

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th March 2001  
at Admaston House Community Centre, Admaston at 7.30 p.m.**

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**Present:**

Cllr. Mrs. R. Hargrave - Chairman  
Cllrs. Mrs. M. Carver, A. Orrell, , V.M.E. Holt  
Mrs E.S. Jones, D. Powell and Mrs. J. Savage.  
Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

**Also in attendance:** Mrs. Jenny Watts and Mr David McClelland  
representing Wrockwardine Millennium Committee.  
Three members of the public.

**01/36 Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all those in attendance stating that the council was always pleased to see that members of the electorate were taking an interest in its activities.

**01/37 Apologies for Absence**

The Meeting was informed that, although he was not at this time in attendance, Cllr. Ballantyne was in fact representing the Parish Council at another meeting and would join this meeting later in the evening if time permitted.

The Meeting was further informed that Cllrs Miss Seymour and Blackwell were

also attending the same meeting and would join this meeting later if time permitted, and that Cllr. Brown who has another regular Wednesday early evening meeting would be arriving late and had apologised for doing so.

**01/38 Declaration of Interest**

No declarations were made.

**01/39 Police Report**

PC Palmer was not in attendance.

Cllr. Mrs. Carver reported that a local farmer had experienced problems with a gang of young girls, thought to be from Dothill, dancing on silage clamps.

Cllr. Orrell reported a matter of concern within the parish, which due to its nature, Members agreed should be kept confidential. It was agreed that the Clerk should pass on both matters to PC Palmer for his attention.

**7.34 p.m. Cllr. Rawlings joined the meeting** and apologised for his late arrival.

**01/40 Minutes**

Cllr. Mrs. Jones requested that minute 01/22 referring to the “Drop In Centre” should be clarified to read “the drop In Centre at Brooklands, Dothill” this was agreed.

Cllr. Holt pointed out a grammatical error at 01/33 Cllr. Orrell’s report. “discussion” should be decision. This was agreed.

**Subject to the above amendments, it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2001 be confirmed. Accordingly, the Minutes of the meeting were signed as a true record (subject to the amendments) by the chairman.**

**01/41 Matters arising out of the Minutes**

(a) School places for rural pupils

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been exchanged and would be reported in item 11 on the agenda.

**01/42 Proposed Cycle Track at Wrockwardine Playing Fields**

Members discussed the possible implications of the proposals on the council’s insurance policy. Cllr. Mrs. Carver stated that she was under the impression that T&WC had agreed to cover the existing play equipment in their block policy. The Chairman suspended Standing Orders briefly to allow Mr. Whittingham, former Clerk to the Council, present as a member of the public, to comment. Mr. Whittingham confirmed that he also was of the opinion that the equipment was covered by T&WC. The Clerk was asked to properly investigate matters.

Cllr. Rawlings asked if provision could be made for surfacing between the track and the road. Cllr. Holt suggested that it would be more expedient to get on with the proposals and consider other additions afterwards. Cllr. Rawlings replied that it may be more economical to do any additional work while heavy plant was on the site.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow the representatives from the Millennium Committee to answer questions. Mrs Watts stated that the scheme was to be grant funded and a considerable amount had to be raised locally. It was therefore limited in scope and a line had to be drawn somewhere. Mr. McClelland reminded the meeting that planning permission for the scheme had yet to be sought and a licence had not yet been granted by the Parish Council.

**7.55 p.m. Cllr. Ballantyne joined the meeting.**

Having been appraised of the discussion so far, Cllr. Ballantyne suggested that it would be a small matter to include a clause in the proposed licence to state that the licence shall only become effective if sufficient funds have been raised to complete the works.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Carver that a licence (including the necessary clauses) should be issued to the Millennium Committee. Seconded by Cllr. Rawlings, it was **resolved that a licence (including the necessary clauses) should be issued to the Millennium Committee.**

The Clerk suggested that as a gesture of goodwill, the planning application could be submitted by this Parish Council. This would allow the application to be processed at a 50% discount.

Cllr. Powell proposed that the planning application be submitted by the Parish Council. Seconded by Cllr. Ballantyne. It was **resolved that the planning application be submitted by the Parish Council.**

#### **01/43 Town Green Application and Admaston House**

The Chairman, in referring to an article in the Wellington News 18 March 2001, stated that she had found the article to be most unfortunate. The Member who put his name to the article was reminded that there was a collective responsibility. The Chairman went on to state that the article had no validity and was incorrect, had undone a great deal of work done by the council and had been deeply hurtful.

