

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th May 2009 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr. – S.C. Rawlings - Chairman
Cllrs. E. Dawes, D. Powell, Mrs Jo Savage and Mrs Sheila
Turner.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also present: PC Judith McPherson and PCSO Suzy Coombs.

09/20 Election of Chairman

The Chairman called for nominations to the post of Chairman.
Cllr. Dawes nominated Cllr. Rawlings to serve a further term as Chairman of
Council for the forthcoming year. The nomination was seconded by Cllr.
Powell.
The Chairman called for further nominations. There being no other
nominations, Cllr. Rawlings was elected to the post of Chairman unopposed.

09/21 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.

09/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Elaine Ballantyne,
K. Ballantyne, M. Craik and T. Kiernan. The meeting was aware that Cllr.
Nadine Evans had attended prior to the meeting but had been called away to
attend to an urgent domestic matter; she had tendered her apologies and stated
that she would endeavour to return to the meeting as soon as possible.
The meeting received courtesy apologies from Borough Councillor Miss
Seymour.

09/23 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. Sheila Turner.
The Chairman called for further nominations. There being no other
nominations, Cllr. Craik was elected to the post of Vice Chairman unopposed.

09/24 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Rawlings declared an interest in applications W2009/0293 and
W2009/0294.
The Clerk informed the meeting that prior to her being called away, Cllr. Mrs
Evans had stated that she wished to declare an interest in application
W2009/0358. The meeting was asked to formally record the declaration so that
it could be formally noted in the event that Cllr. Mrs Evans was able to rejoin

the meeting.

Cllr. Dawes declared an interest in application W2009/0358.

09/25 Police Report

PC McPherson presented the police report and answered questions.

7:39 p.m. PC Judith McPherson and PCSO Suzy Coombs left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman for their attendance.

09/26 Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

09/27 Minutes

Cllr Powell stated that, in minute 09/09, the junction he had referred to was that of Pemberton Road, not the cross roads. It was agreed to amend the minutes. Subject to the amendment:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2009 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

09/28 Committees/Working Groups

Finance & General Purposes Committee.

It was RESOLVED to retain the status quo.

09/29 Meetings of the Council

It was RESOLVED to retain the existing schedule and frequency of meetings.

09/30 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.

09/31 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.**
- g) Traffic Management Group – Cllr. Mrs Turner.**

09/32 Rural Matters

Parish Plans

The meeting received feedback from the Annual Parish Meeting. It was felt that the APM had been pleased to receive the presentation by Caroline Oaks (Borough Rural Officer) on Parish Plans.

The meeting discussed what steps to take next in bringing together electors to take on the task of preparing a Parish Plan. It was agreed to consider holding open meetings in each of the rural areas of the parish; the Clerk was asked to place the matter on the next agenda for discussion.

09/33 Traffic Matters

The Clerk informed the meeting that Cllr. Kiernan had personally cut back the overgrown hedge which was making visibility difficult at the Admaston pedestrian crossing and that the matter of the noisy, loose manhole cover had, once more, been reported, via the Borough Councillors, to the Borough Council.

09/34 Play Areas

Road The meeting discussed the tabled draft leases for the play areas at Burnell and Walcott. There was concern over two of the conditions relating to maintenance and ROSPA inspection requirements. The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries with the Borough as to cost implications and was awaiting a response. It was resolved to take no action until in receipt of further information.

09/35 Admaston House Trust

a) Report from Parish Representative.

Cllr. Powell gave details of forthcoming fund raising events and stated that it was hoped to start on the new building in the autumn. The meeting discussed possible impact on development work on the use of Admaston Green. It was agreed that Cllr. Powell, as secretary to the Trust, would keep the council fully informed of any work which might have an impact upon the adjoining green.

09/36 Parish Improvements

a) Adoption of red telephone kiosk Alscott

The Clerk informed the meeting that confirmation had been received from BT that the Kiosk was now the property of the Parish Council and that the appropriate notice had been placed in the Kiosk.

b) Play Areas

The meeting heard that the Clerk had been contacted by Borough Officers in regard to progress on the possible acquisition of land at Whiteways Drive and had received information that the Borough was awaiting a legal conveyance of the land from the developers before it could proceed further but the matter was in hand.

c) Play Wall for Wrockwardine

Following discussion it was resolved to purchase a Play Wall to be sited on a site in a suitable location, if necessary with appropriate hard standing, on the playing fields with the location to be agreed prior to completion.

09/37 Correspondence

1. **Correspondence requiring a decision**

W & A Table Tennis Club	Grant application. Resolved to defer to next grant meeting.
Eon	Maintenance Contract. Noted and agreed.
NALC	Employment Act 2008 (implementation). Noted.

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

Human Rights Commission	Public Sector Equality Duties. Noted.
Eon	Administrative changes. Noted.
St. Christophers	Thanks for grant. Noted.
CPRE	AGM Mins and Agenda. Cllr. Dawes.
T&WC	Animal Welfare (DVD). Noted.

09/38 Planning Matters

The meeting discussed a suggestion placed at the Annual Parish Council that the Parish Council should call upon the Borough council to have and publish a view form a planning perspective as to what might be expected, by way of conditions, for any future development of the former sugar beet factory site. It was resolved to formulate a discussion document to be placed before the next meeting.

The following planning matters were placed before the meeting:

Applications

W09/0281 Erection of agricultural storage building with creation of access road and hard standing. 10 Rushmoor Lane Rushmoor. It was resolved to request that a condition of agricultural use only be placed on any permission.

The Chairman presented applications 0294 and 0295 to the meeting but did not take part in any debate or vote.

W09/0294 Erection of one detached dwelling with attached triple garage. Plot 1 Site B Bratton Road. There were no objections.

W09/0293 Erection of one detached dwelling with attached triple garage. Plot 2 Site B Bratton Road. There were no objections.

W09/0302 Tree works per schedule Wrockwardine cemetery. There were no objections.

W09/0324 Erection of detached garage with office above (amendment to permission W07/1078) Overly Hill Cottage. There were no objections.

W09/0353 Erection of steel portal framed agricultural building at Cluddley Farm. There were no objections.

W09/0358 Erection of conservatory to rear Allscott House Allscott. There were no objections. [Cllr. Dawes took no part in the debate]

W09/0362 Erection of a two storey side extension 1 West View Bratton Road. There were no objections.

Permissions

The following permissions were received:

W09/0014 Replacement of existing chicken shed The Farm 16 Charlton.

W09/0203 Tree works Briar House Allscott.

W08/1353 Removal of condition 7 from planning permission and removal of condition 2 from condition restricting use to A J Maiden & Sons only. Maiden's of Telford Cross Green.
The meeting expressed disappointment at the approval.

Refusals

No refusals were received.

09/39 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 27 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Audit

The meeting received and approved the annual accounts.
The meeting confirmed the Audit report.

09/40 Press Statement

The Clerk agreed to send details of the meeting to the press.

09/41 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting.

09/42 Next Meeting

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Council was to be on Wednesday 10th June 2009 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.22 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____