

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th May 2006 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Also in attendance: Two members of the public.
Cllr. D. Blackwell (Borough Councillor)
CSO Suzy Alan

06/01 Election of Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending on a lovely Wednesday evening.

7.31 p.m. Cllr Carver joined the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Carver who thanked Members for their good wishes during his absence.

The Chairman was pleased to report that Cllr. Kiernan was celebrating his 60th Birthday on the very day of the meeting; all members wished Cllr. Kiernan a very happy birthday and commended him for his commitment to Council.

Cllr. Ballantyne referred to item 13 on the agenda and reminded members that whatever the decision taken, if the matter was to be re-opened, it would not be debated at the present meeting but would be placed on the next agenda for proper debate.

Cllr. Ballantyne then called for nominations to the office of Chairman of Council.

Cllr. Cowling proposed that Cllr. Ballantyne be re-elected to serve as Chairman of Council. Seconded by Cllr. Kiernan, there being no further nominations the proposition was put to the vote. RESOLVED that Cllr. Ballantyne be re-elected to serve as Chairman of Council [Cllr. Ballantyne did not vote].

06/02 Chairman to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr. Ballantyne duly signed the Declaration which was witnessed by the Clerk as Proper Officer of the Council.

06/03 Election of Vice Chairman

The Chairman called for nominations to the office of Vice Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Kiernan that Cllr. Cowling be elected to serve as Vice

Chairman. Seconded by Cllr. Ms. Kenny.

Proposed by Cllr. Powell that Cllr. Rawlings be re-elected to serve as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Savage.

Members requested a secret ballot the results of which were:

Cllr. Rawlings received two votes.

Cllr. Cowling received five votes.

RESOLVED that Cllr. Cowling be elected to serve as Vice Chairman.

Cllr. Cowling thanked the meeting for their confidence in him.

The Chairman stated that he wished to put on record his grateful thanks to Cllr. Rawlings for the tremendous amount of work he had put in during his tenure as Vice Chairman and for the support he had given to the Chair. The meeting endorsed the Chairman's thanks.

06/04 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Craik. 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.

06/05 Declaration of Interest

All Members present renewed their standing declarations of interest.

7.39 p.m. Cllr. Rawlings joined the meeting.

Members agreed to defer the Police Report until such time as PC McPherson was able to join the meeting.

06/06 Committees/Working Groups

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Members gave consideration to the composition of the Committee and it was RESOLVED to retain the present membership. The Clerk reminded the meeting that Cllrs. Ballantyne and Rawlings had been ex-officio members of the Committee and these ex-officio posts would now be taken by Cllrs. Ballantyne (retained) and Cowling (replacing Cllr. Rawlings) however as Cllr. Cowling was already a member of the Committee, in effect a resolution to retain the Committee as it would mean that it would be one member less [Cllr. Rawlings being no longer a member as he was no longer Vice Chairman of Council and therefore no longer able to serve as ex-officio].

The Meeting agreed that it was content to accept this consequence of the resolution.

7.40 p.m. PC Judith McPherson joined the meeting

06/07 Police Report

PC McPherson presented her report to the meeting and answered questions. The Chairman took the opportunity to reiterate his plea that action is taken against those who inconsiderately park on pavements. Cllr. Cowling asked if PC McPherson would produce an article with parking in mind for the Parish Magazine.

After discussing various policing matters with the meeting the officers were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting at 7.48 p.m.

06/08 Meetings of the Council

The Clerk tabled a schedule of meetings based upon the existing pattern of Council Meetings. It was RESOLVED to accept the schedule of meetings as tabled.

06/09 To consider payment of annual subscriptions which will become due:

- a) Insurance renewal
- b) Membership of SAPTC and Local Council Review
- c) Membership of SAPTC Wrekin Area Committee
- d) Membership of CPRE
- e) Membership of NTP3

It was RESOLVED to accept all of the annual subscriptions.

06/10 Appointment of representatives to outside bodies

It was RESOLVED to appoint members to outside bodies as follows:

- a) Wrekin Area Committee (SAPTC) Clls. Kiernan and Dawes
- b) Bus User Group(s) Cllr. Kiernan (Urban)
- c) Rural transport Partnership Cllr. Ballantyne (Rural)
- d) Admaston House Trust Cllr. Craik
- e) Parish Paths Partnership Cllr. Rawlings

06/11 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2006 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

06/12 Annual Parish Meeting

- i) To receive a resolution from the APM and to decide whether Council wishes to consider the resolution or to disregard it.

Council received the following resolution from the Annual Parish Meeting:
“In view of the strong opposition of Ringers Lane Allotments Club, Admaston Juniors Football Club and the residents of Burnell Road to the proposed siting of a cycle track and Multi Use Games Area on Ringers Lane football field, this Wrockwardine Parish Meeting resolves to request Wrockwardine Parish Council to consider once again the option proposed by officers of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin to site the facilities on Admaston Green, particularly since the dimensions are considerably less than those presented to the Council when making the decision to reject the option [of Admaston Green].”

The Chairman explained that that the first stage was for Council to decide whether it wished to accept the resolution, such a resolution from the Annual Parish Meeting being persuasive only; the Parish Council may legally disregard it.

