

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2002 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall, Wrockwardine at 7.30. p.m.

Present:

Cllr. - B. C. Brown - Vice Chairman in the Chair.
Cllrs. K. J. S. Ballantyne, Mrs. M. A. Carver, E. A. Cowling,
Mrs. E.S. Jones, A. Orrell, D. Powell and Mrs. J. Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

Also in attendance: Three members of the public.

Police - Inspector Kevin Burke and PC Pete Palmer

02/47 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented that there were fewer members of the public present at this meeting than at the last and that this was a matter of some sadness. He asked all those present to give some thought to the contents of the Annual Parish Meeting which was fast approaching and requested that any matters for the agenda be submitted to the Clerk in good time.

02/48 Police Session

The Chairman welcomed both officers.

PC Palmer gave an update on the proposed Youth Project and gave details of a "pod" which had been obtained for the project and which it was hoped could be used to provide temporary accommodation for the scheme. Members discussed the scheme in detail and PC Palmer gave an indication of the likely funding which could be obtained. PC Palmer answered questions from Members relating to Health & Safety issues with the pod and stated that it would be on site for no more than two or three months to gauge the effect on the community. He reassured Members that throughout the project, the public would be consulted and their views sought.

He stated that it was hoped to obtain computer equipment for the users but that there were no plans at this stage for either internet or T&WC's intranet to be utilised. Cllr. Cowling stated that he had a surplus computer which could be used in the project and he was thanked by PC Palmer.

Cllr. Mrs Carver asked for clarification over staffing and supervision and was assured by PC Palmer that all would be done through T&WC Youth Services who would provide staff if funding could be provided by the group for two evenings a week. The purpose of the project he stated was to nip antisocial behaviour in the bud but it was important to obtain the consent of the community.

PC Palmer then asked the Council to consider the make up of the proposed committee stating that it would need to be made up of three Councillors, three Trust Members and himself. It was agreed that the matter be placed on the

agenda for the APM and Cllr. Brown agreed to speak to the Parish on the subject.

Cllr. Ballantyne asked Inspector Burke to comment upon the current traffic issues the parish was dealing with and in particular its request for speed cameras.

Before Inspector Burke responded, the Clerk read out a recent response from Inspector Gary Higgins.

Inspector Burke's response was largely based around the policy of being "intelligence lead" and he stated that the deployment of resources has to be justified therefore the force works on analysing data and responds accordingly. He gave examples of sites where the force did use speed enforcement cameras and stated that the reason they were used in those areas was to reduce casualties and not as a speed deterrent. He agreed with Cllr. Ballantyne that the Human Rights legislation could not be used as reason not to implement any scheme.

Cllr. Ballantyne thanked him for his comments but went on to outline the difficulty the Parish Council has in reconciling the differing views of the parish and pointing out that speed control is a major issue.

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with Inspector Higgins to clarify the outstanding issues relating to speed camera requests made by this parish. The Clerk was asked to request that Inspector Higgins meets with Cllrs. Ballantyne and Orrell and the Clerk.

8.14 p.m. The officers were thanked for their attendance and they left the meeting.

02/49 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs. R. Hargrave and S. Rawlings. Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. Miss. J. Seymour and Cllr. Blackwell (Unitary Councillors).

02/50 Declaration of Interest

Cllrs Ballantyne, asked that it be noted that he had a non pecuniary interest in matters relating to traffic calming on Station Road/ Shawbirch Road which was limited to that of residing in property adjacent to the road concerned.

The Clerk stated that he would also record similar declarations on behalf of Cllrs Orrell and Mrs. Jones.

Cllr. Mrs Jones stated that she felt that it was wholly unnecessary for her to continue to declare an interest in matters relating to the roads in question since she had at all times acted in a non personal manner and for the good of the Parish as a whole, the fact that she lived on Station Road, was neither here nor there.

02/51 Minutes

Members agreed that Minute 2/37 para 4, should more accurately be recorded as:

"The Chairman explained that although the Parish Council is prepared to listen

to representations and take on board what is said, it is the duty of the Council to do what is being asked of it by not only those present but also the rest of the parish and that any solution which is to be offered must take account of the views of not only those present but also those of the rest of the Parish. There is an opportunity for those present to form a group to produce a solution which is acceptable to the whole of the Parish.”

Subject to the above amendment , the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2002 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

02/52 Matters Arising

a) Footway Lighting

No reply had been received from T&WC, the Clerk stated that he would now be more insistent.

b)Wrockwardine Playing Fields

Cllr. Orrell stated that all was in place and it was merely a matter of awaiting lighter nights to allow the job to be done in daylight. Members were content to wait and were pleased that volunteers were giving their time.

c) Grit bin

The Clerk reported that a request had been made and an order would be placed by this council if consent to site was received.

d) Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk confirmed that the APM was to be held at 7pm on Tuesday 9th April at Admaston House Community Centre.

