

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday
13th July 2005 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. - K.J.S. Ballantyne - Chairman
Cllrs. M. Craik, E. A. Cowling, E. J. Dawes,
Ms. T. Kenny, D. Powell, S. Rawlings and
Mrs. J. Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: Five member of the public.

05/121 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting stating that he had been made aware that those members of the public present wished to hear any debate on youth facilities within the parish. Listed as item 11 on the agenda it would be brought forward to item 7.

05/122 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence along with the reasons were received and accepted from Cllrs. Carver and Kiernan.

Courtesy apologies were received from Cllrs. Blackwell and Miss Seymour (Borough Councillors).

05/123 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Cowling declared a personal interest in planning applications 0655 and 0747 and stated that he would not take part in any discussion on that application.

Cllr. Ballantyne declared a prejudicial interest in planning applications 0708, 0687 and 0655. Cllr. Ballantyne informed the meeting that he would leave the room for the duration of the whole planning discussion which would be chaired by the Vice Chairman.

05/124 Police Report

No police officer was present. Apologies were received from PC McPherson.

05/125 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2005 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

05/126 Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr. Cowling reported that the meeting of the Committee had been inquorate. Members were asked to consider any budget matters during the next month to be put before the next Committee meeting.

05/127 Youth Play Provision

Concept plans for a proposed youth provision in the parish were presented to the meeting.

Cllr. Powell stated that he was a member of the allotment committee (the allotment committee and some residents had forwarded letters of objection to the scheme) and that his house overlooked the proposed site. The Chairman asked him if he wished to declare an interest and Cllr Powell responded that he would not declare any interest in the matter. The Chairman cautioned that the responsibility for declaring interests lay with the individual Councillor. He asked Cllr. Powell to reconsider.

The Chairman gave a report on the meeting of the steering group and outlined the options which had been discussed. The Chairman stated that he was grateful to receive the letters of objection but proposed not to take note of their content at this stage because the proposals were not yet released for public consultation and therefore those members of the public who may be in favour of the proposals had not had the opportunity to respond. He was unsure of how the allotment holders had been made aware of the proposals but it was noted that Cllr Powell had attended the working group. The Chairman assured the members of the public that their letters would be taken into account when there has been a fair and proper consultation involving the whole of the parish.

The Chairman asked members to consider, prior to discussing the proposals, whether Council was prepared to allow any development on Admaston Green (which would necessitate permission being sought from the landlord T&WBC).

Cllr. Powell was asked again if he felt that he had an interest to declare. Cllr. Powell declared that he did have a personal interest. The Chairman suggested that Cllr. Powell took no further part in the discussion.

Members held a discussion on whether they should first decide if they would seek permission from the Borough to permit development on Admaston Green. Members decided that they would first debate the possible use of Admaston Green by way of development.

Following discussion the proposition was put: Does Council accept the principle of any form of development taking place on Admaston Green.

There were two votes in favour of permitting development and four against.

The Chairman declared that the vote now meant that for the purposes of the concept schemes before Council, those which involved any form of development on Admaston Green were no longer an option.

Members then discussed the concept proposals for the Ringers Way area. Cllr. Powell stated that he wished to provide information as to the possible

development. The Chairman gave direction as to the discussion of Ringers Way and reminded the meeting that this was part of the consultation process. Cllr. Powell confirmed his interest and left the room.

Members discussed the proposals concerning Ringers Way. The Chairman asked if members were content to inform the steering group that Council was content to continue the consultations appertaining to Ringers Way.

There were four in favour of continuing the consultation and two against.

Cllr. Powell returned to the room.

05/127 Grant Applications

Members considered the following applications:

St. Christopher's Hall

Proposed by Cllr. Rawlings that a grant of £50 be made; seconded by Cllr. Craik. Cllr. Powell put an amendment that a grant of £100 be made; seconded by Cllr. Cowling the amendment was first put to Council. RESOLVED that a grant of £100 be made.

