

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th May  
2002 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall, Wrockwardine at 7.30 p.m.**

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**Present:**

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

**Also in attendance:** Cllr. D. Blackwell (Ward Member T&WC)  
Four members of the public.  
Shropshire Star reporter

**Chairman's remarks**

Cllr. Brown spoke with regret over the resignation of Mrs. R. Hargrave from the office of both Chairman of the Council and Councillor. He stated that she had presided over the Council during her years as Chairman in a most effective and able way and he felt it most appropriate to formally record the appreciation of the Council for her many years of service.

He spoke briefly about the issue which Mrs. Hargrave gave as her reason for resignation, stating that the Parish Council was taking steps to clarify matters of perceived conflicts of interest.

The Clerk gave an update on the legal guidance upon such matters.

**02/74 Election of Chairman**

The Chairman called for nominations.

Cllr. Ballantyne proposed that Cllr. Brown be elected as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Carver. There being no other nominations, the proposition was put to the vote, it was **resolved unanimously that Cllr. Brown be elected as Chairman.**

Cllr. Brown thanked Members for their support.

**02/75 Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**02/76 Election of Vice Chairman**

Cllr. Ballantyne proposed that Cllr. Mrs. Jones be elected as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Savage.

Cllr. Mrs. Jones stated that she was honoured to be proposed and seconded but as the proposition had taken her somewhat by surprise, her immediate thought, being unsure, was to decline.

There were no other nominations.

Cllr. Brown suggested to the meeting that as there were no other nominations, it would be appropriate to delay the election of a Vice Chairman until the next meeting of the Council to allow either Mrs. Jones to give the matter more thought or other Members to come forward.

**Resolved to delay the election of Vice Chairman until the next meeting of Council.**

**02/77 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Cowling, Cllr. Powell and Cllr. Rawlings  
Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. Miss. Seymour (T&WC) and PC Palmer.

**02/78 Declaration of Interest**

Cllr. Ballantyne declared (agenda item 10d) that he was Chairman of the Telford branch of CPRE.

**02/79 Declaration of a vacancy in the office of Parish Councillor**

The Chairman formally announced the vacancy in the office of Parish Councillor following the resignation of Mrs. Hargrave.

The Clerk gave an outline of the procedures which must now be followed.

**02/80 Police report**

There was no police officer present.

**02/81 Committees/ Working Groups**

Cllr. Brown spoke of the increasing length of council meetings and asked Members to give consideration to delegating some of the work load to a committee.

The Clerk gave details of the working relationship between committees and the council and outlined the difference between working groups and committees.

Cllr. Orrell felt that if a committee was to be considered, then a planning committee would be most beneficial.

Members discussed the need for a committee but could not come to a consensus. Cllr. Brown asked Members to consider the matter over the next month and discuss it again at the next meeting. **Resolved to place the matter of a committee on the next agenda.**

**02/82 Meetings of the Council**

**Resolved to continue the existing schedule of meetings.**

**02/83 Annual subscriptions**

Cllr. Orrell moved that the annual subscriptions as listed on the Agenda be

approved on block. This was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Savage. It was **resolved that the annual subscriptions as listed on the Agenda be approved on block.** [Cllr. Ballantyne took no part in the debate and did not vote]

**02/84 Appointment of representatives to outside bodies**

**a) W.A.C. (S.A.P.T.C.)** - The Clerk

**b) Bus User Group(s)** - Rural -Cllr. Ballantyne, Urban - Cllr. Orrell.

**c) Primary school** - Members were unanimous in their appreciation of the work carried out as governor of St. Peter's by Mr. Oldham-Malcolm and his continuation was wholeheartedly endorsed.

**d) Small Communities Liaison Group** - The Clerk explained that it had been hoped to form a liaison group between the councils of Wrockwardine, Roddington and Little Wenlock but that the group had not yet met. It was agreed that such a group would be useful and Cllr. Ballantyne was delegated to attend meetings when the group was up and running. Cllr. Ballantyne asked Members to consider that there may be some duplication of work/issues with his role as Chairman of the Telford group of CPRE. Members were not concerned.

**e) Admaston House Trust** - Members gave a wholehearted endorsement of Cllr. Orrell's roll as an observer/parish representative to the Trust.

**f) North Telford Parish Paths Partnership** - Cllr. Orrell.

**02/85 Minutes**

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2002 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

**02/86 Matters arising out of the Minutes**

Footway Lighting

The Clerk reported that he had now received a definitive answer over the ownership of Street Lighting within the parish. Telford & Wrekin Council had reassured the Council that all recent housing developments (since 1990) were now classified as Highway Lighting, not Footway Lighting and therefore (as the parish was only responsible for Footway lighting) no new lights had been or would be handed to the parish council.

Cycle track Wrockwardine

Cllr. Brown suspended Standing Orders to allow Mrs. Jenny Watts to give a report on the cycle track. Mrs. Watts gave a full report upon the successful completion of the track and the proposed official opening.

Police matters

A report was given on policing matters in Wrockwardine.

Notice Board

The clerk reported that he was now placing notices on the school notice board

to cover the Bratton area of the parish.

#### Land at Station Road

The Clerk reported that English Partnerships had now indicated formally that they were prepared to consider offering the parish council the freehold to the land with certain conditions. The conditions were noted as i) restriction of use to public open space ii) a claw back provision iii) some form of play provision on the land. The land would be offered for a consideration (freehold) of £1.00 provided that the parish council agrees to pay the vendors legal fees.

