

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th May 2008 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr. – S.C. Rawlings - Vice Chairman
Cllrs. Mrs. Elaine Ballantyne, M. Craik, E. Dawes, Mrs Nadine Evans, T. Kiernan, Mrs Jo Savage and Mrs Sheila Turner.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also Present: PC Judith McPherson, Ms. Jo Jackson (Borough Transport Access Officer), Mr. A. Bingham, Mr. G. Hayward and two other members of the public.

08/01 Election of Chairman

The Vice Chairman informed Members that Cllr. Ballantyne did not wish to stand for re-election to the post of Chairman and all present gratefully acknowledged Cllr. Ballantyne's tireless and worthy contribution to the work of Council during his office.

7.32 p.m. Cllr. Powell joined the meeting.

The Vice Chairman called for nominations to the post of Chairman. Cllr. Mrs. Ballantyne nominated Cllr. Rawlings, Vice Chairman, to serve as Chairman of Council for the forthcoming year. The nomination was seconded by Cllr. Kiernan.

The Vice Chairman called for further nominations. There being no other nominations, Cllr. Rawlings was elected to the post of Chairman unopposed.

08/02 Chairman to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr. Rawlings, as Chairman of Council, signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was witnessed by the Clerk.

08/03 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Ballantyne. Courtesy apologies were received from Borough Councillor Miss Seymour.

08/04 Election of Vice Chairman

The Chairman called for nominations to the post of Vice Chairman. Cllr. Mrs. Jo Savage nominated Cllr. Craik to serve as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year. The nomination was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Elaine Ballantyne.

The Chairman called for further nominations. There being no other nominations, Cllr. Craik was elected to the post of Vice Chairman unopposed.

08/05 Declaration of Interest

Members renewed their existing standing declarations.

Cllr. Powell informed the meeting that a planning application for his own property was to be placed before them later in the meeting and he would declare an interest and withdraw at that point.

08/06 Police Report

PC McPherson presented her report to the meeting and answered a number of questions.

7.42 p.m. PC McPherson left the meeting after receiving the thanks of members.

08/07 Public Session

No one wished to avail themselves of the opportunity to address Council.

08/08 Transport Accessibility

The meeting received a presentation from Jo Jackson (Borough Transport Accessibility Officer) outlining details of a new demand responsive bus service to be launched, to the benefit of the rural areas, on the 7th July for a trial period.

Ms. Jackson answered a number of questions.

7.57 p.m. Ms Jackson left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman for her attendance.

08/09 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2008 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

08/09 Committees/Working Groups

The meeting discussed the structure and membership of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. It was RESOLVED to retain the status quo and to take no action to fill the vacancy on the Committee.

08/10 Meetings of the Council

It was RESOLVED to retain the existing schedule and frequency of meetings. Cllr Craik asked if he could receive his meeting papers by way of email thus saving paper and postage. Cllrs. Mrs Evans, Mrs Turner and Mrs Ballantyne (who also requested the same for Cllr. Mr Ballantyne) requested the same. The Clerk agreed to forward all Council papers by email to those who requested it.

08/11 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) SLCC**

It was RESOLVED to pay all of the previously mentioned annual subscriptions as they fell due.

08/12 Appointment of representatives to:-

- a) Wrekin Area Committee (SAPTC) - Chairman**
- b) Bus User Group(s) – Cllr. Kiernan and the Chairman.**

- c) Rural transport Partnership /Rural transport Users group – Cllr. Dawes.
- d) Admaston House Trust – Cllr. Mrs Turner.
- e) Rights of Way Officer – Chairman.
- f) Quarry Liaison Group – Chairman and Cllr. Mrs Savage.

08/13 Traffic Matters

The Clerk informed the meeting that Mrs Davis of Walcott had asked that council consider supporting the residents of Walcott in a request for the imposition of a reduced speed limit (ideally 30 m.ph.) for the main road through the hamlet of Walcott. The meeting heard that the Borough had recently undertaken a traffic count (but not speed check) through the hamlet.

Following discussion it was agreed to put the matter to the Borough Traffic management and await their response.

08/14 Admaston House Trust

a) Planning Application

The meeting received a request from Admaston House Trust to submit a planning application to the Borough Council in the name of the Parish Council in order to save 50% of the fee. The Trust had given an undertaking that the parish would not be involved in any expense.

Cllr. Craik stated that he would support such a move but only if the Trust gave an indemnity against council incurring any costs.

Cllr. Kiernan proposed that subject to the prior receipt of a suitable indemnity Council would consent to putting its name to the Trust's planning application. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Dawes. It was RESOLVED. [There were two abstentions because of interests]

b) Report from Parish Representative.

Cllr. Powell gave a report on behalf of the Trustees.

08/15 Rights of Way

The Chairman reported that he had met with RoW officer Jas Sidhu and a number of parish matters had been discussed.