Cllr. Ballantyne thanked Cllr. Brown for Chairing the previous meeting. It could, he stated, have been a most difficult meeting. It was chaired well and therefore was a good meeting.

02/53 Land at Admaston House

a) Update on the progress of the lease

The Chairman reported to the meeting that the lease had been properly signed and executed by himself and Cllr. Ballantyne and witnessed by the Clerk on Friday 9th March.

The Clerk was pleased to report that he had since then had it confirmed by the solicitor acting for the council that contracts had been exchanged and that the land was now in the legal possession of the Parish Council.

Cllr. Brown summed up the feelings of the meeting by stating that he was delighted that this had been achieved and that he thought the council should have a small gathering at some time to celebrate. Arrangements were made for a private celebration of the achievement at no expense to the parish.

Cllr. Orrell stated that he thought the implementation of the Town Green

application had been a master stroke in the scheme to safeguard the land and in accepting the 125 year lease, the council had achieved everything it wanted to at the end of the day.

The Clerk reminded Members that there was still the matter of visitors to the land parking on what was now the car park belonging to the Trust to be considered. He was asked to write to the Trustees to discuss the possibility of a licence which would allow visitors to the land to use the car park. Cllr. Ballantyne took no part in this discussion as he would be required to advise the trustees of Admaston House.

b) To decide upon a more appropriate name for the site.

Cllr. Brown asked Members to give consideration to a more appropriate name for the site stating that it would be cumbersome to continue to call it the “land adjacent to Admaston House”. He suggested that a more appropriate name would be “Admaston Green”.

Cllr. Cowling proposed that the council officially adopt the name of Admaston Green for the land, seconded by Cllr Orrell. It was **resolved that the land otherwise known and described as Land Adjacent to Admaston House be henceforth known as Admaston Green.**

02/54 Traffic Matters

a) Shawbirch Road/Station Road

The Clerk gave details of the survey of traffic movements and speeds which had been carried out following the January traffic meeting.

Members discussed the matter at length. Cllr. Orrell suggested that it was essential that the council receive written replies to its questions from Mr. Harvey - Clerk to request.

8.43 Cllr. Powell left the meeting.

b) Wider Traffic Matters

Cllr. Orrell requested that in response to the letter from the so called Admaston Action Group (copies had been forwarded to all Members by the group) the Clerk write back to say that Cllr. Orrell and Ballantyne would be prepared to meet with their group.

Cllr. Brown commented that some of the comments made by the group were very minor and incidental and he was somewhat saddened that there did not seem to be any indication that they took away anything from the last meeting.

Cllr. Mrs Jones questioned the authority and validity of the group.

Cllr. Cowling confirmed that their letter gave no indication of a Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer and asked if they had a constitution.

Cllr. Orrell stated that however they presented themselves, they were an action group and had a right to protect their interests.

Cllr. Brown thanked Cllrs. Orrell and Ballantyne and stated that he felt their offer to meet with the group was more than they needed to do. He went on to say that those who attended the last meeting had, despite being allowed to speak, added nothing new to the debate. The Council had listened to their views but had not been swayed from their intention that a solution must be sought which will satisfy the whole of the Parish and not just one small group.

02/55 Model Code of Conduct Order 2001

Cllr. Brown asked if Members had now considered the matter after studying the recommendations of NALC which the Clerk had forwarded.

Cllr. Orrell proposed that the Code be adopted by the Council, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Carver, **it was resolved unanimously that the Model Code of Conduct be adopted.**

Members discussed the practicalities of the implementation.

02/56 The Golden Jubilee of H.M. The Queen

Cllr. Brown gave a detailed report on the progress made to date by the working group. Members were content with the progress being made. There were no decisions required of the meeting.

02/57 Correspondence

1. Telford & Wrekin Council

(a) Traffic Matters Admaston village - dealt with previously in the meeting.

2. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

CVS Parish Plans - circulated

West Mercia Const Traffic Matters Admaston village - dealt with previously in the meeting.

GPU Faulty Power Units - The Clerk stated that the M.E.B. were responsible for the safety inspections on lamps in the parish and would check any lamps on our behalf.

CVS Newsletter - Cllr. Mrs. Savage

Lord Lieutenant Golden Jubilee - Cllr. Brown

CPRE Rural Matters and Voice - Cllrs Orrell and Mrs Carver

SCC Bus News - Cllr. Ballantyne

Parish Paths

Partnerships Definitive Maps of the Parish -Cllr. Orrell asked Members to note that there were anomalies in some of the plans provided and that he would bring the matter up at the next NTP3

meeting.

