

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th July 2007 at
Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. – K.J.S. Ballantyne – Chairman
Cllrs. Elaine Ballantyne, M. Craik, Nadine Evans, T. Kiernan,
D. Powell, S. Rawlings, Mrs Jo Savage and Sheila Turner.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

07/44 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all present and welcomed Cllr. Nadine Evans who took her seat on the Council.

07/45 Apologies for Absence

Apologies along with reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Dawes.

Courtesy apologies were received from WPC McPherson, CSO Coombs and Borough Councillor D. Blackwell.

7.32 p.m. Borough Councillor Miss Seymour joined the meeting.

07/46 Police Report

The Chairman presented the police report. Members discussed local policing matters including traffic speed.

Cllr. Kiernan raised concerns over police dog training exercises taking place in Bratton. As this area of the parish had not been included in an answer previously given by the officer, it was agreed that Cllr. Kiernan would contact the Officer and report back to Council.

07/47 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations.

07/48 Minutes

Members noted that minute number 07/36 should be headed Town Park Consultation and not Traffic Calming and that the road sweeper referred to in page 4 of the minutes was three tons, not seven.

Subject to the above amendment:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2007 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

07/49 Rural Forums

The Chairman informed the meeting that the leader of the Borough Council, Andrew Eade, had expressed a wish to resurrect the Rural Forum; this was felt by all to be a good idea and the Chairman was asked to convey the meeting's support.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had contacted all Clerks within the Borough highlighting possible development options for the site of the redundant sugar beet factory and had received a number of responses indicating that the enormity of any possible impact on the rural nature of the area had hitherto escaped a number of parishes – the matter would be placed before those councils who had responded. In addition to this, the Wrekin Area Committee of SALC had asked for permission to raise the matter at its forum. The meeting was content to allow the WAC to take up the matter.

Cllr. Miss Seymour gave the meeting a briefing on the views of the Shropshire Wildlife Trust and its hopes for the parts of the site that are sites of scientific interest.

07/50 NTP3

There was no report.

07/51 Admaston House

a) Report from Parish Representative.

Cllr. Rawlings stated that he had been unable to attend the AGM but had attended the committee meeting on the previous Monday; a report was presented.

Cllr. Powell gave a brief report on the Trust AGM.

b) Special Meeting

It was noted that there was to be a special meeting of Council on the 19th July at 7.45 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall to receive a presentation from the Trustees relating to the expansion project and its funding.

07/52 F&GP

Cllr. Ballantyne gave a report on the meeting as he had chaired it.

The meeting was asked to accept the recommendation of the Committee (07/12) for the purchase of a camera and sign. It was resolved to purchase the items set out in minute 07/12 provided that permission was first obtained from the Borough to site the equipment on the lamp standard.

07/53 Budget

The Chairman asked all Members to forward all proposals for budget items to the Clerk. The agreed to look at setting the budget and precept by the October meeting.

07/54 Development Plan

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the present Development Plan for the

Parish Council expired in 2008 and would need to be renewed. Members were asked to forward their considerations. The meeting heard that Cllr. Mrs Evans had already submitted a number of suggestions for consideration. Members discussed a number of issues which may be considered to have financial implications.

07/55 Parish Improvements

a) Street Signs

There was no progress to report.

b) Gates to Longyard Meadow

There was no progress to report.

c) Provision of a seat in Wrockwardine

Members discussed possible sites for a seat in Wrockwardine. It was agreed to defer the proposal until residents had been consulted.

Members discussed the possibility of a second seat on Wellington Road. The Clerk was asked to consult the Borough over safety issues.

Cllr. Mrs Savage agreed to look at a possible site under the railway bridge.

07/56 Grants

The following grant applications were received:

a) Wrockwardine & Admaston Table Tennis Club

It was resolved to defer the application pending receipt of more information.

b) St. Christopher's Hall Holiday Club

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Savage that a grant of £500 be made; seconded by Cllr Mrs Ballantyne.

Cllr. Powell requested that members consider a larger grant and proposed the sum of £1000; there was no seconder.

