

**WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th June 2000  
at Admaston House Community Centre, Admaston at 7.30 p.m.**

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**Present:** Cllr. Mrs. Hargrave, Chairman  
Cllrs. K.J.S. Ballantyne, B. C. Brown,  
V.M.E. Holt, A. Orrell, D. Powell,  
S. Rawlings and Mrs. J. Savage,  
Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

**Also in attendance:** Cllr. Blackwell (Unitary Councillor)  
Two members of the public

**85/00 Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all present.

**86/00 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. Carver and Cllr. Mrs. Jones.  
Additional apologies were received from Cllr. Miss Seymour (Unitary  
Councillor) and P.C. Palmer.

**87/00 Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations.

**88/00 Police Report**

PC Palmer had sent apologies to the meeting. He was unable to attend owing  
to operational duties. The Clerk informed the meeting that PC Palmer had  
looked into the matter of the air weapon being fired at the nursery school.

**89/00 Minutes**

It was:

**Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2000  
be confirmed and signed by the chairman.**

**90/00 Matters arising out of the Minutes**

(a) Admaston House

Cllr. Brown gave a brief report on talks held with T&WC about Admaston  
House. The matter was not discussed at length as it was to appear on the  
agenda as item 8.

(b) Traffic Management

Cllr. Orrell questioned the need to wait for the appointment of the new Chief  
Executive at T&WC before pressing the matter. Members discussed Traffic

Management and it was **resolved to further the matter by writing to both Sheila Healy, Director of Engineering and Carl Longland Head of Mobility requesting immediate attention.**

- (c) Sign at entrance to Bratton Road  
Cllr. Mrs. Savage reported that the requested work had not been carried out.
- (d) Sewage Plant  
Cllr. Blackwell reported that the sewage plant was taking remedial action to deal with the smells.
- (e) Pot holes  
The Chairman outlined complaints received about pot holes at Sutton Road. Clerk to follow up.

**91/00 Facilities to aid debate at Council meetings**

Proposed by Cllr. Ballantyne, seconded by Cllr. Powell:

“The Parish Council is mindful of the need to ensure that its Councillors are not hindered from carrying out their duties of representation by inadequate facilities

at Council meetings, which facilities could be provided by the Council at no cost to public funds. The Council therefore **resolves** that at all future meetings of its Members suitable and adequate tables are provided for all Members.”

The proposition was put to members and following discussion it was

**Resolved that the parish council implement the provision of tables at the next two meetings, one at Wrockwardine and one at Admaston, to ascertain the practical implications. Following the experiment, the matter would be placed on the October agenda for final determination.**

**8.03 p.m.**

**Cllr. Ballantyne left the meeting for the duration of the next agenda item.**

**92/00 Admaston House and Land / Town Green Application**

a) Cllr. Powell presented a report from the Trustees of Admaston House Community Trust . In summarising the report, Cllr. Powell outlined the Trustees aims for a “new build” and gave members further details of possible grant aid. Members questioned aspects of the report and Cllr. Powell confirmed that the current plans would involve building on some of the land. The large scheme was felt, by the Trustees, better able to generate enough income to be self sufficient.

Members expressed concern over the conflict with the aims of the Town Green application to preserve the land and the burden of financing such a scheme.

Cllr. Orrell reminded members that in a previous public meeting, the vast majority of those present were adamant that no land should be lost.

Cllr. Powell urged members to look at the benefits of the scheme to the

community but was anxious not to bring the matter to a head at this meeting, pointing out that the only request being put to the council at the meeting was to appoint parish representative(s) to the Trustees.

**8.36 p.m. Cllr. Powell withdrew from the meeting for the remainder of the discussion.**

b) Appointment of Parish representative to the Admaston House Trust  
Following discussion, it was **resolved that Cllr. Orrell be Appointed Parish representative to the Admaston House Trust.**

c) To discuss further meetings between all parties and to report on progress.  
The Chairman gave details of a letter from Phil Semple of T&WC which stated that a lease for the land to be offered to the Parish Council along with a lease for the property to the Trust was to be put before the Resources and Assets Board on 13th July. It was agreed to take no further action until the outcome of the R & A Board meeting was known.

**Cllrs. Ballantyne and Powell rejoined the meeting**

**93/00 Correspondence**

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:-

1. Telford & Wrekin Council -

- (a) Admaston House and Land - dealt with previously.
  - (b) Annual Meeting Agenda - noted.
  - (c) Hutchinson Way invitation - noted.
  - (d) Millennium Festival - noted.
  - (e) Education Development Plan - Cllr. Orrell to read and report back to the council.
- Cllr. Orrell requested that the Clerk obtain a copy of the Local Plan.

