

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19th July 2007 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr. – K.J.S. Ballantyne – Chairman
Cllrs. Elaine Ballantyne, T. Kiernan, D. Powell and Sheila
Turner.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: Mr. A. Bingham, Mr. G. Hayward, Mr. M. Steel and
Mrs E. Linton all representing Admaston House Trust.
Two members of the public.

07/64 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman commenced the meeting at 7.35 p.m. and welcomed all present and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to receive a presentation from Admaston House representatives outlining the plans of the Trust to extend and refurbish the House and the proposed funding options.

07/65 Apologies for Absence

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

07/66 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Powell declared that he was the Secretary to Admaston House Trust and stated that he would withdraw to the "public gallery".

The Chairman then suspended Standing Orders to allow the meeting to be addressed by the representatives of the Trust.

07/67 Admaston House

The Chairman invited Mr. Hayward to address the meeting. Mr. Hayward introduced the representatives of the Trust to members.

7.40 p.m. Cllr. Mrs Savage joined the meeting.

Mr. Hayward gave an outline of the plans of the Trust stating that the cost of the project was anticipated to be £1.2m - £1.5m at today's values; the work to be phased. There were no questions put to Mr. Hayward.

Mrs. Lintern explained that the trust needed in the region of £20k to seed the funding applications and asked Council to consider making a contribution towards the refurbishment of existing buildings. It was estimated by Mrs. Lintern that the cost of the first phase (which was a refurbishment of existing buildings) would be £320k and the Trust was seeking a contribution from the Parish Council of about £10k.

Mrs. Lintern answered questions from Members. It was ascertained that other funding was being (or would be) sought from other authorities which benefited from the activities of the Trust.

Mrs. Lintern asked the meeting to consider budgeting for the amount requested as this would assist the trust immensely in that it would give confidence to other possible funding sources if they could be assured that the local parish council had pledged financial support.

It was ascertained that an anticipated start date for the project would be 2008-9 and members heard an outline of the funding proposals.

Members received details of proposed partnerships with other local organisations.

Mrs. Lintern then summarised the proposals stressing that the project would be phased and that at present the aim of the Trust was the phase one refurbishment of existing buildings.

The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders.

The Chairman gave a summary of the request for funding assistance and suggested that Members did not attempt to make an immediate decision as the budget for the existing year had been set and no provision for such an amount had been made. Members heard that there was shortly to be a meeting of the Budget Working Group where a recommendation for the next budget would be prepared to be put to Council and it was suggested that this matter be deferred to the next full meeting of Council.

Cllr. Mrs Savage proposed that the matter be discussed at the next meeting when it could be looked at as a budget item. This was seconded by Councillor Dawes and was RESOLVED.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hayward and the representatives of the Trust for attending.

07/68 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was to be Wednesday 12th September 2007 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____