

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th June 2006 at
Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. - K.J.S. Ballantyne - Chairman
Cllrs. C. Carver, E. Cowling, E. Dawes, Ms. T. Kenny,
T. Kiernan, and Mrs. J. Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: Mr Colin Doyley and Mr Kiernan McCabe (Leaton
Quarry)
One member of the public.

06/23 Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
Cllr. Mrs Savage informed the meeting that Mr. Herbert Whittingham
(Council's most regular attendee and member of the public) had not recently
been witnessing Council meetings because he had been unwell.
Members were distressed to hear that Mr Whittingham was not very well and
the Clerk was asked to minute the best wishes of Council and the hope that he
would soon be feeling much better and would be in attendance to once more.

06/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Craik and Cllr.
Powell.
Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr Miss Seymour (Borough
Councillor).
The Clerk informed the meeting that Cllr. Rawlings had informed him that due
to pressing work commitments he may be a little late for the meeting and he
had therefore asked the meeting to forgive his late arrival.

06/25 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Cowling declared an interest in the planning application W06/0616.

06/26 Police Report

There was no police officer present. The Chairman stated that he would defer
the police report until such time as the officer arrived.

06/27 Leaton Quarry

The officers from Leaton Quarry gave a presentation on their plans to extend
the Stock Yard and the proposed planning application relating to it.

7.36 p.m. PC Judith McPherson and CSO Dave Worrell joined the meeting

members were informed that the quarry planning application would be
submitted to the Borough within two to four weeks.

Mr. Doyley answered questions from members.

7.45 p.m. after being thanked by the meeting Mr Doyley and Mr McCabe left the meeting.

06/28 Police Report

PC McPherson presented her report to the meeting and answered questions. CSO Worrell gave details of local targeted initiatives.

Members discussed the general nuisance at Glovers Way and letters from residents.

The Chairman asked WPC McPherson to thank CSO's Worrell and Alan for their efforts to prevent parking on pavements in the parish.

PC McPherson reported a number of speeding prosecutions and also a section 59 notice which had been placed on a motorcycle for illegal use.

The Chairman thanked PC McPherson for speaking to a local resident who had been local roads as a race track.

There being no more police business, the officers were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting at 7.48 p.m.

06/29 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2006 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

06/30 Planning

The Chairman informed the meeting that it had been brought to his attention that the member of the public who was present had attended to hear Council's view on the planning application W06/0620 Erection of first floor extension 19 Aldermead Close. The meeting agreed to bring this application forward to be dealt with immediately on the agenda.

It was RESOLVED to report to the Borough that Wrockwardine Parish Council have concerns over how an extension of this size will impact on both the property and its surroundings; it is a huge extension to what is already a large house. That the PC is concerned over the likely use of the rooms, in particular the likelihood that the property may become a House of Multiple Occupancy. That Council also has concerns over the likely increase in vehicles parking at the property which will become an eight bedroom house. That there is presently very restricted parking at the front of the property and the driveway is protected by very large gates which open inwards effectively creating a sterile section of the driveway. That there is barely room for the present number of vehicles which could potentially use the property - any more would have to park on the road.

The Clerk was asked to request that if the Borough is content to allow the application consent that serious consideration be given to there being a condition by a section 106 agreement to ensure that the hose does not become

a House of Multiple Occupancy, does not become a bed and breakfast and is not used as anything like a care home or for children in local authority care - in short, that it remains a private residence.

8.35 p.m. the member of the public left the room.

06/31 Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr. Cowling presented the minutes of the last meeting and they were accepted by Council.

a) Pension Provision

Cllr. Cowling presented the proposition that Council increase its contribution towards its employee's pension provision by 1%. Cllr. Ballantyne gave members the financial details of such an increase. The proposition was seconded by Cllr. Kiernan. It was RESOLVED that Council increase its contribution towards its employee's pension provision by 1%.

b) Other matters for approval

Cllr. Cowling asked members to give consideration to the setting of a budget for the year 2007/8.

Cllr. Ballantyne asked members to bear in mind that Council has healthy balances but has a number of projects which it is committed to; there was a need to consider spending some of the money on these projects.

Members discussed the items planned for in the Development Plan.

Members heard that the benches planned for Longyard Meadow would be in place shortly and the first stages of preparing the wild flower meadow were underway.

Members were asked to consider the suggestion that the Longyard Meadow kissing gate be now a standard gate with a Radar Key provided for the main gate which could be replaced with an oak one. It was RESOLVED to reassess the cost of the project with this in mind.

06/32 Parish Charter Complaint

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had met with Officers of the Borough (John Charles and Keith Harris) at which the outstanding issues from the complaint were discussed. The officers had outlined the costing of the scheme and it had been agreed that Mr Roderick had from the outset underestimated the cost of the scheme; the whole job had been way over budget but the officers felt that the parish had received a raw deal.

The officers had stated that the main obstacle to the parish receiving the type of traffic calming in felt it needed was a lack of serious road traffic accidents.

The meeting agreed that the £25k set aside for traffic calming had been fully used in the scheme the Parish now had and this was no longer an issue.

The Chairman reported that Mr. Charles had agreed that he would, within the next month, place an automated traffic count in the original location (not by the Pheasant public house) to allow a better comparison with the original figures; that he would investigate and remedy the lighting and visibility issues of the zebra crossing - columns possibly too high and possible spot lighting of the crossing itself; that Nick Kitchen, senior traffic engineer, would liaise with Council on the traffic count and the visibility issues with the zebra crossing; that Admaston would be included in either the second or possibly even the first roll out of the Borough initiative of interactive speed signs (30 mph "slow down"); and that he would give his earnest consideration to the provision of a temporary "build out" (with the possibility that the Parish Council could meet some of the cost) in order to assess whether a permanent build out would "solve or alleviate" the traffic problems.