08/16 Parish Improvements

a) Youth Shelter – Wrockwardine Playing Fields

The Clerk informed the meeting that he was aware of the existence of a Youth shelter, then in storage, which had been removed from an unsuccessful site after being vandalised. The meeting heard that the shelter could be obtained for nothing more than the cost of refurbishment and, although the cost of refurbishment had yet to be obtained, the shelter was otherwise modern and would cost in all likelihood a lot less than a new one.

The Clerk agreed to obtain a quote for refurbishment and the chairman agreed to go and look at the shelter.

b) Parish Playgrounds and land.

There was nothing to report.

c) Dog Bins and dog by-laws; Wrockwardine Playing fields

Following discussion it was RESOLVED to take no action in regard to the imposition of any by-law. The purchase of a dog bin and appropriate sign was delegated to the F&GP Committee to consider.

The Clerk was asked to obtain information on the availability of free poop scoop bags from the Borough Council.

c) Football field Wrockwardine

The meeting heard that work on the field had been completed as discussed at the previous meeting.

d) Landscaping of verge Station Road Wrockwardine

It was agreed that Council should obtain renewed quotes for consideration and that the matter should be placed on the next agenda.

08/17 F&GP Committee

It was RESOLVED not to hold an F&GP meeting in May.

08/18 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

T&WC	Caroline Oakes Locality Manager – request to visit PC to talk about rural issues. The Clerk was asked to invite Caroline to a suitable meeting of Council.
SALC WAC	Notification of AGM 12 th June 2008 – noted.
Eon	Street Light maintenance contract renewal. Agreed.
Npower	Notification of price increase. Noted.
WPCC	Invitation to Chairman to attend inauguration of new Vicar – Vice Chairman to attend.

9.04 p.m. Cllr. Craik left the meeting.

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

ROSPA	June inspection of playing field - noted
T&WC	Bank Holiday rubbish and recycling dates - noted
T&WC	Recycling of shredded paper - noted.
CPRE	Notification of AGM- noted.
T&WC	Building a better Borough – Road Maintenance – noted.

9.10 p.m. Cllr. Dawes left the meeting.

T&WC	New process for considering allegations of breaches of the Code of Conduct – noted.
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T&WC Revised Parish Charter – The Chairman agreed to read the new Charter and it was agreed to refer the matter to the F&GP Committee.

08/19 Planning Matters

Applications

- W08/0398 Proposed pollarding of one lime tree ABC Nursery The School Wrockwardine. There were no objections.
- W08/0481 Erection of part two storey part single storey rear extension with verandah above single storey element The Ranch Rushmoor Lane. There were no objections.
- W08/0497 Erection of dwelling Plot two land off Elmsdale Crescent. There were no objections.
- W08/0511 Conversion of garage to therapy pool room erection of pitched roof above and installation of dormer window to side The Cherry Trees Charlton. There were no objections.

Permissions

The following permissions were received:

- W08/0252 Installation of replacement sewage treatment plant etc The Plough Inn Allscott.
- W08/0229 Pruning of oak tree at 33 Burnell Road Admaston.
- W08/0251 Erection of externally illuminated double sided pole sign etc The Plough Inn Allscott.
- W09/0329 Display of one illuminated fascia sign; Unit 2/3 Allscott.
- W/08/0314 Erection of conservatory to rear and installation of rear patio; The Plough Inn, Allscott.
- W08/0313 Demolition of single storey outbuilding, erection of a single storey and two storey extensions to side and rear, installation of new windows, formation of new vehicular access and installation of new septic tank; 7 Allscott.
- W08/0095 Erection of single storey rear extension and installation of roof lantern to rear Orleton Hall Wellington.
- W08/0093 [Listed consent] Erection of single storey rear extension and installation of roof lantern to rear Orleton Hall Wellington.
- W08/0311 [Listed consent] Demolition of single storey outbuildings, erection of single storey rear and two storey extensions to side and rear, installation of new windows, formation of new vehicular access and installation of new septic tank 7 Allscott.

Refusals

The following refusal was received:

- W08/0320 Demolition of two dwellings and replacement with four new two storey terraced dwellings; 6 & 8 The Avenue, Wrockwardine [amended plans]. [Conservation Area Consent]
- W08/0284 Erection of dwelling with detached garage Land at Church Farm Wrockwardine.
- W08/0295 Demolition of existing cart shed; Land at Church Farm, Wrockwardine. [Conservation Consent]
- W08/0094 Erection of dwelling house and detached garage land at Church Farm Wrockwardine.

08/20 Accounts for Payment

- a) **Receipts & Payments - It was RESOLVED - that these be approved and paid as tabled.**
- b) **Statement 15** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.
- c) **Audit**
The meeting RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts.
The meeting RESOLVED to approve the annual governance statement.

The meeting RESOLVED to renew the existing insurance policy with Alianz Cornhill.

08/21 Press Statement

Delegated to the Chairman - at his discretion.

08/22 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all for attending and took the opportunity to once more set on record Council's thanks to Cllr. Ballantyne for his undoubted hard work whilst in the Chair.

08/23 Next Meeting

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Council was to be on Wednesday 11th June 2008 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____