Cllr. Holt stated that the publication of such an article had been a gross impertinence. The Chairman stated that hurt had been felt because the Parish Council had tried all along to work with the Trust.

Cllr. Powell responded by stating that he had made the point some time ago that Admaston House Trust felt that it had a duty to consult the public.

#### **8.00 p.m. Cllrs. Brown and Blackwell (Unitary) joined the meeting.**

Cllr. Powell stated that when it was reported to the Trust that the Parish Council would not delay determination of the Town Green application to allow time for consultation, the Trust was “flabbergasted”.

#### **8.03 p.m. Cllr. Miss Seymour joined the meeting**

Cllr. Powell went on to state that it was realised that even if the T.G. application was refused, there was a possibility that the council would appeal. The Trust felt it vital that the views of the public be known. Admaston House was likely to close within a year and a lot of people wanted something done about it. There was a call for this council to do something about it.

The Chairman stated that Cllr. Powell was giving the impression that this council wished to see the centre closed. Nothing could be further than the truth. This council fully supports Admaston House but has a duty to consider the whole parish and is accountable to the public. The Chairman called, once more, for a business plan to be provided so that proper consideration can be given to the Trust proposals.

Cllr. Powell stated that the council was perfectly entitled to spend public money on supporting the scheme. The Chairman replied that the council had to justify expenditure and could not support such a grandiose scheme as that proposed by the Trust without seeing a business plan.

Members entered into an in depth discussion which largely went over ground covered in previous debates on the matter. Most members wished it to be clear that if T&WC did decide to close Admaston House, it would not be because of the Parish Council. Concern was expressed over the scale of the AHT scheme and its viability.

Green Cllr. Orrell tried twice to persuade Members to discuss provision of a Community Centre even though the council is proceeding with the Town application. He referred to a paper he had given to the Clerk which had been handed to all members and a “mind map” which had been seen by the Joint Working Group.

Cllr. Brown stated that the Parish Council had in the past avoided any involvement with Admaston House, giving several reasons, mainly financial. Other Members signified their approval of his remarks. Cllr. Orrell responded by saying that it seemed from this response that Members would not be concerned if there wasn't a Community Centre in Admaston.

Members responded strongly that this was not so.

The Chairman then closed this part of the discussion by stating that the Parish Council had decided to proceed with the Town Green application and that no further discussion was therefore warranted until the issue had been resolved.

#### **01/44 Annual Parish Meeting**

The Chairman gave her apologies in advance for non attendance at the APM, she would be attending a parents meeting at her place of work.

The Clerk gave details of organisations which had been invited to send representatives to give reports.

legal Cllr. Mrs. Carver asked about the requirement for local organisations to give financial reports. The Clerk explained that it had, in years gone by, been a requirement for local charities to present financial reports to the A.P.M, but this was no longer the case. Cllr. Ballantyne confirmed that the previous requirement had been superseded by more stringent requirements to report to the Charity Commission.

#### **01/45 Periodic Electoral Review (Local Government Commission for England)**

Cllr. Blackwell gave a report on the content of the meeting held earlier in the evening and attended by Cllr. Ballantyne(Parish Council) and Cllrs. Blackwell and Seymour (Unitary Councillors).

Cllr. Ballantyne stated that he would provide a written report to the Clerk for circulation.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs. Ballantyne, Blackwell and Seymour for their attendance at the meeting.

#### **01/46 Correspondence**

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:-

1. Telford & Wrekin Council -

- (a) Street naming Admaston - confirmation of acceptance of St Peter's Walk and Sharp Close.
- (b) Invitation to Civic Service 29/3/01 - noted.
- (c) Dog Fouling signs - to be placed on agenda for next meeting.
- (d) Mins and agenda - noted
- (e) Reply to letter expressing concern over places for rural children at St Peter's school. - It was noted that an amendment had been proposed to the admissions policy of the school in acknowledgement of the problem.
- (f) Letter stating that the ex T&WC council shops could no longer be used for bill payments and redirecting residents to use local Post Offices - noted.

