

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th March 2000
at Wrockwardine Parish Hall, Wrockwardine at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Cllr. Mrs. Hargrave, Chairman
Cllrs. B. C. Brown, D. Blackwell, V.M.E. Holt,
Mrs. E. S. Jones, Mrs. J. Savage,
J. G. Thomas, and C. H. Whittingham.
Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

Also in attendance: P.C. Pete Palmer
Viv Jones Community Safety Officer (T&WC)
Two members of the public

37/00 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and introduced Viv Jones Community Safety Officer Telford & Wrekin Council. Viv was attending the meeting to inform members of her roll in the community. It was **agreed** that Viv could address the meeting in item 4 of the agenda as her roll was closely related to that of PC Palmer.

38/00 Apologies for Absence were received from;
Cllr. Mrs. Carver and Cllr. Tomlinson

39/00 Declaration of Interest
There were no declarations.

40/00 Police Report

PC Palmer stated that there had been no reports of any crime in Wrockwardine since 19th February. In Admaston, problems were being encountered with children (youths) causing nuisance around the area of the shops. PC Palmer assured the meeting that the problems would be addressed in the coming week as part of his night shift.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage reported concerns over children being in the area of Gorsey Bank very late at night. PC Palmer agreed to visit the area at night.

7.34 p.m. Cllr. Miss. Seymour (Unitary Cllr.) entered the meeting room.

Cllr. Blackwell reported a possible traffic hazard now being encountered at the two new pedestrian refuges on Crowdale Road by vehicles leaving Glovers Way - some are negotiating the hazard by going round them the wrong way. PC Palmer agreed that they were not well lit but felt that the matter would be better dealt with by T&WC Traffic Management if they had, in providing the refuges, created problems for motorists.

7.36 p.m. There being no more police matters, PC Palmer left the meeting.

Viv Jones introduced herself to members and made available copies of the

Community Safety Strategy. Members heard details of the role of Community Safety Officer and Viv outlined her main objectives and the opportunities to work in partnership with others to solve some issues. Examples were given of projects involving young people working to build relationships with older residents and how such initiatives could be funded. One of the main objectives highlighted was that of aiming to reduce offences committed by 14 to 21 year olds by channelling their energies into more constructive things. Some examples of practical problem solving were given in answer to members questions. The Chairman thanked Viv for her attendance and the information passed on to the council.

41/00 Minutes

It was:

Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2000 be confirmed and signed by the chairman.

42/00 Matters arising out of the Minutes

(a) Drains

Cllr. Mrs. Savage reported that (at long last) the drains in Wrockwardine were receiving attention and are currently flowing with the exception of one which needs lifting.

Cllr. Whittingham commented that a lot of sand was currently being washed from adjacent fields.

(b) Post Office Wrockwardine

Members heard that there was a new applicant currently undergoing training and Post Office counters Ltd. had agreed to provide temporary cover for the required period. All agreed that it was a great relief that the post office had been given a reprieve.

(c) Annual Spring Clean

Cllr. Brown agreed to act as co-ordinator for the work in the parish and called for volunteers.

43/00 Annual Parish Meeting

Members discussed the format of the meeting and it was **agreed** that it be held at 7 p.m. prior to the parish council meeting and that the following representatives of local groups be invited to present reports;

Cllr. Mrs. Hargrave - Parish Council

Cllrs. Blackwell and Seymour - Unitary Councillors

Mr. John Oldham-Malcolm - Chair of Governors St.Peters School

Mr. Roger Yates - Parish Hall Committee

Mr. M. Goldstraw - Wrockwardine & Tiddicross Charities

44/00 Town Green Application

The Clerk informed members that Mr. Phil Semple, head of property services T&WC, had called for a meeting between T&WC, the Parish Council and

Admaston House Trust, in an effort to make some headway. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED that Cllr. Brown and the Clerk be delegated to attend the meeting and report back to the council.**

45/00 Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Bratton Road

The meeting heard of the proposal to legally, permanently close Bratton Road. Concerns were expressed by members that T&WC were applying for the closure before exploring all the viable alternative routes should the road be closed. The process of consultation undertaken by T&WC was questioned and it was felt that those who were requesting closure were, possibly, in the minority. A number of letters objecting to the proposal were read to the meeting. Members were reminded that at a previous meeting, Mr. Adam Nichols (Traffic Management Engineer) had said that English Partnerships had commissioned a survey to open up an alternative route on the unofficial road now used by the contractors.

Following discussion, it was

Resolved to write to T&WC requesting a stay of implementation pending proper investigation of alternatives.

46/00 Land at Admaston

Cllr. Brown reminded members that the council had, in the recent past, been offered, by English Partnerships, a plot of land on the north side of Station Road and asked that the matter be reconsidered. It was felt that the land, if in the hands of the council, could at least be safeguarded from development and would make a possible wild flower meadow. **The Clerk was asked to make further enquiries as to the availability of the land and the possibility of transfer of ownership.**

47/00 Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:-

1. Telford & Wrekin Council -

- (a) Minutes and Agenda 1st March.
- (b) Invitation to Civic celebration 1st April.
- (c) Temporary Prohibition Order, The Old School Wrockwardine, previously circulated. Cllr. Mrs. Savage reported no problems occurring during this operation.
- (d) Prohibition of Traffic Order, Bratton Road. Dealt with in 45/00.

CPRE	CPRE Voice.
Shrop & Mid Wales Hospice	Letter of thanks for grant.
MEB	Price review - Clerk to report on developments.
Wellington Town Council	Millennium Concert 25th March - noted.
SAPTC	Training schedule for Councillors and Clerks 2000/01.

48/00 Planning Matters

(a) Applications

Resolved that no objections be made to the following applications:-

W88/206 Leaton Quarry consultation document

(b) Permissions

The following permissions were noted by the council.

- W2000/0064 Construction of indoor swimming pool Redwood House Allscott.
W99/1052 Demolition and construction of new bridge Walcott Bridge Roddington Heath.
W99/0988 Demolition of existing building and construction of new storage building - Agropharm Ltd. Overly Hill, Overly.
W99/0987 Erection of 2 single storey extensions to provide additional office space - Agropharm Ltd. Overly Hill, Overly.

Members were informed that T&WC had published the Adoption Of The Wrekin Local Plan - Adopted 11th February 2000 under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 and copies were available to purchase from Civic Offices.

49/00 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 78 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

50/00 Grant Applications

There were no applications to consider.

51/00 Reports

Cllr. Mrs. Jones - Asked that an approach be made to T&WC to provide a continuation of the footpath, which currently ends abruptly, on Shawbirch Road. Clerk to approach T&WC.

Reported the cutting down of a tree along the line of planting at Beanhill Brook. The Clerk was asked to inform Siobhan Reedy T&WC.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage - Informed the meeting that Wrockwardine Millennium Group had now acquired a basket ball post and intended to put it in the playing field if the council had no objections.

Members expressed their encouragement and gave approval.

52/00 Press Statement

The Clerk was asked to stress concerns over the Bratton Road Closure and to express the councils feelings of optimism over the reprieve of the post office. The Clerk was asked to write to Post Office Counters Ltd. in support of the proposals to continue the post office operation in the village.

53/00 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 12th April to commence at 7.00 p.m. with the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.09 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____