

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th June 2001
at Wrockwardine Parish Hall, Wrockwardine at 7.30. p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. Mrs. R. Hargrave - Chairman.

Cllrs. K.J.S. Ballantyne, B. C. Brown, A. Orrell, , V.M.E. Holt,
D. Powell, S.C. Rawlings and Mrs. J. Savage.

Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

Also in attendance: Cllr. Miss J. Seymour (Unitary Councillor).

Two members of the public.

01/95 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

01/96 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. Carver and Cllr. Mrs. Jones.

The Clerk reported that apologies had also been received from Cllr. D.
Blackwell (Unitary Councillor) and PC Palmer.

01/97 Declaration of Interest

No declarations were made.

01/98 Police Report

The Clerk gave a report of policing statistics for the preceding month which
had been forwarded by PC Palmer.

The Meeting was given details of PC Riggs' reply to the council's letter which
had requested information on traffic matters. Members were not wholly
satisfied with the substance of the reply and it was agreed that the matter
could be more satisfactorily dealt with by inviting both PC Riggs and Anurada
Fitzwalter of T&WC to a meeting of the council at their earliest convenience.

Cllr. Ballantyne agreed to work with the Clerk to outline clearly to Mrs.

Fitzwalter and PC Riggs the issues which would be expected to be addressed

at any such meeting.

01/99 Minutes

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2001 were confirmed
and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

01/100 Matters arising out of the Minutes

(a) Dog Fouling Signs

The Clerk confirmed that Dawley Hamlets Parish Council had agreed to add

signs onto their own order on behalf of WPC.

01/101 Traffic/ Transport/ Highway Matters

Cllr. Orrell presented to the meeting a report of the meeting of the Allscot Action Group held on the 18th May. The Clerk was asked to copy the report and circulate it to Members for discussion under Transport Matters at the next meeting.

Cllr. Orrell was thanked by Members.

01/102 Grants

Following the decision taken at the AGM of the Council to consider grants no more than once or twice a year, Members gave consideration to the frequency and timing of grant meetings.

Cllr. Orrell proposed that grants be considered once a year. Seconded by Cllr. Ballantyne.

Cllr. Holt made a counter proposition to consider grants twice a year.

Seconded by Cllr. Powell. The counter proposition was put to Members who voted three in favour, four against. The counter proposition fell therefore, following the original proposition, it was **resolved that grants be considered once a year.**

Following discussion, it was **agreed** that grants be considered in March. The Chairman reminded Members that the Council retained the ability to consider any grant application which was thought to be urgent. The Clerk stated that upon receipt of new applications, he would consider their urgency (and if necessary consult the Chairman), and if thought not to be urgent, write to the applicant stating that the application would be considered by the council in March.

01/103 Street Lights

a) Inventory

Cllrs. Brown and Ballantyne reported that they had completed the inventory of street lights in the Admaston area of the parish. Cllr. Holt and Cllr. Mrs. Savage confirmed that they would have the inventory of lights in the Wrockwardine area of the parish by the next meeting. The Chairman thanked those Members who had contributed for their assistance.

b) Ownership

The Clerk stated that he had some reservations as to the ownership of lights within the parish. There seemed to be little doubt over the ownership of those lights on what is locally known as the Pickering Estate. Indeed it was these lights which were insured on the councils policy. The difficulty arose as to the handing over of new estates. The Clerk stated that when new housing estates had recently been “adopted” by T&WC, the parish had received no request to “adopt” lighting.

Members felt sure that agreements had been entered into to adopt certain lights

at Admaston Spa, Donnerville Gardens and Wrockwardine. Long standing members referred to “adoption meetings” with residents.

The Clerk felt that the council may have assumed responsibility by maintaining all footway lighting within the parish. Mr. Ian Ross, solicitor for T&WC, had been asked to provide any legal agreements the parish had entered into. It was agreed that all matters should be clarified.

c) Maintenance and rolling replacement programme

The Clerk gave Members brief details of costings for a variety of schemes. Members agreed to form a working group to find an appropriate programme to recommend to the council. The group to be Cllr. Mrs. Hargrave, Cllr.

Ballantyne, Cllr. Brown and The Clerk.

It was agreed that the group should meet as soon as the inventory for the whole of the parish is available.

01/104 Electoral Review Matters

Members were appraised of the latest consultation document which gave the proposed new Unitary Wards. One of the main issues to be addressed in the Rural Zone, was Wrockwardine which had a projected electoral inequality (2006) of -15.01% with its two Members. The draft proposed that “ This ward would need to expand into the urban area within Telford. The proposal is to include within this ward an area of the existing Lawley Ward. this would give a +3.8% electorate inequality.”

