

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th July 2008 at
Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. – S.C. Rawlings - Chairman
Cllrs. M. Craik, E. Dawes, Mrs Nadine Evans, T. Kiernan,
Mrs Jo Savage and Mrs Sheila Turner.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also Present: Caroline Oaks (T&WC).

08/42 Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

08/43 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. K.J.S. Ballantyne and Mrs. E. Ballantyne.

Courtesy apologies were received from Borough Councillor Miss Seymour.

08/44 Police Report

PC Judith McPherson had not yet joined the meeting so the Chairman set aside this portion of the business until later in the meeting.

08/45 Public Session

No members of the public were present so the Chairman moved on to the next item of business.

08/45 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations made.

08/46 Minutes

Cllr. Mrs Savage asked the meeting to note that minute number 08/34c incorrectly gave the location of the bus shelter as Wrockwardine when it should have been recorded as Walcott. The meeting agreed to instruct the Clerk to correct the error. Subject to this: **The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2008 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

08/47 Rural Communities

The Chairman introduced Caroline Oaks, Rural Communities Officer, to the meeting. Mrs Oaks gave the meeting an outline of her work in Rural Communities and members heard that she was putting together a Rural Plan.

7.42 p.m. PC McPherson joined the meeting

Mrs Oakes answered a number of questions put to her by the meeting.

7.58 p.m. After being thanked by the Chairman on behalf of Council, Mrs Oakes left the meeting.

08/48 Police Report

PC McPherson presented the police report.

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

PC McPherson answered a number of questions and reported that the hand held speed detection equipment had recently been used in the parish. It was noted by the meeting that the SIDS fixed speed indicator equipment had been in use in the parish within the previous month.

8.08 p.m. After being thanked by the Chairman, PC McPherson left the meeting.

08/49 Grants

The Chairman declared an interest in the application for a grant by Charlton School and did not contribute to the debate or vote in it.

The following grant applications were considered:

a) St. Christopher's Hall Trust – summer event.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Jo Savage that a grant of £250 be made; seconded by Cllr. Craik.

It was further proposed by Cllr. Powell that a grant of £500 be made; seconded by Cllr. Dawes. A vote was taken and the proposal for a grant of £500 was defeated four votes against and three votes for.

The proposal by Cllr. Mrs Jo Savage for a grant of £250 was put. It was RESOLVED that a grant of £250 be made.

The Clerk was asked to request some feedback from the event from the organisers.

b) Charlton School – summer music event, hire of stage.

The meeting discussed the possibility of the school purchasing suitable stage equipment rather than hiring it annually. The Clerk was asked to request that the school investigate the cost of purchasing suitable equipment.

Returning to the purpose of the grant, Cllr. Powell proposed that a grant of £250 be made; seconded by Cllr. Mrs Jo Savage it was RESOLVED that a grant of £250 be made.

08/50 Traffic Matters

The Clerk reported that there had been no response to the request that the speed limit for Walcott be reconsidered had been sent to the Borough Council.

Cllr. Craik expressed concern that the safety issues surrounding the crossing in Admaston were still not resolved and he asked if the Clerk could be instructed to bring the matter of safety at Walcott and the lack of safety at the crossing to

the attention of Caroline Oaks as rural safety concerns. The Clerk was so instructed.

Cllr. Nadine Evans gave an outline of discussions held with the Chairman on what action might be taken over a watching brief on parish wide traffic issues. The meeting heard that Cllr Evans would like to pull together all interested parties to form a community partnership.

The meeting discussed traffic issues in the parish.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to ensure that the matter remained on the agenda.

08/51 Admaston House Trust

a) Report from Parish Representative.
There was nothing to report.

08/52 Members' Allowances

Members reconsidered the recommendations of the Parish Independent Remuneration Panel in respect of allowances payable to members.