Mr. Charles had also agreed that there would be ongoing liaison between the Borough and the PC with such considerations and that if there were good reasons that a build out experiment could not be carried out, other provisions such as ripple print etc would be considered. Mr. Charles had also assured the Chairman and Clerk that he had not forgotten the promise to review the HGV signing for the area.

Cllr. Ms. Kenny informed the meeting that there were still problems with high vehicles using Bluebell Lane Charlton and having to reverse back because they could not get under the low railway bridge at the end. The Clerk was asked to request that consideration be given to the possibility of having the words "before Allscott" added to the low bridge signs to indicate to drivers that the low bridge is in fact before they get to Allscott and will impede their journey.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter to Mr. Charles confirming all the points and promises made at the traffic meeting.

06/33 Admaston House

There was no report.

06/34 War Memorial

Cllr. Ballantyne informed the meeting that the stone mason needed to know the size of the plaque but he (Cllr. Ballantyne) felt that the wording could be more appropriate.

9.00 p.m. Cllr. Cowling left the room.

Cllr. Ballantyne suggested that the wording should be ***"In the morning and at the going down of the sun we will remember them because they gave their tomorrow for our today"***. Members heard that the Vicar had no difficulty with these words but Cllr. Ballantyne felt that he ought, out of courtesy, check with the British Legion.

Cllr. Ballantyne asked members to approve that the plaques themselves be ordered so that there is not a delay while the wording is settled.

9.03 p.m. Cllr. Cowling returned to the room.

Cllr. Ballantyne gave details of the proposed timetable for completion of the project.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage proposed that the plaques be ordered and that in addition a Separate plaque on which the words “*Erected EIIR 2006*” are used. Seconded by Cllr. Cowling it was RESOLVED.

06/35 Parish Improvements

a) Kissing gate and wooden main gate - Longyard Meadow

This matter having been previously discussed, the meeting moved on.

b) Provision of Norwegian Spruce Tree

The Clerk reported that he had received only one quote from a competent supplier of large living trees, the quote being for £2395.80 for supplying and installing a Siberian Spruce (Norwegian Spruce trees did not apparently adapt well to being transplanted) along with ongoing advice as to what would be required to ensure its survival. The supplier had made it clear that they would want an assurance from the parish that the proposed ground was clear of any services before they would proceed. The Clerk had corresponded with the Borough and was awaiting a reply.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage stated that she thought that the soil was sandy and would like to know if the tree would adapt to such conditions.

Members discussed the logistics of watering the tree especially in the early stages.

The Clerk was asked to contact the supplier to ascertain whether the tree would survive on a sandy soil and what exactly was meant by a “parental relationship”.

Cllr. Kiernan agreed to investigate the composition of the soil.

06/36 Youth Leisure Facilities - Steering Group Report

Cllr. Cowling reported that the steering group had agreed to consult with St. Peter’s School and that the project would shortly be put before the Borough for planning consent. The next meeting of the group (18th July) would be to receive planning guidance and officers recommendations for the plans board.

06/37 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

SALC

Planning Training 28th June 2006

RESOLVED that Cllr. Kiernan should attend; members approved payment of the fee in the sum of £15.00.

BT&W	Code of Conduct Training 26 th June 2006 – noted.
Severn Hospice	Invitation to “cut a sod” – Cllr. Ballantyne to attend.
BT&W	Local development Framework – noted.
BT&W	Parish Forum meeting 20 th July 2006 – Cllr. Kiernan.
NHS	Primary Care Consultation

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

Abacus	Bus shelter specification – F&GP Committee.
WM Reg Ass	Speaking Out newsletter
CPRE	Fieldwork magazine
SCC	Local Transport Plan for Shropshire.

06/38 Planning Matters

Applications

The following application was considered:

- W06/0616 Conversion of existing stable block to a holiday let Allscott House. There were no objections.
- W06/0556 Erection of single storey rear extension and detached double garage 18 Station Road. There were no objections.
- W06/0598 Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof over existing extension 6 West View Bratton. RESOLVED to support the application.
- W06/0553 Proposed extension [Remove existing single storey sections and replace with two storey and single storey extension] 7 Donnerville Gardens Admaston. There were no objections.

Permissions

The following permissions were received:

- W06/0283 Erection of GP Room St. Peters Primary School.
- W06/0424 Demolition of redundant farm building (Conservation) Church Farm Wrockwardine.

Refusal

The following refusals were noted:

- W06/0353 Erection of first floor extension etc over existing garage and erection of conservatory to rear and erection of detached garage Holly Tree House Allscott.

06/39 Accounts for Payment

a) Bank Account Signatories

It was agreed that Mrs. Savage should remain a signatory and that the remaining signatories should be the members of the F&GP Committee.

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

Members approved the additional payment of £1090.40 for the Green Wood Centre as payment for the two benches recently delivered.

c) **Statement 153** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

d) To sign the Audit submission.

The meeting approved the audit submission which was then signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

06/40 Press Statement

The press statement was delegated to the Chairman with a request to mention the outcome of the traffic meetings with the Borough.

06/41 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday 12th July 2006 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

06/42 Chairman's Closing Remarks

There were no further matters.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.51 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____