

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th June 2002 at
Admaston House, Admaston at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. B.C. Brown- Chairman.
Cllrs. K.J.S. Ballantyne, Mrs. M. Carver, E. Cowling,
Mrs E.S. Jones, A. Orrell, D. Powell, S. Rawlings
and Mrs. J. Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

Also in attendance: Three members of the public.
Shropshire Star reporter

02/97 Chairman's remarks

Cllr. Brown reported that he had not yet succeeded in recovering the Town Green application from the Borough Council but was continuing in his endeavour. Members were informed that when the documents were once again in the possession of the parish council, those parts which were lent to the parish would be copied and the originals returned to the rightful owner and then the document would be placed in the safe keeping of the council's solicitor.

02/98 Police Session

The Meeting heard that PC Palmer had forwarded his apologies and had informed the council that he would be taking early retirement in July. PC Palmer had promised that he would be attending the July meeting of the council where he would introduce his successor.

Cllr. Orrell asked if the substance of the youth initiative which was to have been started by PC Palmer could be clarified. PC Palmer had originally stated that a room in Admaston House could possibly be used, then this had changed to the use of a "pod" which was being refurbished and could be placed in the grounds of the House yet it has been reported that the "pod" was now in use in Shawbirch.

Cllr. Powell reported the concerns of the Admaston House Trustees. He stated that there had been a lot of talk (by Palmer) regarding the initiative but no contact had been made with Trustees to discuss the matter. PC Palmer and Inspector Burke had been asked to attend a Trust Meeting to explain just what their intentions were.

The Clerk was asked to write to PC Palmer to request clarification.

02/99 Apologies for Absence

Courtesy apologies were received from Cllrs. Miss. Seymour and D. Blackwell (Borough Councillors).

02/100 Declaration of Interest

No declarations were given.

02/101 Election of Vice Chairman

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the appointment of a Vice Chairman had been held over from the Annual General Meeting, by agreement, to allow Cllr. Mrs. Jones to give consideration to her nomination.

Cllr. Mrs. Jones thanked Members for their wish to nominate her for the Vice Chairmanship but stated that, having given the matter a good deal of thought, she wished to decline.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Mrs. Jones for considering the matter and asked the meeting for other proposals.

Cllr. Cowling proposed that Cllr. Ballantyne be elected as Vice Chairman.

This was seconded by Cllr. Powell.

There were no other nominations.

Resolved that Cllr. Ballantyne be appointed to the position of Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Ballantyne. Cllr. Ballantyne expressed his gratitude to the meeting and stated that he looked forward to working with the Chairman and members during the year.

02/102 Minutes

Members asked that part of minute 02/88 be expanded for clarity to read "Details were given of a Goods Vehicle licence application, along with possible long term implications, to which we objected". Subject to this;

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2002 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

02/103 Matters arising out of the Minutes

Vacancy in the office of Parish Councillor

The Clerk informed the meeting that an election had been called and would be held on 27/6/02. The candidates were to be Mrs. Jenny Watts of Wrockwardine and Mr. Steven Oliver of Admaston.

Admaston House Trust

Cllr. Powell asked that the thanks of the Trust for Cllr. Orrell's contribution be recorded.

Overgrown Garden Wrockwardine

Cllr. Mrs. Savage reported that the overgrown garden was still dangerous to

pedestrians and traffic.

Golden Jubilee

Cllr. Mrs. Carver stated that she had toured the parish and had great difficulty identifying suitable places for a commemorative seat.

The Chairman asked Members of the Jubilee Working Group to arrange a suitable date for their next meeting.

Bus Shelters

Cllr. Ballantyne gave a report on the programme of renovation and replacement of Bus Shelters.

02/104 Newsletter

The Chairman stated that the success of a newsletter would be dependant upon the standard of contributions. Members discussed possible distribution methods.

and Cllr. Ballantyne asked the meeting to consider the appointment of an editor and methods of funding. He stated that the Countryside Agency would provide grant aid for a newsletter in Rural Parishes, 75% from them with 25% to be found from the parish council. Of the 25% parish contribution, only 5% needs to be hard cash, the remaining 20% could be a measurement of time. In reality, he stated, the editor would contribute a far greater time element than that which was required.

Members discussed how often and when the newsletter should be published and Cllr. Ballantyne outlined some of the issues which could be more widely put before the residents of the parish through a newsletter. It was also agreed that the newsletter would be an impartial publication.

Members agreed that an editorial panel should be appointed and in the first instance, matters such as how often the newsletter should be published, along with the timing, content and distribution should be left for them to explore.

Cllr. Ballantyne stated that he would, at least at the start, be content to be the editor to get the newsletter off the ground but would be grateful for help. As to the frequency of publication, that, he stated, would be dependant on contributions.

invited Cllr. Cowling volunteered to join Cllr. Ballantyne. Cllr. Mrs. Jones was to join the editorial team but declined.