Wrockwardine Parish Hall

Cllr. Powell proposed that a grant of £1000 be made; seconded by Cllr. Cowling. The Chairman asked Council to consider an amendment to the proposal adding the condition that the grant is made subject to the production of a receipt from the Parish Hall Committee showing that work has been carried out in excess of £1000. The amendment was accepted and it was RESOLVED that a grant of £1000 be made and that the grant should be subject to the production of a receipt from the Parish Hall Committee showing that work has been carried out in excess of £1000

Wrockwardine Parish Over 60's Group (£350)

Proposed by Cllr. Kenny that a grant of £350 be made; seconded by Cllr. Cowling it was RESOLVED that a grant of £350 be made.

The Clerk brought to the attention of Council a letter from Admaston Preschool which informed Council that the preschool would be ceasing to use Admaston House at the end of the summer term and would be amalgamating with Shawbirch preschool. It was the intention of the amalgamated group to meet in Shawbirch Community Centre and they would in fact become the managing body of the Community Centre.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had become concerned that the terms in which the grant was made to Admaston preschool in the sum of £1500 had not been fulfilled and could not now be fulfilled. The grant was made with the specific aim of providing outdoor play equipment for Admaston Preschool at Admaston House. No play equipment had been purchased by the group or provided at Admaston House. A further concern was that the group was to be reconstituted as another legal entity and would no longer be meeting at Admaston House and would therefore have no need to provide any equipment at the House. The Clerk suggested that it would be appropriate to request the return of the unspent grant.

Cllr. Craik proposed that Council write to Admaston Preschool requesting that the grant be returned for the reasons outlined in the Clerk's advice but state that the return would not prejudice any future application by the newly constituted group. Seconded by Cllr. Rawlings it was RESOLVED.

05/128 Budget for the forthcoming year

The Chairman outlined the requirement for members to consider the budget for the next year and asked them to submit their proposals to the F&GP Committee.

05/129 Admaston House

a) Report from Parish Representative on Admaston House Trust

There was no report. Copies of the Minutes were made available to the Clerk. Cllr. Powell gave details of a grant consultation exercise.

b) Possible Redevelopment of Community Facilities

There was nothing to report.

05/130 Traffic and Transport Matters

a) Shawbirch Road

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had been assured that the consultation process was complete and that the zebra crossing work would commence on 25th July.

Members were informed that the recent traffic count had been simply a scheduled traffic count for historical comparison and that similar counts had taken place throughout the Borough.

b) Parish wide traffic matters

Cllr. Mrs. Savage reported concerns of an incidence of land reclamation at land known as the old station yard (Walcot) opposite the Grove which had created possible reduced visibility issues and asked that the matter be reported to the Borough.

Cllr. Craik reported that he had made enquiries about safety cameras – the meeting was still awaiting a report from PC McPherson.

The Chairman reported that Maidens Transport had agreed to fund one static speed indicators if the parish would fund one other. Members agreed to pursue the offer further.

05/131 Parish Improvements

a) Lighting in the Parish.

There was nothing to report.

b) Adoption of Admaston Bus shelter

There was nothing to report.

c) Condition of pavements in the Parish

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a number of letters

and emails from residents at top of Station Road (past The Oaklands) where the condition of a wide section of footpath had (due mainly to vehicles parking on the pavement) deteriorated so badly that it had become dangerous to elderly residents. It was thought that the footpath was last repaired over 20 years ago and the Borough had simply patched it. Members were asked if they wished to contribute to the funding of repairs to ensure that the work is done. Members felt that without some contribution from the Parish this work would simply remain at the bottom of a pending file.

The Chairman asked if Council wished to use money from its reserves to properly surface the road at a possible cost of £2k. Council agreed that the matter should be pursued further and it was agreed in principle to part fund such a project.

Cllr. Dawes voted against the proposal and asked that his vote be recorded.