Cllr. Craik proposed that a grant of £700 be made. Cllr. Mrs Savage and Cllr. Mrs. Ballantyne agreed to withdraw their original proposition and Cllr. Mrs Savage seconded Cllr. Craik's proposal. It was resolved unanimously to grant £700 to St. Christopher's Hall Holiday Club.

c) Little Chicks Pre-School

Members discussed the purpose of the grant and the cost of the proposed equipment was questioned. Cllr. Mrs Ballantyne, who has experience of the cost of school equipment spoke to reassure members that the cost of the equipment that the pre school proposed to purchase with the grant was likely correct but agreed, if members wished, to make a visit to Little Chicks to ascertain the facts. It was resolved to defer the matter to the September meeting and Cllr. Mrs Ballantyne was delegated to visit the pre-school on behalf of Council. The Clerk was asked to write to Little Dragons to inform them of Council's decision and to request permission for Cllr. Mrs Ballantyne's visit.

07/57 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

SCC	Pension Scheme Regulations – noted.
T&WC	Code of Conduct briefing – meeting to be held 19 th July - noted.
T&WC	Bus User Group Meeting – noted.
Mrs. Kidd	Letter of concern over the proposed sale, by the Trustees, of land at the rear of St. Christopher’s hall for development. Council were asked to lend support to the users of the Hall to request that the Trustees reconsider. It was RESOLVED to support the request; the Clerk was asked to write to the Trustees.
Mr. O’Grady	Concern over condition of roads in Wrockwardine and Allscott – Chairman agreed to respond.

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

T&WC	Wrekin Connect Routes – noted.
T&WC	Sutton Road flood alleviation scheme – noted.

07/58 Planning Matters

The Chairman reminded Members that planning applications are available for inspection prior to the commencement of the meeting and asked that Members who wished to question any particular application make themselves familiar with it prior to the start of the meeting in order not to unnecessarily delay the proceedings.

Applications

The following applications were considered:

W07/0744	Erection of a single storey rear and front/side extension to existing bungalow - the Cherry Trees 2 Charlton.
W07/0597	Erection of a two storey side extension - 40 station Road Admaston.
W07/0800	Erection of an attached single garage - 5 Donnerville Drive, Wellington.
W07/0844	Conversion of barns to three dwellings - Burcott Barns Wrockwardine
W07/0845	Conversion of barns to two dwellings - Burcott Barns Wrockwardine.

There were no objections to any of the tabled applications.

Permissions

The following permissions were noted:

W07/0609	Conversion of former Coach House to private dwelling.
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The Coach House Orleton Hall Wellington.

- W07/0505 Erection of first floor extension over existing garage and lounge extension to front - 41 Glovers Way.
- W07/0509 Erection of single storey extension to side of dwelling and erection of conservatory to rear - 61 Broomfield Road.
- W07/0486 Conversion of garage/store to garage/office and partial demolition and rebuilding of gable wall - Burcott Manor Wrockwardine. [Listed Building Consent]

Refusals

The following refusal was noted:

- W07/0488 Erection of detached double garage with room above to side of property - 5 Donnerville Drive.

Planning during August

It was RESOLVED that planning matters during the month of August should be delegated to the Chairman and Vice Chairman after consultation with the Clerk.

07/59 Accounts for Payment

- a) **Receipts & Payments - It was RESOLVED - that these be approved and paid as tabled.**
- b) **Statements 166 [Lloyds TSB] and 5 [Bank of Scotland]** were tabled along with the reconciliation and were approved.
The meeting noted that the statement from Lloyds TSB was a final closing statement; that the account had been closed and all funds correctly transferred to the Council's Bank of Scotland account; that all transfers reconciled.

07/60 Press Statement

The Chairman was delegated to produce a press release.

07/61 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman invited Cllr. Miss Seymour to present a report.
Cllr. Miss Seymour gave a report outlining the new governance structures at the Borough Council and informed Council that the next meeting of the Borough Cabinet would be considering the review on Street Lighting. The Clerk and Chairman asked Cllr. Seymour to press the fact that the Parish Council was a lawful Lighting Authority in its own right and did not hold its street lights as agent of the Borough; it was felt by both that this point was not really properly understood by the Borough and yet it was of vital importance.

Cllr. Miss Seymour agreed to put the point forward.
Cllr. Miss Seymour gave a report on the NHS strategy and then answered questions. Cllr. Miss Seymour was thanked by the Chairman on behalf of Council.

9.06 p.m. Cllr. Miss Seymour left the meeting.

SCHEDULE 12A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Proposed by Cllr. Rawlings; seconded by Cllr. Craik it was:

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining item of business which was confidential and may disclose exempt information.

07/62 Employment Matters

07/63 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was to be a special meeting on Thursday 19th July 2007 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall where the only matter on the agenda would be the proposed funding of the development of Admaston House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.26 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____