Following extensive debate it was RESOLVED that with effect from 1st September 2008:

- a. all elected Members of the Council be entitled to be paid the Parish Basic Allowance as recommended by the Parish Remunerations Panel, currently £250 per annum.
- b. the Council continues to make a payment to meet the costs associated with the position of Chairman as per Section 15 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972.
- c. Mileage Allowance be paid to Members, when representing the council, for attendance at approved duties both outside and inside the parish of Wrockwardine.
- d. Members who wish not to avail themselves of the Allowance should notify the Clerk in writing before 16th September 2008.
- e. Administratively the allowance will be paid in two instalments as at 1 June and 1 November with basic rate tax being deducted.
A notice of these decisions will be displayed to the public.

08/53 Parish Improvements

a) Youth Shelter – Wrockwardine Playing Fields

The Chairman reported on a meeting held with youngsters in the area; they had made a grant application to the Youth Capital Fund to cover the installation and refurbishment costs of the Youth Shelter.

The Clerk gave details of the estimated cost of the shelter as:

The installation cost was £900 – this was a known and definite figure. To collect the youth shelter from Telford and take it back to the depot would be £300 and it was thought that it may cost another £300 to deliver it back to Wrockwardine – these were the know costs.

The refurbishment costs were an unknown and at the time of the meeting the Clerk was awaiting a report but it was thought by the manufacturer that a best case scenario where there was only superficial damage to the paint and to the radio etc would cost £1500. The manufacturer’s representative felt that a worst case scenario where they had to replace some metalwork or straighten some metal work (which was thought to be unlikely) would be a maximum of £3000.

The meeting felt that the estimates were acceptable and the Clerk was asked to instruct the company to proceed.

The Chairman confirmed that PC McPherson had reviewed the proposed site and was content.

The Clerk was asked to instruct T&WS to increase the frequency of rubbish collection from the Playing Field and Admaston Green.

b) Admaston Green - drainage.

The meeting discussed a problem with the drainage of a section of Admaston Green. Following debate it was agreed to investigate the possibility of planting willow trees as a long term “green” solution. Cllr. Kiernan and the Chairman were delegated to discuss the matter with Rob Jeavons of T&WC.

c) Landscaping of verge Station Road Wrockwardine

Cllr. Kiernan confirmed that he was to meet Rob Jeavons on site on Thursday 10th at 3.30 p.m. It was proposed by Cllr. Powell that council support part funding, with the Borough, towards landscaping to a maximum of £400; seconded by Cllr. Mrs Savage. It was RESOLVED to support part funding of any landscaping to a maximum of £400.

08/54 F&GP Committee

The minutes of the Meeting held on 19th June were received.

Cllr. Kiernan confirmed that he would circulate the draft Development Plan to all members by the end of the month.

It was agreed that there would be no meeting of the F&GP Committee in July.

08/55 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

T&WC

Review of consultation on sale of Council owned property. The Clerk was asked to respond.

SALC	Data Protection/ FOI Act. Noted.
NALC	Update to Quality Council Scheme. Noted.
E.ON	Review of maintenance charges. Noted.
AHT	Indemnity for Planning Application – signed by Clerk and Council.

T&W HT	Letter providing information regarding the need for the provision of 4 houses in Wrockwardine.
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Cllr. Mrs. Savage gave a report on the Quarry Liaison Meeting.

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

CPRE	Voice magazine & Landscapes Magazine. Chairman.
CVS	Newsletter.
T&WC	Walkabout Wrekin Leaflets

08/56 Planning Matters

Applications

W08/0682	Erection of conservatory to rear; 3 East View Wrockwardine. There were no objections.
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W08/0740	Erection of a grain store Charlton Farm Charlton. There were no objections.
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Permissions

W08/0497	Erection of a dwelling (reserve matters) Plot 2 land off Elmsdale Crescent.
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Refusals

W08/0578	Conversion of existing garage and increase of roof height to accommodate two x one bed dwellings with parking spaces; 7 Rushmoor Lane.
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W08/0481	Erection of part two storey part single storey rear extension with veranda above single storey element. The Ranch, 3 Rushmoor Lane.
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It was RESOLVED to delegate planning decisions during the month of August to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman.

08/57 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 17 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

08/58 Press Statement

Delegated to the Chairman - at his discretion.

08/59 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting and wished them all a good August break.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he would be available throughout August and would be sending out the usual August update which would include new planning applications.

08/60 Next Meeting

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Council was to be on Wednesday 10th September 2008 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.32 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

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