CPRE	Shropshire Landscapes magazine - circulated.
CPRE	Voice newsletter - circulated.
Admaston Baby & Toddler Group	Letter and petition over possible closure of Admaston House. Members were informed that the Clerk had replied to the letter addressing the position of the Parish council and referring the matter to T&WC with whom the responsibility lay.
NTROWP	Next meeting 12/4/00 - Cllrs. Orrell and Rawlings to attend.
Samaritans	Thanks for grant.
T&W CVS	Newsline - circulated.
CPRE	Planning Update and Rural Matters - circulated.
NALC	Policy Update Rural White Paper - circulated.
C/side Agency	Right to Roam Leaflet - Clerk to order further copies for Members.
SCC	Public Transport News - circulated.
Mr. George Evans	Request for information for possible publication in a future volume of Mr Evans' historical booklets. The Clerk was asked to request the assistance of the parish's two "elder statesmen" former councillors Thomas and Whittingham.
Mr. A.J. Oldham-Malcolm	Confirmation of acceptance of invitation to attend A.P.M.

#### **01/47 Planning Matters**

##### **(a) Applications**

###### **Consideration was given to the following applications:**

- W01/0109      Erection of single storey extension to provide a swimming pool. 6 Spa Crescent, Admaston. Approved
- W01/0116      Felling of 2 Lime and crown reduction/thinning to 3 Lime and 1 Horsechestnut, Briar House, Allscott. Approved
- W01/0044      *Change of use of ground floor of barn to retail shop etc. the Elephant House, Long Lane. **Members were informed***

*that this application arrived via Wrockwardine Wood PC too late to react to the deadline of 9th February.*

Members agreed that it was fortunate that this application had not been contentious as it would have been too late to object. The Clerk was asked to write to the head of the planning dept to ask what could be done to avoid future applications going to the wrong parish.

**(b) Permissions**

**The following permissions were noted by the Council:**

EP/PL/TF/04/00/09 (English Partnerships 7(i) )

Authorisation for development. Station Road Phase 2, Admaston,

**01/48 Accounts for Payment**

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

**Statement 90** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

**01/49 Grant Applications**

The Counselling and Therapy Trust

Members were informed that a grant of £15 had been made to this organisation in April of this financial year. It was therefore agreed to hold over this request until next month (new financial year).

Telford Sea Cadets. The Meeting heard that the Cadets had suffered an horrendous arson attack which had destroyed most of their equipment and damaged their meeting hut.

Proposed by Cllr. Powell that a grant of £50 be made to Telford Sea Cadets. Seconded by Cllr. Rawlings, it was **resolved that a grant of £50 be made to Telford Sea Cadets.**

**01/50 Reports**

Cllr. Ballantyne -

Reported that the road from Wellington to the cross roads in Admaston is getting busier and pedestrians were having difficulties crossing. Requested that the possibility of some form of crossing be put to T&WC.

A discussion was held on the possible outcome of the traffic survey currently being undertaken within the parish and it was agreed to leave this matter in abeyance until the outcome of the survey is known.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage -

Reported that traffic travelling from Station

Road in the direction of sugar beet factory was on the whole too fast for the road. A discussion was held and it was agreed to report the problems.

A discussion was held on the effects and hardships of the current Foot and Mouth disease.

Cllr. Mrs. Carver -

Reiterated her concerns over the continual problem with heavy goods vehicles ignoring or not understanding (foreign drivers) the low bridge signs. Cllr. Mrs. Carver was concerned that the situation was an accident waiting to happen. The Clerk was asked to follow up the council's request for more appropriate signage.

Cllr. Brown -

requested that the council write to the owner of a house in Admaston requesting that something be done to remove the increasingly large collection of "classic" (scrap !) vehicles at the side of the house. Cllr. Ballantyne suggested that the planning authority had powers to deal with matters causing an eyesore. Clerk to action.

Cllr. Rawlings -

Reported that the junction at Bratton Road and Whiteway Drive was causing problems and could be potentially dangerous. The road priority needs to be highlighted. Also that Bratton Road needs resigning at that point. Clerk to report the problems to T&WC.

Cllr. Orrell -

Gave a report on the recent meeting of Allscott Action Group and stated that as an individual he had written to T&WC about road networking and requested definitions.

Reported that Allscott residents had made complaints about lorries from Maidens.

Reported a large pot hole at Pemberton Road, Cllr. Powell confirmed.

The Chairman congratulated Cllr. Powell on his election to the Arleston Ward of Wellington Town Council.

### **01/51 Press Statement**

It was agreed that the Clerk report significant matters discussed at the meeting to the press.

**01/52 Next Meeting**

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday, 11th April 2001 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall, Wrockwardine, **to be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7.00 p.m. at the same venue.**

The meeting closed at 9.46 p.m.

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

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