Cllr. Powell spoke in favour of the meeting accepting the resolution and then giving it consideration and proposed that it be accepted. Following discussion the proposition was seconded by Cllr. Kiernan. It was RESOLVED that the proposition from the APM be accepted and given consideration [Cllr. Dawes abstained].

ii) To decide whether there is sufficient reason to set aside Council's own Standing Order which prohibits items of resolved business being revisited for six months unless substantial new information has come to light since the resolution made at the April 2006 meeting.

Having resolved to accept the proposition of the AGM for consideration the Chairman asked Members if they could be properly satisfied that there was sufficient new and substantial information which had come to light since the April 2006 meeting to allow them to reopen the debate.

The meeting debated the point.

8.23 p.m. Cllr. Carver left the room.

The Chairman suspended the meeting pending Cllr. Carver's return.

8.24 p.m. Cllr. Carver returned to the room and the meeting was reconvened.

The matter was put to the vote:

One member thought that there was sufficient new and substantial information to reopen the debate; three members abstained and four members felt that there was no new information.

It was therefore RESOLVED that there was no new information and the debate should not be reopened.

06/13 Parish Charter Complaint

The reply from the Borough Officer having previously been circulated it was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk be delegated to meet with John Charles to see if the matter could be moved forward in a less confrontational way.

06/14 Admaston House

a) Report from Parish Representative on Admaston House Trust

There was no report.

06/15 War Memorial

The Clerk reported that the stone mason had seen the stone and had provided a specification for the required plaque. It was RESOLVED to order the plaque to the suggested specification.

The Clerk confirmed that having spoken to the Borough Planning Officers

neither planning nor conservation consent would be required for the war memorial.

06/16 Parish Improvements

Members received a quote for a disabled access kissing gate and possible provision of a new wooden gate at Longyard Meadow. The Clerk was asked to obtain alternative quotes.

Members discussed the unsatisfactory rubbish provision at Admaston Green. The Clerk was asked to investigate the provision of another two bins.

06/17 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

a) Private Correspondence between Mr. David Blackwell and some members of the Parish Council.

Members discussed private correspondence received by them from Mr. Blackwell. There was concern that comments within the correspondence unjustly criticised members, the clerk and the council as a whole and that the matter had been taken out of all proportion by Mr. Blackwell. The Clerk was instructed to respond to the various letters written by Mr. Blackwell to members of Council and to say that the Parish Council was of the view that the matter was closed and that the Church Fete Committee was content with how the fete was referred to in the Parish Magazine and did not wish to make an issue of it. The Clerk was asked to remind Mr. Blackwell that he was welcome to write to the Parish Council at any time and on any matter pertaining to Parish business but that Members had expressed some concern that he had signed the letters as Councillor David Blackwell when they were matters of a private concern and had no relevance to Borough Council business.

b) Other Correspondence

St. Peter's Fete Ctte	Letter of support for Council regarding the name of the fete. Noted.
BT&W	Confirmation that Land at Whiteways Drive is not owned by the Borough. The Clerk was asked to pursue the actual ownership.
BT&W	Response to Charter Complaint. Discussed previously in the meeting.
WM Police A. Orell	Consultation. Noted. Traffic Matters. Members confirmed their policy and asked the Clerk to respond.
BT&W	Local Development Framework Scheme. Noted.
ODPM	Local Authority By-laws – Cllr. Ballantyne.

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

ROSPA	Playground inspection to be June.
CPRE	Voice Magazine.
NTP3	Minutes.
BT&W	Minutes Bus User Group

06/18 Planning Matters

Applications

The following application was considered:

W06/0475	Erection of two dwellings 2 Bratton Road Admaston. There were no objections.
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Permissions

The following permissions were received:

W06/0248	Installation of 2No. GRP Kiosks Walcot Sewage Treatment Works Walcot.
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W06/0216	Change of use from grain store to farm waste recycling centre Aston Farm Aston.
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W06/0155	Erection of a single storey and two storey extension 6 Meadow Drive Walcot.
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Refusal

The following refusals were noted:

W06/0253	Erection of two detached dwellings (outline) Land adjacent Rose Cottage Rushmoor Lane Bratton.
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W06/0265	Erection of one retirement home (outline) Land at rear of 9 Bratton Road Bratton.
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W06/0421	Erection of 1 no. retirement bungalow with garage (outline) land at rear of 10 Bratton Road Admaston.
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W06/0401	Erection of 1 no. 2 or 3 bedroom bungalow (outline) Land at rear of 8 Bratton Road Bratton.
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06/19 Accounts for Payment

a) **To note the NALC/SLCC 2006/7 pay and travel allowance structure.**
RESOLVED to accept the NALC/SLCC recommendations for 2006/7.

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

c) **Statement 152** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

d) **To note the date of the audit.**

The date of the audit was noted. It was RESOLVED to accept the annual

accounts of Council as prepared by the Clerk.

e) To reappoint Mr. Nicholls as Internal Auditor

RESOLVED to reappoint Mr. Nicholls as Internal Auditor.

06/20 Press Statement

The press statement was delegated to the Chairman.

06/21 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday 14th June 2006 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

06/22 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman asked Cllr. Blackwell if he had any matters relating to the Borough to report.

Cllr. Blackwell gave the meeting feedback on action he had been able to take on some of the issues raised at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Members discussed the state of the road outside the shops on Sutton Road and Cllr. Blackwell reminded the meeting of the action he had taken to resolve the problem.

Cllr. Blackwell urged the Council and the public to be mindful of the Local Development Framework process.

The Chairman asked members to give some consideration to anything which may have a bearing on setting the budget for the next year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____