Chairman) took the Chair for the business of electing a Chairman. He expressed his thanks to Cllr. Brown for his tenure stating that he (Cllr. Brown) had chaired the Council through a difficult transition and had done it well. Members agreed and a vote of thanks was given in favour of Cllr. Brown.

The Vice-Chairman called for nominations for the office of Chairman.

Cllr. Brown proposed that Cllr. Ballantyne be elected as Chairman. Seconded by Cllr. Cowling, there being no other nominations, it was **RESOLVED that Cllr. Ballantyne be elected to the office of Chairman.**

There now being a vacancy in the office of Vice Chairman, the Chairman called for nominations to fill that office.

Cllr. Cowling proposed that Cllr. Orrell be elected as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Cllr. Brown, there being no other nominations, it was **RESOLVED that Cllr. Orrell be elected to the office of Vice Chairman.**

03/104 Katherine Kynaston Recycling Officer T&WC

Miss Kinestone gave the meeting an outline of the experiment to be carried out in certain areas of the Borough whereby households would be provided with an additional “green” bin in which they would be required to place all their garden waste.

03/105 Mr. John Smith Treasurer St. Peter’s PCC

The meeting was informed that with the consent of Mr. Smith the item had been moved to the September meeting owing to the pressure on the present agenda.

03/106 Police Session

No police officer was present; members were informed that WPC McPherson had forwarded her apologies.

Cllr. Powell brought to the attention of Members a matter which had been reported to WPC McPherson and had been dealt with in a most efficient way, the nuisance having now stopped.

03/107 Apologies for Absence

The Clerk drew the attention of Members to a comment in the report of the Internal Auditor which highlighted the requirement for the meeting not only to receive apologies but also to make a decision as to whether the absence is acceptable and if so whether to accept or reject the apology. It was also a requirement that apologies were given directly, and only, to the Clerk prior to any meeting and must not be “sent” via a colleague to be offered at the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Rawlings who was unavoidably detained at work. The apologies were accepted.

Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. Miss Seymour, Borough Councillor.

03/108 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Craik asked that it be noted that he wished to declare an interest in all

traffic matters relating to Station Road to the extent that he was a resident of the said road.

03/109 Minutes

The Clerk informed the meeting that Cllr. Orrell had requested that the minutes be amended to more accurately record item 03/93. The amendment requested was to Delete {Cllr. Orrell requested it be noted that he voted against the proposals} Insert {Cllr. Orrell abstained from the voting having advised the Council that this land was originally earmarked for the western end of the Admaston bypass and that he had originally abstained from the vote on the purchase of the land.}

Members agreed that the proposed amendment would more accurately record the item. **Subject to the amendment:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2003 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

8.28 p.m. The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow the meeting to move to the larger room where over fifty members of the public were waiting to hear the discussion on a planning matter.

8.30 p.m. The meeting reconvened in the larger room.

The Chairman brought forward the planning matter W03/0656 Proposed use of green waste composting facility at Bratton Hall Farm and informed Members that he would allow them to speak on the application in turn.

After all Members had spoken on the matter, the Chairman allowed the public to speak on the matter.

Following further debate, it was **RESOLVED that this Parish Council having considered the application for an on site composting facility at Bratton Hall Farm and having sought further information from the applicants agent is not satisfied that the applicant has properly answered the concerns of the Council. In particular the applicant has not shown any evidence of:**

- i) an Environmental Impact Study**
- ii) the destination of the final compost**
- iii) vehicle movements and volumes**
- iv) a Risk Assessment**

And therefore opposes the application and urges the Borough to refuse it in the absence of information to satisfy all these points.

03/110 Youth Shelter

Members agreed to defer this item.

03/111 Street Light Refurbishment Programme

Members agreed to allow Cllr. Brown, Cllr. Cowling and the Clerk to meet in the next few days to decide which lamps were to be refurbished next.

Cllr. Mrs. Watts requested that a lamp be provided at the site of a newly proposed footpath at Burcott Row/Wrekin View. The Clerk agreed to obtain quotes so that the matter could be properly decided at a future date.

03/112 Traffic and Transport Matters

Cllr. Orrell stated that he had been disappointed with the response from Messrs. Mr. Roderick and Blake and requested that the Working Group be allowed to formulate a suitable reply and report back to Council. This was agreed.

Members discussed the composition of the Working Group; it was agreed that Cllr. Mrs. Savage be allowed to stand down and Cllrs. Brown and Craik join the Group. Members felt that it was better at this stage not to commit to any kind of action.

Cllr. Brown gave details of his invitation to transport operators to sit down and discuss the problems.

03/113 Land at Station Road

Members discussed a possible name for the land.

Cllr. Brown put forward a request to have the stones which had been donated by the quarry carved with the name of the land and proposed £400 be accepted as the maximum cost of carving.

Cllr. Orrell questioned the cost. Cllr. Brown replied that he had indicated to the stone mason that "Admaston Green" would be required for the stone at Admaston Green and a similar number of letters may be required for the land at Station Road. He had been given a possible cost of £400 by the mason on that basis.

Cllr. Brown proposed an expenditure of "up to" £400. Seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Savage.