Cllr. Ballantyne suggested that the meeting approve himself and Cllr. Cowling to act with the assistance of the Clerk as an editorial team and see how matters progress. This was agreed.

Cllr. Brown agreed to assist on an ad hoc basis.

02/105 Traffic/ Transport/ Highway Matters

Cllr. Ballantyne stated that items a) Traffic calming Admaston (Shawbirch Road/Station Road) and b) Report on the meeting with Inspector Higgins, could be dealt with as one item.

Riggs Cllr. Ballantyne gave a report of a meeting with Inspector Higgins, WPC and Mr. G. Harvey (T&WC). [Parish representatives: Cllrs Ballantyne and Orrell and the Clerk].

Government guide lines now prevented the parish council pursuing the installation of speed cameras. The police felt unable to support requests for lower speed limits and weight restrictions where they did not have the resources to enforce them.

The matter of traffic calming, Admaston, had been discussed and the parish representatives had suggested that what was really needed was a build out somewhere just over the bridge in Shawbirch Road.

Cllr. Ballantyne reported that Mr. Harvey had stated that if the parish council was able to concentrate the measures into one end of the village, then T&WC would be more able to work within the budget.

Members discussed the outcome of the meeting and it was resolved that the Clerk should write to Mr. Harvey asking for the calming measures to be concentrated into the Shawbirch Road end of the village and to include a build out along with enhanced signage at both ends of the village.

[Cllr. Ballantyne took no part in the vote as he lives on Shawbirch Road]

c) Other traffic matters

Cllr. Orrell stated that the meeting with Inspector Higgins had lasted over an hour during which the matter of the £25000 funding from E.P. was discussed.

E.P. had stated in previous correspondence that they would be prepared to comply with any requirement laid down by the Highway Authority in relation to issues arising out of access to Station Road from their development. In light of this and the vast sums of money raised by E.P. from the sale of land in Admaston, Cllr. Orrell suggested that should T&WC need more money for the scheme, then they should be asked to go back to E.P. for more funds. This was agreed.

Cllr. Ballantyne gave a report on the Rural Transport User Group Meeting.

02/106 Play Area Whiteways Drive

Cllr. Orrell gave an update on the report which had previously been circulated to Members. *The Parish council had, some years ago, requested some form of play provision for young children and this had been agreed with by E.P who had recently applied for planning permission to provide such a facility at Whiteways Drive. There had, however, been a few objections (T&WC had not stated how many) from residents and therefore, T&WC had asked E.P. to put the application in abeyance pending discussion. Mr. Derek Owen (T&WC*

recreation officer) had suggested alternatives for consideration.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Derek Owen (T&WC) should be invited to the next meeting of the council.

02/107 Admaston House

and Cllr. Orrell gave a report on Admaston House, stating that he had originally agreed to be part of their working party but was no longer; although he still attends Trustee meetings on behalf of the Parish Council. He reported that a number of things needed to be done to the building and gave Members a condition report. The Vandalism was continuing but is always reported to the police. He gave a report on the management of the building and its finances praised Cllr. Powell and Mr. Bingham for their efforts. He reported that the budget presently showed a deficit of approx. £2400 but the pleasing news was that the House was being increasingly used for casual bookings - on a running basis, it was break even. The problem was that until the schedule of dilapidation was done and carried out, no grants could be applied for. He stated that he did not expect to have a request for funding from the Trustees, but if one was received there would be a need to look at it very closely.

The Chairman stated that the obstacles for Admaston House still remained enormous but the Parish Council was well aware of the need for the House as a community facility. Cllr. Orrell was thanked for his report.

Cllr. Powell responded by stating that Cllr. Orrell's comments had been justified, the Trust had been slow to undertake capital improvements, they are now proceeding, tenders being sought for the roof and car park repairs. The bookings for the Hall are, he stated, looking optimistic.

The Chairman stated that he was encouraged by Cllr. Powell's report.

02/108 Need for a Committee

The Clerk asked the meeting to note that the present times at which meetings come to an end are, more often than not, very late. He asked Members to consider if a Planning Committee or a Financial & General Purposes Committee could lift some of the work from the main council meeting.

The Chairman felt that as things were, the council was able to cope but we did need to keep an eye on things.

Cllr. Ballantyne asked if some of the work on the agenda could be delegated to a working group, perhaps planning.

The Chairman asked Members to give the matter some consideration. It was resolved to take no action.

