

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th July 2006 at
Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

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

Also in attendance: PC Judith McPherson and CSO David Worrell.
One member of the public.

06/43 Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

7.36 p.m. Cllr. Powell joined the meeting.

06/44 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Craik and Cllr. Carver.

Cllr. Rawlings had indicated to the Clerk that he may be late.

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

06/45 Declaration of Interest

Cllrs. Kiernan and Kenny declared an interest in the planning application W06/0769.

06/46 Police Report

The Chairman thanked PC McPherson for preparing the latest crime figures. PC McPherson presented her report to members and answered questions.

Cllr. Cowling asked if a certain incident had been reported to the police and it was confirmed by PC McPherson that it had; an update was given.

7.46 p.m. Cllr. Miss Seymour (Borough Cllr.) joined the meeting

Cllr. Mrs Savage reported concerns that children had been camping on the playing field in Wrockwardine. PC McPherson stated that she would look into it.

7.53 p.m. Cllr. Rawlings joined the meeting.

The Chairman stated that vehicles parking on footpaths remained an issue in the parish and reminded the meeting that there would be a planning application before it later in the evening (St. Christopher's Church Hall) which could have

a further impact on the already difficult situation in Station Road. The Chairman stated that he would be asking members to consider a condition to any grant of permission that they ensure their users do not park on the pavement.

Cllr. Cowling informed the officers that vehicles were once more parking on a section of footpath on the south side of Station Road. The meeting was informed that the section of footpath he was referring to was the one that council had recently contributed a sum of money to for repair following damage caused by vehicle parking. The officers stated that they would speak to the owners of the vehicles concerned.

8.02 p.m. There being no more police business PC McPherson and CSO Worrell left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman for their attendance.

06/47 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2006 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

06/48 Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr. Cowling presented the minutes of the last meeting and they were accepted by Council.

a) Budget Proposals

Cllr. Cowling outlined the budget proposals (suggestions) and asked members if they would give consideration to any changes or ideas for the forthcoming budget by September to allow Council to prepare its budget.

Cllr. Cowling brought to the attention of the meeting proposals by British Sugar to close the Allscott sugar beet factory stating that this news had been made public too late to be placed on the agenda but because of the possible loss to the community of the company's sports fields, it may well have an impact on the community and therefore there may be budget implications.

Members discussed the proposed closure and it was agreed to allow the F&GP Committee to put together a list of questions which could be put to the management of British Sugar relating to the community assets it owned (Sports grounds etc). It was further agreed that, due to the fact that Council would not now meet again until September and the fact that there may be budget implications, all discussion on the matter would be delegated to the F&GP Committee who could make any enquiries and fact find on behalf of Council until it next meets.

06/49 Grants

The Chairman informed the meeting that there had been a late application, by the Wrockwardine over 60's Club for assistance in financing their Christmas meal, received by him and handed to the Clerk at the start of the meeting. Members agreed to accept the application as valid and agreed to deal with it after the other applications.

Members were reminded that there was £3000 in the budget and that although Council had a custom of dealing with half the sum available at its July meeting and the other half at its March meeting, it was a matter for members to decide how they wished to deal with applications. The meeting was also reminded that in the previous year Council did not allocate all available funds and if members wished this could be vired into current funds.

The Clerk reminded the meeting of the rules of section 137 grants.

Cllr Mrs. Savage declared an interest in the application from Wrockwardine PCC

Following discussion and after being satisfied that the grants met the criteria of Sect. 137 of the Local Government Act, Cllr. Cowling proposed that grants be made in the following amounts:

Telford Sea Cadets	£200
Wrockwardine PCC	£1000
St. Christopher's Holiday Club	£450
Wrockwardine Over 60's Club	£400

Seconded by Cllr. Ms Kenny it was RESOLVED.

[Cllr. Mrs. Savage took no part in the discussion or resolve for this matter of business.]

It was noted that there had been no request for assistance from Wrockwardine PCC for the lighting of the Church. The Clerk was asked to remind the PCC that if it wished for a contribution from Council to be considered it must submit an application.

Members discussed the problem of parking at St. Christopher's Hall and it was agreed that the Chairman would write to the grant applicant asking for co-operation in solving this difficult issue.

06/50 To receive a request for a bus shelter in Wrockwardine

Cllr. Kiernan stated that he received a request for the provision of a bus shelter in Wrockwardine (no site had been identified).

The Chairman reminded the meeting of a previous discussion and stated that at that time Council had made it clear that it had no difficulty with funding and providing a shelter provided a suitable site could be identified and more importantly agreed as being suitable by the villagers themselves.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage reminded the meeting that Council had previously attempted to solve this matter and had spent some considerable time on it without being able to find a satisfactory solution.

Council noted the request but resolved to take no action.

06/51 Admaston House

There was no report.

06/52 War Memorial

Cllr. Ballantyne gave an update stating that he had been informed that there was another name (a merchant sea man) which could possibly be added.

06/53 Parish Improvements

a) Kissing gate.

Quotes still awaited.

b) Provision of Norwegian Spruce Tree

Cllr. Mrs.Savage expressed concern over the cost and logistics of watering and general care to ensure that a large expensive tree survived.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage asked if it would be possible to place lights on the Jubilee Oak and asked if other trees could be used instead.

Cllr. Cowling was of the view that the purchase and care of such a tree may seem a lot of money but in 20 years time it would be seen as a good investment.

