

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at  
Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

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**Present:**

Cllr. – K.J.S. Ballantyne – Chairman  
Cllrs. T. Kiernan, S. Rawlings and Mrs Jo Savage.  
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: Mr. E. Dawes, Mrs E. Ballantyne  
and Mrs. S. Turner.

**07/24 Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all present including the members of the public.

**07/25 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies along with reasons for absence were received and accepted from  
Cllr. Powell and Cllr. Craik.

Courtesy apologies were received from WPC McPherson and Borough  
Councillors J. Seymour and D. Blackwell.

**07/26 Police Report**

The police report was put back until later in the evening as the meeting was  
expecting the attendance of CSO Coombes.

**07/27 Vacancies in the Office of Parish Councillor.**

The Clerk reported that following proper advertisement of the vacancies,  
Council had received four applications for co-option to the office of Parish  
Councillor; Mrs E. Ballantyne, Mr. E. Dawes, Mrs. N. Evans and Mrs. S.  
Turner. The Chairman outlined the law relating to co-option, as advised by the  
Clerk after consulting with the Borough election department, and informed the  
meeting that he would ask for a proposition and a seconder for each applicant  
before any vote and he would deal with each application in reverse order.

Cllr. Kiernan proposed that Mrs. S. Turner be co-opted to the office of  
Councillor. Seconded by Cllr. Mrs Savage, it was RESOLVED that Mrs. S.  
Turner be co-opted to the office of Councillor.

Cllr. Rawlings proposed that Mrs. N. Evans be co-opted to the office of  
Councillor. Seconded by Cllr. Kiernan, it was RESOLVED that Mrs. N. Evans  
be co-opted to the office of Councillor.

Cllr. Rawlings proposed that Mr. E. Dawes be co-opted to the office of  
Councillor. Seconded by Cllr. Mrs Savage, it was RESOLVED that Mr. E.  
Dawes be co-opted to the office of Councillor.

Cllr. Kiernan proposed that Mrs. E. Ballantyne be co-opted to the office of Councillor. Seconded by Cllr. Mrs Savage, it was RESOLVED that Mrs. E. Ballantyne be co-opted to the office of Councillor.

**07/28 Declarations of Acceptance of Office**

After being congratulated and welcomed to the Council by the Chairman and Members, Cllrs. Mrs E. Ballantyne, E. Dawes and Mrs. S. Turner signed their declarations of acceptance of office and took their seats.

The Chairman went through the protocols of the meeting for the benefit of the new Councillors.

**07/29 Declaration of Interest**

There were no additional declarations made.

**07/30 Minutes**

The Clerk asked Members to note that the true minutes of Council record that Mr. Dawes was present as a member of the public and that there was no request for a Public session and no matters were raised.

**Subject to the above amendment:**

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

All those who had attended as members of the public having been co-opted to Council, there were no members of the public present and no matters were raised.

**07/31 Sugar Beet Factory**

Members discussed concerns over the future of the site of the Sugar beet factory. Members expressed a large number of concerns and after discussion agreed that whatever the future plans for the site might be, the Parish Council should make it clear to all parties that it should be involved from an early stage. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should write to the Borough Planners setting out a summary of the views expressed at the meeting.

**07/32 NTP3**

There was no report.

**07/33 Admaston House**

a) Report from Parish Representative.

Cllr. Rawlings gave a report. Members discussed the proposals for expansion of the House.

b) Special Meeting

The Clerk reminded all that there was to be a special meeting of Council on the 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7.45 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall to receive a presentation from the Trustees relating to the expansion project and its funding.

**07/34 F&GP**

The meeting received the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> May 2007. Cllr. Kiernan brought to the attention of Council the recommendation of the Committee that two Christmas Trees be purchased, one for Admaston and one for Wrockwardine, and that Council approve any additional ancillary costs which might be incurred in the erecting and siting of the trees. The meeting approved the expenditure.

Cllr. Kiernan asked Council to approve any ancillary expenditure which might be incurred in the siting of the Christmas Trees to a maximum cost of £200. seconded by Cllr. Dawes it was RESOLVED.

The Clerk gave an update on the boundary wall at Admaston Green.

Cllr. Kiernan brought the meeting's attention to the fact that the contract of employment for the Clerk had been amended per NALC/SLCC guidelines to keep pace with ever changing legislation. And that following a review the F&GP Committee had recommend acceptance and adoption of the revised contract of employment. It was RESOLVED that the contract of employment for the Clerk be amended per NALC/SLCC.