Cllr. Orrell reminded Members that this was yet another expenditure that had not been planned for in the budget, which they had approved.

The matter was put to the vote with two in favour, three against and one abstention. The proposal was lost.

03/114 Parish Plans

Members agreed that this matter should be deferred until such time as Council can decide upon a Working Group.

03/115 Admaston House

Cllr. Cowling gave a report informing the meeting that the Trust had asked for the bottle bank to be removed. The questions raised over the money granted to the Trust for replacement car park had been resolved satisfactorily. The grant would be used in accord with the conditions laid down by Council.

A formal request was received from the Trust for the Parish Council to give its consent to water spilling over from the Trust car park onto Admaston Green.

Cllr. Orrell suggested that the Parish Council express no concern at this time with water flowing from Trust land but would reconsider if matters became a problem (consent subject to proviso). This was put as a proposition, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Watts and was **RESOLVED** [there were two abstentions]

03/116 Vital Villages

Admaston Station

Cllr. Ballantyne updated the meeting on the progress of grant applications.

Newsletter

Members heard that the newsletter had been printed and was awaiting distribution. Cllr. Ballantyne explained that the first edition had been 12 pages, the cost of a standard edition (8 pages) had been negotiated down to £620 per edition, the cost of the first 12-page edition being £800. Members were content.

03/117 Justices Licences

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had written to the Justices Clerk explaining the difficulties encountered by the Parish Council when an application for a Justices Licence was received by Council at a time which did not allow it to be considered in time for the Licensing session. A reply was awaited.

03/118 WAC/SAPTC Review

Concerns were expressed over the value of the service and representation Council should receive from the Area Committee. The Clerk was asked to request that a representative attend a meeting of Council.

03/119 Correspondence

1. Telford & Wrekin Council

- a) Reply to letter re Traffic/transport -Neal Roderick dealt with in traffic matters.
- b) Acknowledgement of letter re Union Flag
- c) Reply - Local Transport Plan - Peter Blake dealt with in traffic matters.
- d) Copy of letter to Severn Trent re complaint over closure of footbridge.

2. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Deputy PM	New Ethical Framework - noted
Mr. Neil Fury	Request to be considered for co-option. Received too late to be considered, a reply has been sent to Mr. Fury explaining the selection procedure.
Standards Board	Guide for Members – noted.
C/A	Copy of letter to Cllr. Ballantyne re grants
W,dine MM Cttee	Thanks for grant for calendar production fees. Members agreed to allow the Clerk to approve the wording on the Calendar sponsorship.
CPRE	Countryside Voice magazine

SAPTC Parish Pump
NTP3 Minutes of meeting 17th June
St. Peter's PCC Thanks for Grant.

03/120 Planning Matters

Members considered the following applications:

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| W03/0686 | Erection of two bungalows (outline) rear of 11 Allscott. Members agreed that the application should be opposed on the same grounds as the previous application: small plot with poor access. |
| W03/0696 | Proposed single storey rear extension. The Lodge, Overly Hall School. |
| W03/0656 | Proposed use of green waste composting facility. Bratton Hall Farm, Bratton. Previously discussed. |

Notification of Tree Preservation Order Grounds of Admaston House.

Members noted the following permissions:

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| W02/0672
(via Wellington Town Council !!) | Alterations to Orleton Hall |
| W03/0473
(via W' Wood & Trench PC) | Erection of side extension Roseberry, Allscott |

Members noted the following refusal

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| W02/1263 | Erection of detached dwelling with link to existing double garage and construction of new vehicular access Silverdale Station Road Admaston |
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03/121 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 118 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Accounts for the year ending 31/3/03

The Clerk gave Members details of the Internal Auditors Report {Copy attached to minutes} The Meeting expressed satisfaction with the report. The Clerk was thanked for his conscientious efforts in maintaining the books of Council.

03/122 Reports

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| Cllr. Mrs. Watts - | Requested a "No Ball Games" sign at Wrekin View. The Chairman stated that the Council had no authority to place such a sign the land being |
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in the ownership of another body.

Requested that the contractors responsible for mowing the playing fields be reminded that they should cut all the way to the edge.

Reported that one of the swings on the playground was rocking and probably unsafe. The Clerk stated that he would have the swing immobilised immediately and obtain a report on the necessary work to make it safe.

Requested that when considering the next budget Council consider additional play equipment.

Cllr. Mrs Savage -

Requested that bus shelters be placed on the September Agenda.

Cllr. Ballantyne -

Stated that it was his intention to undertake a review of Standing Orders as soon as practicable. Requested that Members consider the setting up of a Financial & General Purposes Committee to deal with financial matters from time to time in order to alleviate pressure on an ever increasing agenda.

Cllr. Blackwell -

Pointed out that Officers at T&WC had recommended that the planning application for St. Christopher's Hall be allowed.

Reminded Members that he sits on the Standards Board and that it was still looking for Parish Representatives to sit on it if any Members were interested.

03/123 Press Statement

The Clerk was asked to forward a press statement.

03/124 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday, 10th September 2003 to commence at **7.30 p.m.** at Wrockwardine Parish Hall

The meeting closed at 10.39 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____