Following discussion, it was **resolved to accept the terms offered by EP and ask their board to approve the sale to Wrockwardine PC.**

[Cll. Orrell did not vote]

#### Admaston Green

In light of the successful acquisition of a 125 year lease on the land at Admaston House, now known as Admaston Green, the Clerk asked Members to consider the formal withdrawal of the Town Green application. **Resolved to withdraw the application.**

#### Overgrown garden Wrockwardine

Members were informed that the garden was still overgrown.

#### **02/87 Newsletter**

Cllr. Ballantyne stated that this parish council is very active and has many achievements to its credit but a large portion of the electorate are unaware of its endeavours. He asked Members to consider the production of a newsletter to better inform and communicate.

The Clerk gave a brief outline of what could be achieved along with an estimate of some of the costs. Following discussion, Cllr. Brown asked for those who were generally in favour of the idea. Two Members were in favour, two were against. Cllr. Brown used his vote in favour of further exploring the idea.

#### **02/88 Traffic/ Transport/ Highway Matters**

User Survey - Admaston Halt.

Cllr. Ballantyne gave details of his representation at the Rural Transport Group stating that there was now an opportunity to have a needs survey which would be funded principally by outside funding. The parish council would be expected to contribute 25%. If a need was proved, we could then move forward. He went on to state that the PC contribution would be at maximum £750 and reminded Members that the council had an established policy of reopening the station. Following discussion, Cllr. Brown reminded Members that the council had made a commitment and proposed that the funds be set aside to allow the survey to take place. Seconded by Cllr. Savage. 3 in favour, 2 against.

**Resolved that the parish council set aside the required funds to support a**

**survey as stated.**

**Traffic Matters**

Cllr. Orrell gave a report on the traffic calming proposals in Long Lane stating that 38 residents had replied to T&WC saying that they do not want it.

Cllr. Orrell gave a report on the recent meeting between representatives of Admaston Action Group and delegated members of the parish council.

Details were given of a Goods Vehicle licence application along with possible long term implications.

Members were informed that a meeting was to be held with Inspector Higgins in May to discuss outstanding traffic issues in the parish.

**02/89 Golden Jubilee of HM The Queen**

Cllr. Mrs. Savage reported on the possible costs of 3 seats from the Uppington Estate (three oak seats = £1000) plus installation costs. Members were asked for suggestions for locations. Two locations were approved, by the side of Wellington Road by the old railway bridge facing the Wrekin and one on the triangle (green) Wrockwardine. The third site remained open to suggestion.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage reassured members that the three seats was only the start and more could be provided at other sites if they were suggested.

The working group agreed to continue to look at the possibility of provision of a stained glass window.

**02/90 Wrockwardine Playing Fields**

a) Maintenance of play surface and b) Agreement between the Council and the Millennium Committee. The Clerk reported that matters were in hand.

The Clerk reported that he had obtained a quote of £531 from JDM to gang mow Admaston green and to mow up to and around the conifers along the road boundary. Notwithstanding that T&WC were continuing to mow the field up until the end of this season and therefore any new contract would not commence until next year, it was **resolved to accept the quote.**

**02/91 Correspondence**

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:-

1. Telford & Wrekin Council -

(a) Ethical Standards Bulletin - noted.

(b) Draft Community Strategy - Cllr. Ballantyne.

CPRE Annual Report - noted.

SAPTC Minutes - noted.

SAPTC Data Protection Act - to be considered on the next agenda.

SPFA Annual Report - noted.

SAPTC Bus Routes - Cllr. Orrell

## **02/92 Planning Matters**

### **(a) Applications**

W02/0347 Proposed front bay window extension 21 Burnell Road Admaston. Members were concerned that the proposal interfered with the visual amenity enjoyed by the street scene.

W02/0339 Extension to existing garage and erection of an attached single garage at front of property. Jodana The Avenue Wrockwardine. There were no objections.

The following permissions were noted:

W02/0305 Formation of a self contained residential annexe over garage. Redwood House Allscott.

W02/0314 Erection of a single storey side extension, two storey rear extension and porch to side. Bank farm, Wrockwardine.

## **02/93 Accounts for Payment**

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

**Statement 104** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Cllr. Mrs. Jones requested that in light of recent changes in Membership of the council the account signatories be reviewed. Members agreed to place the matter on the next agenda.

## **02/94 Reports**

Cllr. Orrell - Reported vandalism to Admaston House, damage to rails at the underpass on Shawbirch Road (destroyed). Cllr. Blackwell stated that T&WC were aware of the damage to the

railings.

Cllr. Blackwell - Informed the meeting about the timetable for the Local Plan (T&WC) and that the Joint Structure Plan had gone through its consultation process. He spoke of the requirements of the Local Plan and pleaded with local people to take part in the process. Cllr. Ballantyne asked Cllr. Blackwell

to

ensure that T&WC replies to correspondence citing instances where both he (Cllr. Ballantyne)

and the parish council had written and received no reply.

Cllr. Ballantyne - Regretted that PC Palmer was not in attendance as he had wished to report problems with youths riding unlicensed motorcycles on the Silkin Way and an incident where someone had tried to set fire to the roof of Admaston House.

Cllr. Mrs. Jones - Had no report but wished to record her dismay at the resignation of the previous Chair, proposing a small thank you for at least 20 years of service to the council. Members agreed.

**02/95 Press Statement**

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

**02/96 Next Meeting**

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday, 12th June 2002 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House, Admaston.

The meeting closed at 10.24 p.m.

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

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