The Chairman asked Members to be mindful of the next budget, reminded all that the present Development Plan was soon to expire and with this in mind, asked everyone to give some thought to the next Budget.

**07/35 Parish Improvements**

a) Street Signs

Cllr. Kiernan informed the meeting that he taken local advice on the location of the beginning of Rushmoor Lane. As it had been established that the lane did not begin at Cross Green, it was RESOLVED to purchase an additional sign (to be placed at Cross Green) which was in the parish livery and bore the inscription "CROSS GREEN" immediately above the words "Leading To"; the original Rushmoor Lane sign to be mounted below the new sign.

b) Gates to Longyard Meadow

The Clerk confirmed that he had ordered the gate and kissing gate from the Greenwood Trust and that arrangements would be made for the Borough to provide free labour to fix them via Rob Jeavans.

**07/36 Town Park Consultation**

The meeting received brochures along with a letter from the Borough Council asking for its views on the development of the Town Park; three options were given. Following discussion it was RESOLVED to delegate the Chairman to respond indicating that the Parish preferred a combination of the proposals set out in points A & B of the brochure.

**07/37 Pavements/car parking Admaston**

Cllr. Kiernan brought to the attention of the meeting concerns about the

condition of the pavement and parking area outside the shops at Admaston. A three ton road sweeper had been seen driving over the pavement slabs causing damage and there were reports of parked cars being offered for sale in the parking bays. The Clerk was asked to bring the matters to the attention of the police.

**07/38 Correspondence**

**1. Correspondence requiring a decision**

Eon Street Lighting Maintenance Contract - price review.  
RESOLVED to accept the revised price structure.

*8.48 p.m. Cllr. Dawes left the room.*

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SALC	Notice of AGM – noted.
Blazing	
Sadles2 Barmouth	Details of a Charity fundraising campaign for Cancer research UK. The Clerk brought this to the attention of the meeting stating that Council could not itself grant funds to this organisation because it was ultimately for a national charity however there was nothing to stop any individual doing so.
SC Pension Fund	Request for confirmation of authorised signatory. The meeting confirmed that for the purposes of communication with the Pension Fund, the Clerk was the authorised signatory.

**2. Correspondence not requiring a decision**

CPRE	Fieldwork Magazine – Cllr. Mrs Savage.
Little Chicks	
Pre School	Letter of thanks for grant.
AH Trust	Notification of change of treasurer.

**07/39 Planning Matters**

The Chairman reminded Members that planning applications are available for inspection prior to the commencement of the meeting and asked that Members who wished to question any particular application make themselves familiar with it prior to the start of the meeting in order not to unnecessarily delay the proceedings.

**Applications**

The following applications were considered:

W/07/0709	Erection of a conservatory to rear and single storey extension to front 8 Charlton.
W07/0609	Conversion of former coach house to private dwelling. The Coach House Orleton Hall.

There were no objections to any of the tabled applications.

### **Permissions**

The following permissions were noted:

- W07/0363                      Erection of two storey and single storey extensions 24 Donnerville Gardens Admaston.
- W07/0353                      Conversion of existing garage into playroom and erection of a garage to side of property, erection of a two storey front extension and erection of a conservatory to rear of 1 Donnerville Drive.
- W07/0489                      Felling of 2 apple trees and pruning of 1 cherry tree at The Coppins Wrockwardine.

### **Refusals**

The following refusal was noted:

- W07/0352                      Erection of six dwellings and alteration of existing vehicular/pedestrian access 21 Bratton Road.

### **07/40 Accounts for Payment**

- a) **Receipts & Payments - It was RESOLVED - that these be approved and paid as tabled.**
- b) **Statements 165 [Lloyds TSB] and 4 [Bank of Scotland]** were tabled along with the reconciliation and were approved.

The meeting approved a letter to Lloyds TSB authorising the transfer of the remaining balances in the account to the new account held by The Bank of Scotland and the subsequent closure of the Lloyds TSB account. The letter was signed by the Chairman and Cllr. Mrs. Savage as authorised by the meeting.

c) **Audit**

The meeting RESOLVED to approve the Statement of Accounts.  
The meeting RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statement.

### **07/41 Press Statement**

The Chairman was delegated to produce a press release with an emphasis on the views of Council on the future of the Sugar beet factory site and the fact that Council now had a full compliment of Councillors.

### **07/42 Chairman's Closing Remarks**

The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting.

**07/43 Next Meeting**

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was to be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.09 p.m.

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

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