02/58 Planning Matters

Applications

- W02/0149 Alterations and improvements to listed building: Cluddley Farmhouse, Cluddley. There were no objections.
- W02/0148 Erection of single storey side and rear extension; Cluddley Farmhouse, Cluddley. There were no objections.
- W02/0185 Erection of 15m slimline lattice tower, 1no. equipment cabin, 1no. electrical meter cabinet, compound fencing and development ancillary thereto: land formerly Buckatree farm, Ercall Lane, Wellington. There were no objections.
- W02/0196 Proposed two storey extension and conversion of loft space. 20 Bratton Road Admaston Telford. There were no objections.

Members noted the following permissions:

- W01/0997 Erection of detached dwelling and double garage (outline) Land adjacent to Orchard Cottage Elmsdale Crescent Admaston. Members were pleased to note that there were stringent conditions which were laid down as having to be met prior to full permission being granted including the confirmation of a diversion order for the public right of way which affected the land.

Members discussed the requirements for permission in relation to properties situated in the conservation area undergoing alterations or repairs. The Clerk was awaiting details and information from the Conservation Officer. Comments were passed upon a particularly dilapidated property in the village of Wrockwardine.

Planning Green Paper

Cllr. Ballantyne gave a report on the effects of the proposed Planning Green Paper and stated that the CPRE had gone to some lengths to produce a consolidated response to the proposals. Members discussed the implications and were fully appraised of all the effects by Cllr. Ballantyne.

The Clerk asked if Members would consider a response to the Green Paper based upon the CPRE response. Cllr. Orrell proposed that the Parish Council support the CPRE and respond accordingly, seconded by Cllr. Cowling. It was **resolved that the council respond to the consultation and that the response be based upon that of the CPRE.**

Cllr. Ballantyne did not vote on the matter.

02/59 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 102 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Grants

Members considered the following grant applications:

Shropshire Playing Fields Association Easter & Summer Play Schemes
Cllr. Cowling proposed that £50 be granted, seconded by Cllr. Mrs Savage. It was **resolved that £50 be granted to the SPFA for Playschemes.** The Clerk was asked to make in clear that the grant was on the condition that the schemes took place in Wrockwardine Village.

T&WC Oakengates Theatre Summer Project
Resolved that no action be taken.

St Peter's Church Electricity and Grounds Maintenance
Proposed by Cllr. Cowling that £600 be paid as a contribution to the lighting of the Church and that such sum be taken from the general lighting fund as being lighting which benefits the Parish as a whole, seconded by Cllr. Ballantyne. It was **resolved that £600 be paid as a contribution to the lighting of the Church and that such sum be taken from the general lighting fund as being lighting which benefits the Parish as a whole.**

Proposed by Cllr. Ballantyne that a grant of £750 be awarded for maintenance to the Church yard, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Jones. It was **resolved that a grant of £750 be awarded for maintenance to the Church yard.**

Cllr. Mrs Savage took no part in matters involving Wrockwardine Church.

02/60 Reports

Cllr. Mrs Carver - Requested that a sign be provided which would prevent large vehicles arriving at the bridge at Walcott before they realise they are too large to go under it.

Cllr. Mrs Savage - Reported repeated concerns over pot holes in the parish, in particular those along the road from the bottom of Blacksmiths Lane to the Beet factory and the deteriorating road from the Parish Hall to The Avenue which was now so worn as to be down to the sub surface. Also reported the blocked drain (root) in

Wrockwardine which had yet to be attended to.

Cllr. Orrell -
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Expressed disappointment that T&WC had not responded to the request to cut back the overgrown hedge in Wrockwardine. Reported that there were to be open days at Admaston House on the 3rd and 4th April and hoped to be able to update Members after that.

Cllr. Ballantyne -
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Reported concern over the road condition from Duncott Mill all the way through the village. HGV's were tearing up the verges and of the road was disintegrating making it dangerous for two wheeled vehicles but possibly lethal. Reported that residents were still having to live with unacceptable amounts of litter on the Silkin Way. The Clerk was asked to remind T&WC that they had a statutory duty to maintain the path.

Cllr. Mrs. Jones -
Confirmed the pot hole problems in Blacksmiths Lane and informed the meeting that areas of the road in Station Road had now deteriorated again. However there was hope in that T&WC had now painted around the offending section! Reported that residents considered the repairs to road surfaces outside the shops to be a botched job. Requested that the Parish Council consider placing a notice board near to St. Peters school. The Clerk was asked to place the request on the next agenda.

Cllr. Brown -
Stated that he had noticed that there was increasing evidence of fly tipping in the countryside. Members were asked to alert the Council if they saw any evidence of it in this parish.

02/61 Press Statement

The Clerk was asked to report the grant awards, the Annual Parish Meeting and the excellent news of the acquisition of Admaston Green by the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 10.44 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____