02/109 Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:-

1. Telford & Wrekin Council -

- (a) Informal consultation application to divert footpath 5 Wrockwardine. [Cllr. Rawlings took no part in the discussion] There were no objections.
 - (b) Audit report Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council - Copy of the highly critical audit report - circulated.
 - (c) T&WC Borough Status - Cllr. Brown, who had attended the presentation of the Borough Charter, gave a report to the meeting.
 - (d) Rural Forum meeting - Cllr. Ballantyne.
- NTPPP Minutes & Agenda - Cllr. Orrell
CPRE Rural Matters - Cllr. Orrell
MEB Public Lighting Remedial Works to lamp o/s 11 Burnell Road estimated cost £263.38 - approved.
DTLR Acknowledgement of response to Planning Green Paper - noted.
- Admaston Action Group Letter of thanks for discussion - noted.
CPRE Rural Matters/Voice - Cllr. Mrs. Savage.

02/110 Planning Matters

(a) Applications

- W02/0540 Modification to condition 5 of planning permission W97/0566 to allow operation from 07.00 - 22.00 hours every day of the week plus weekends and bank holidays when required. Allscott Storage Depot, Cross Green, Allscott (Hereford Storage).
Cllr. Orrell gave full details of the present use of the site along with a report of a meeting with the manager of the operation, Mr. Parsons. The implications of the application were discussed. It was resolved to object to the application citing the nuisance caused at present to residents, how the new permission would increase and pointing out the existing breaches of permission in out of hours operations.
- traffic
- W02/0527 Erection of a rear extension The Cherry Trees, 2 Charlton. There were no objections.

The following permissions were noted:

- W02/0347 Proposed front bay window extension 21 Burnell Road, Admaston.

1st	W02/0297	Proposed 1st floor extension to existing dwelling and floor playroom above garage. 18 Aldermead Close, Admaston.
	W02/0339	Extension to existing garage and erection of an attached single garage at front of property. Jodana, The Avenue, Wrockwardine.
	W02/0196	Two storey extension (amended plans) 20 Bratton Road, Admaston.
	W02/0383	Double Garage/Study extension to side of existing property. 17 Broomfield Road, Admaston.
	W02/0003	Widening of existing field access and construction of farm track. Land off Cluddley.
storey	W02/0148	Erection of single storey side extension and single rear extension. Cluddley Farmhouse, Cluddley.
	W02/0265	Erection of a two storey side extension. The Mallows, 11 Walcott.

The following refusal was noted:

W02/0297	Erection of dwelling to rear of 16 Bratton Road, Bratton.
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The Clerk reported that 1 South View Wrockwardine had installed plastic guttering and fascia. There was a feeling that some form of authority should have been sought as the property was in a Conservation Area. The Clerk was asked to write to Amanda Maundell (T&WC) for guidance.

02/111 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 105 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Appointment of Internal Auditors

The Clerk gave details of the requirement under the amended audit regulations to appoint an internal auditor. The meeting heard that the Wrekin Area committee of SALC was at present endeavouring to vet possible auditors for inclusion onto an approved list. It was agreed to await the publication of an approved list of Internal Auditors.

Account signatories

Resolved that the signatories to the council's account shall be Cllrs. Brown, Jones and Mrs. Carver (existing signatories) along with Cllrs. Ballantyne and Mrs. Savage (new signatories).

The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

02/112 Reports

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| Cllr. Mrs. Carver - | Reported that the Charlton Road had been curbed - this in itself now presented a danger to motorists turning left who had in the past been able to mount the verge to avoid wide vehicles but were now unable to do so. |
| Cllr. Mrs. Savage - | Reported pot holes in Allscott Village. |
| Cllr. Cowling -
misalignment
Clerk | Reiterated the concerns over the of flood lights in the Maidens yard. The was asked to write to Maidens. |
| Cllr. Rawlings - | Reported a burst water main outside Hereford Storage. (Recurring problem) |
| Cllr. Mrs. Jones - | Asked that T&WC be reminded of the request to provide a section of pavement in Shawbirch Road. |
| Cllr. Ballantyne - | Reported nuisance motorcycles riding on the Silkin Way (report to police).
Reported concerns over the felling of 17 trees from an area near to the top of the Silkin Way towards Wellington on a well used path. The Clerk was asked to investigate the reason. |

For information, Cllr. Ballantyne informed the meeting that he had been asked to help residents of Shawbirch (out of parish) with problems they were having with the residents of a Local Authority Care Home. He was checking to see if the home complied with legal requirements.

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| Cllr. Powell - | Reported continuing vandalism to Admaston House - the police were aware and had placed the House on their policing "menu".
Reported problems with garden waste being dumped in the House grounds. |
| Cllr. Orrell - | Confirmed that Allscott residents had also |

reported the burst water main at Hereford Storage depot.
Reported a nasty smell emanating from the top of Rushmore Lane near to Maidens yard.

02/113 Press Statement

No statement was required as a reporter was present throughout the meeting.

02/114 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday, 10th July 2002 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall, Wrockwardine.
The meeting closed at 10.39 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

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