Salop Health Auth	Strategic Direction for Acute Hospital Services - Chairman
S. Playing Fields Assoc.	Spring Newsletter - noted.
Age Concern	Parish Link Project - Cllr. Powell.
SCC	Public Transport News - Cllr. Ballantyne.
CPRE	Rural Matters - noted.
CPRE	Voice Magazine - noted.
Ramblers Assoc	Agenda & Minutes - noted.
SCC	Joint Structure Plan - Clerk to ascertain details and report back.
Agenda 21	Woodland Assurance Purchasing Policy - noted.
NALC	Local Council Review - noted.

**94/00 Planning Matters**

**(a) Applications**

**Resolved that no objections be made to the following applications:-**

W00/0407	Two storey side extension 12 Woodhall Close Shawbirch
W00/0408	Two storey extension 9 Woodhall Close Shawbirch
W00/0434	Erection of double garage and commercial photographers studio \Whitefields Charlton

**(b) Permissions**

**The following permissions were noted by the council:-**

W00/0258	Erection of single dwelling garage and granny flat Plot 2 Bratton Rd. Bratton.
W00/0259	Erection of single dwelling and new vehicular access Plot 1 Bratton Rd. Bratton.

**(c) Refusals**

**The following refusal was noted by the council:-**

There were no refusals received by the council.

**95/00 Parish Pump**

Members had noted the contents of Parish Pump.

**96/00 Accounts for Payment**

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

**Statement 81** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

**97/00 Grant Applications**

(a) Marie Curie Cancer Care

Proposed by Cllr. Holt that £100 be granted, seconded by Cllr. Brown.

**Resolved that £100 be granted to the Marie Curie Cancer Care fund.**

(b) Oakengates Theatre Summer Youth Project

The Clerk explained that this letter had been presented to the council under grants rather than correspondence as it was a request for funding.

The Chairman read out the letter.

Cllr. Orrell expressed concern that the council was considering requests which were not specific to the parish. He stated that the letter was vague as to how many youths would be from the parish and the Marie Curie charity was national not local. He urged the council to concentrate on applications from local groups which directly benefit the parish.

Cllr. Ballantyne spoke in support of the view expressed by Cllr. Orrell.

The Chairman explained the structure of Playschemes and outlined the need to plan activities in advance without having any sure idea of the numbers of children who were likely to attend. The benefits of the scheme to the

community were outlined.

Proposed by Cllr. Brown that a grant of £30 be awarded, seconded by Cllr. Powell.

The Chairman called for a vote - four in favour, one against.

**Resolved that £30 be granted to Oakengates Theatre Summer Youth Project.**

Cllr. Orrell requested it be recorded that he was not in favour of the grants.

#### **98/00 Reports**

- Cllr. Powell - Reported overgrown hedges at the junction of Station Road. Clerk to write to the resident.
- Cllr. Ballantyne - Established that the council has no footpath maintenance agreement with T&WC. Stated that many of the paths, particularly those near to the shops, had not received any attention for 30 years. The Clerk was asked to request remedial action.  
Reported the plaque missing from the Jubilee Oak. Members agreed to allow the Clerk and Cllr. Ballantyne to investigate and arrange a suitable replacement.
- Cllr. Mrs. Hargrave - Stated that the council had not yet had a reply to its request for information on what chemical was used in verge weedkilling.  
Cllr. Rawlings stated that the chemical would be Glyphosate which is one of the more safe weedkillers. The Clerk was asked to request a reply to the original letter.
- Cllr. Holt - Gave members an update on the Post Office at Wrockwardine.
- Cllr. Orrell - Asked for details on training courses. Clerk to report. Raised concerns over the loss of footpath at Orchard House when TDC closed the path from Cheshire Coppice Lane to Elmsdale Crescent. The Clerk was asked to invite a R.O.W. Officer to address the council.
- Cllr. Brown - Reported the imminent reopening of Wellington Road/ Admaston Road. Informed members that Baggley Drive would be closed for two weeks.
- Cllr. Rawlings - Reported action taken to prevent ragwort in the parish and urged Members to report any incidents. Informed the meeting that the beet factory was due to

extend operating hours to 7 days a week. The Clerk was asked to contact the factory for details.

Cllr. Savage -

Reported no action to the sign at Bratton Road and the caravan at Wrockwardine. Clerk to chase.

Reported that the road markings at the junction of Drummery Lane had worn away. Clerk to request action.

Complaints had been received about the number of advertising signs placed by housing companies on the roadside.

Cllr. Blackwell gave some guidance and the clerk was asked to write to clarify the allowed use of signs on roadsides.

**99/00 Press Statement**

The Clerk was asked to provide a general report of the meeting to the press with emphasis on a general lack of response by T&WC to requests for action.

**100/00 Next Meeting**

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday, 12th July to commence at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.55p.m.

*Signed* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Chairman*

*Date* \_\_\_\_\_