Members discussed the fact that the problems had been caused by vehicles parking on the pavement and it was agreed that through PC McPherson measures should be taken to ensure that no one parks on the pavement.

05/132 North Telford Parish Paths Partnership

Members heard that Bob King had confirmed that he was supportive of a survey and had proposed the production of a detailed map.

05/133 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

Cllr. Ballantyne informed the meeting that the local M.P. had agreed to attend a special meeting on 1st December. Members resolved to hold a special meeting on 1st December at Admaston House.

Playground Management Ltd

ROSPA report Wrockwardine
Playing Fields. Noted.

BT&W

Local Development Scheme-
Cllr. Rawlings.

DEFRA

Clean Neighbourhoods and
Environments Act 2005 –
Noted.

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

BT&W

Minutes of Bus User Group
Meeting

CPRE

Landscape Magazine – Cllr. Mrs
Savage.

05/134 Planning Matters

The following application was considered:

W05/0747

Erection of conservatory; The Mill House Walcott.

Members objected to the application. The proposal was felt to be obtrusive and not in keeping with the character of the existing building.

W05/0579 Erection of a building to house cows at Vicarage Farm. Members heard that the applicant was willing to meet with planning officers and parish councillors to discuss what would be acceptable. Cllr. Rawlings agreed to attend any meeting which included the applicant and Borough planning officers if the Borough wished for such a meeting. The Clerk agreed to contact the Borough. [Cllr. Cowling took no part in the above discussion]

The Chairman and Cllr. Cowling left the room and took no part in the remaining planning matters. Cllr. Rawlings took the chair.

W05/0708 Erection of single dwelling; Land at rear 18 Bratton Road Bratton. There were no objections.

W05/0722 Erection of Security fencing St. Peters Primary School. There were no objections.

W05/0687 Erection of two storey side extension, detached double garage with store above, swimming pool and gym attached to existing office outbuildings, alteration to existing access and repositioning of 3 stables. There were no objections.

W05/0655 Erection of agricultural potato store Barratts Field Duncote Farm. The Clerk informed the meeting that this application was received (via Wellington Town Council) after the set date and that he had contacted the planning officer to request that a section 106 agreement be entered into to ensure that if the building ever ceases to be used for agricultural use it can not be used for industrial use. Members endorsed the Clerk's action.

W05/0766 Conversion of existing barns into a single residential unit with garaging; Upper Leaton Farm, Leaton. There were no objections.

W05/0745 Proposed extension to front, side and rear elevations; 14 Donnerville Gardens, Admaston. There were no objections.

Permissions

1. The following permissions were received:

W05/045	Change of use from children's residential home to a private dwelling; Bratton Farm, Bratton.
W05/0479	Replacement UPVC windows and enclosure of porch; 19 The Beeches, Admaston.
W05/0552	Erection of conservatory to rear elevation; 67 Crowdale Road.
W05/0447	Erection of Stable Building, hay barn and boundary fencing to create paddock area Land at Lawn Farm Rushmoor Lane.

Refusal

1. The following refusals were received.

W05/0495	Erection of 2No detached dwellings (outline); Land adjacent to 18 Station Road Admaston.
W05/0462	Erection of a two storey side extension conservatory to rear and conversion of existing garage to study and utility room; I Donnerville Drive.

The Chairman and Cllr. Cowling returned to the room. After thanking Cllr. Rawlings the Chairman resumed the Chair.

9.55 p.m. Cllr. Powell left the meeting.

Members agreed that any planning matters needing urgent attention during August could be delegated to the Clerk after consultation with the Chairman or if the Chairman is unavailable, the Vice Chairman.

05/135 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 141 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

05/136 Press Statement

The press statement was delegated to the Chairman.

10.00 p.m Cllr. Powell rejoined the meeting.

05/137 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled Wednesday, 14th September 2005 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockardine Parish Hall.

05/138 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all for attending.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.02 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____