The Chairman briefly suspended standing orders to allow Cllr. Seymour to give her opinion of the proposal. The Meeting heard that on the whole the two Unitary members were pleased that the ward was to remain a two member ward.

The Clerk was asked to write in support of the proposals.

01/105 North Telford Rights of Way Project

Cllr. Orrell reported that, having been tasked (along with Cllr. Rawlings) to investigate the benefits or otherwise of the parish joining the N.T.R.O.W. Project, he had attended a meeting with Bob King (NTROW Project Officer) and Andrew Careless (T&WC). (He explained that owing to seasonable farming pressure, Cllr. Rawlings had been unable to attend the meeting). Following a detailed report, Cllr. Orrell recommended that the council take part in a years trial which would cost £1k. Seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Savage.

Resolved that the council take part in a years trial which would cost £1k.

Cllr. Orrell volunteered to be the councils representative on NTROWP.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Orrell for his commitment.

01/106 Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:-

1. Telford & Wrekin Council -
Town Green application

The Clerk reported that he had pressed Mr. Ross for an early resolution to the determination and had received correspondence which stated that T&WC were now considering making a recommendation to Members that, before the Council determines the application, directions of the High Court are obtained. Cllr. Ballantyne gave a detailed explanation to Members of the process involved. Cllr. Brown stated that this news was pleasing as it was, to a great measure, what this council had sought all along. Members agreed that, although the council wished a early resolution to the matter, this was a positive step and should be encouraged.

Other T&WC Correspondence;

- (a) Foot and Mouth update - noted.
- (b) Agenda & Minutes - noted.
- (c) Rural Transport Update - Cllr. Ballantyne
- (d) Contaminated Land Strategy - Cllr. Hargrave
- (e) Reply to parish letter of 28th February requesting details of British Sugar Planning use. Noted with resolve to continue to monitor.
- (f) Community Care Update - Cllr. Hargrave
- (g) Young Peoples Support Scheme - Cllr. Hargrave.

SCC	Rural Transport conference - noted.
CPRE	Voice and Planning Update - Cllr. Ballantyne
Cllr. Powell	Appointment of observer to A.H.T. The Trustees invitation to Cllr. Orrell to attend as an observer.
SAPTC	Parish Pump - noted.

01/107 Planning Matters

(a) Applications

Cllr. Orrell asked if the council would investigate the planning use granted to a warehouse at Allscot which is currently to let. Clerk to write to T&WC Planning.

Consideration was given to the following applications:

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| W01/0411 | Erection of a dormer bungalow with detached double garage and creation of new vehicular access. Land between Roseleigh House & 21 Bratton Road, Bratton. No objections. |
| W01/0302 | Erection of front and side extension to existing bungalow 38 Broomfield Road, Admaston. No objections. |

(b) Permissions

The following permissions were noted by the Council:

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| W2001/0262 | Erection of a porch to side of property The Elms, Bratton Road. |
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W1995/0675 Erection of new plant and equipment. British Sugar, Allscot.

W01/0292 Upgrade of Existing Playing Facilities by installing a cycle/roller-skating track. Wrockwardine Playing Fields.

01/108 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 93 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

01/109 Grant Applications

No grant applications were considered.

01/110 Reports

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| Cllr. Holt - | Reported that there were still a number of pot holes in the car park of Admaston House. |
| Cllr. Mrs. Savage - | Reported pot holes in Tiddicross Road, Wrockwardine and Wrockwardine to Wellington Road. |
| Cllr. Ballantyne - | Reported deterioration to coping stones on the bridge over Silkin Way. |
| Cllr. Orrell - | Reported that the drain outside 46 Station Road had not been cleared. |
| Cllr. Mrs. Hargrave - | reported concerns over wheelchair access when crossing the access road to the Admaston shops. The clerk was asked to request the lowering of both kerbs and provision of yellow hatching across entrance. |

SCHEDULE 12A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

The Chairman called upon Members to resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining item of business which is confidential and may disclose exempt information.

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

The public left the meeting.

01/111 Street Light

The Clerk gave a report of an incident where the top of a street lamp became

detached during a storm resulting in damage to a private vehicle. Members were fully appraised and asked to consider a number of alternative courses of action.

Following discussion, it was **resolved unanimously that the council offer to the owner of the vehicle an ex gratia payment, without prejudice or admission of liability. Such payment to consist of the £50 paid for glass insurance excess and £225.33 as outlined in the repair estimate received, and further subject to receipt of invoices and a waiver deed releasing the council from all further claims.**

01/112 Press Statement

The Clerk was asked to report the councils concerns over disability access on kerbs within the parish.

01/113 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday, 11th July 2001 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House Community Centre, Admaston.

The meeting closed at 9.21 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

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