Cllr. Rawlings expressed reservations as to the ability of Council to physically ensure such a tree survived.

Cllr. Cowling proposed that the spruce be purchased. Seconded by Cllr.

Kiernan the matter was put to the vote:

There were three in favour and three against with two abstentions. It being a tied vote the Chairman used his casting vote against. The proposition was lost.

The matter was delegated back to the F&GP Committee to explore alternatives.

c) To resolve a site for the metal seat presently in storage

It was resolved to site the seat at the Grove Cross roads (opposite the grove).

d) To approve the contract for litter picking and bin emptying at Admaston Green.

It was RESOLVED to award the contract to TWS Ltd at a cost of £30 per week to litter pick and bin empty.

06/54 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

BT&W School Governance - St. Peter's. RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. Dawes as parish representative. Cllr. Dawes was thanked for volunteering.

Mr. Blackwell Parish Scene and St. Peter's Church Fete. It was noted that (with the best of intentions) Mr. Blackwell had enclosed a draw ticket (face value 20p) along with each

copy of the letter which had gone to the Clerk and all Members. The Clerk advised members that there may be a chance that the acceptance of such a gift could compromise the impartiality of members. It was agreed that everyone concerned should pay for the draw ticket (some members informed the meeting that they had returned their ticket to Mr Blackwell). The Chairman collected 20p from everyone concerned and agreed to hand the money to the fete committee as payment for the draw tickets.

BT&W

Local Transport Plan. Noted.

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

Resident Copy of letter to Borough requesting a cul-de-sac sign at Brandon Avenue.

Ramb Assoc Minutes etc.

06/55 Planning Matters

Cllr. Rawlings declared an interest in applications W06/0745 and W06/0728

Cllr. Dawes wanted to discuss on planning procedures – it was agreed that this would be placed on the next agenda.

To Note Appeal:

Erection of conservatory The Mill House Walcott.

To note Tree Preservation Order: 6 Aldermead Close.

The Grove Inn.

Cllr. Dawes expressed a concern that the map showing the trees at Aldermead Close was inaccurate and did not show their true location. A discussion was held and it was agreed that Council would not accept the plans as submitted and the Clerk would write to the Borough noting the discrepancy.

Applications

The following application was considered:

W06/0794 Erection of single storey and two storey side and rear extensions Dove Cottage Drummery Lane Wrockwardine. There were no objections.

W06/0769 Erection of first floor extension over existing garage, erection of dormer windows. Erection of new porch and conservatory to rear. Hollytree House Allscott Lane. There were no objections.

- W06/0745 Renewal of outline erection of 2 dwellings Land at site B Bratton Road. There were no objections.
- W06/0754 Replacement windows Aston Farmhouse Aston. There were no objections.
- W06/0728 Erection of 3 four bedroom two storey dwellings and shared access route (outline) Land at rear of Orchard House Bratton. Members expressed concerns over a footpath on the site and traffic generation on what was already a busy road.
- W06/0686 Proposed two storey rear extension 26 Wrekin View Wrockwardine. There were no objections.
- W06/0819 Erection of two detached dwellings (outline) Land adjacent Rose Cottage Rushmoor Lane.
Cllr. Dawes proposed that the application be objected to on the grounds of it being in open countryside and that it would generate extra traffic. Seconded by Cllr. Ballantyne. The vote was two for the proposition and five against with one abstention. The proposition was lost.
- W06/0808 Erection of first floor extension over existing double garage and construction of balcony to rear 19 Woodford Green.
[Cllr. Powell declared an interest and took no part]
There were no objections.
- W06/0828 Erection of 5 dwellings (outline) St. Christopher's Hall Admaston. It was RESOLVED to object to the proposal on the grounds of traffic and highway issues, the impact of the development on its surroundings, scale of development and the loss of an opportunity to resolve the traffic and parking problems.

Permissions

The following permissions were received:

- W06/0556 Erection of single storey rear extension and detached double garage 18 Station Road.
- W06/0475 Erection of 2 dwellings 2 Bratton Road. Bratton.
- W06/0411 Erection of conservatory to rear 24 Aldermead Close.
- W06/0458 Erection of 1.5m high railings Admaston House.
- W06/0598 Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof over existing

extension 6 West View Bratton Road.

Refusal

The following refusals were noted:

W06/0553 Proposed extension 7 Donnerville Gardens.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the planning application for the proposed Multi Use Games Area would be received by Council on 20th July and would go before the Borough Plans Board shortly after. Members were reminded that the parish had resolved to support the MUGA and the Chairman asked that if, after having site of the application, they had any objections or comments they should be kept within strictly planning grounds. The Chairman asked if members wanted to call a special meeting to deal with the application of, if Council received it during the recess, could it be dealt with under delegated powers. Members were content that it be dealt with under delegated powers.

Cllr. Ms Kenny proposed that this and other planning matters be delegated to the Chairman and Clerk during the recess. Seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was RESOLVED. [Cllr. Powell abstained]

06/56 Accounts for Payment

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

b) **Statement 154** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

06/57 Press Statement

The press statement was delegated to the Chairman with a request to mention the council's concerns over the possible closure of the beet factory.

06/58 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday 13th September 2006 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

06/59 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman invited Cllr. Miss Seymour to give her report which was then given.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____