

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th March 2003 at
Admaston House, Admaston at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. Brown - Chairman
Cllrs. K.J.S. Ballantyne, A. Cowling, Mrs. E. Jones, A. Orrell,
D. Powell and Mrs. J. Watts.
Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

Also in attendance: Two members of the public.
Cllr. D. Blackwell (Borough Councillor)

03/35 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

03/36 Police Session

The Clerk informed the meeting that PC McPherson had forwarded her apologies, stating that she was attending a Neighbourhood Watch Meeting.

03/37 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. M. Carver.
Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. Miss J. Seymour (Borough Councillor). Members heard that Cllr. Rawlings had forwarded apologies stating that due to workload he may arrive late.

03/38 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Powell and Cllr. Cowling jointly stated that there would be matters arising within the minutes that would require their withdrawal. They would declare their interests at the appropriate time.

03/39 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2003 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

03/40 Matters arising out of the Minutes

Youth Provision

Cllr. Powell stated that he was still concerned that a request for the necessary funding reaches E.P. in good time. Cllr. Orrell explained the basis of the funding and reassured the meeting that E.P. were aware of this basis and the funding was secure.

Cllr. Cowling

Cllr. Ballantyne drew Members attention to the record in the minutes informing the meeting that Cllr. and Mrs. Cowling were to attend the finals of a national competition to find the most romantic couple. It was with great

pleasure that he was able to record that the couple had been most successful and had indeed been found to be Britains Most Romantic Couple. Members were delighted to convey their congratulations formally to the couple.

Bank signatories

Cllr. Ballantyne reported that he had now heard from the bank that they had found the missing paper work. It was now hoped that he was an accepted signatory to the account.

Educare – Bratton Farm

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had not yet received a reply from the National Care Standards Association.

Traffic Matters – Shawbirch Road

The meeting was informed that Mr. Roderick had stated that he had referred the matter of a requested build-out to the police and was awaiting a response. Members discussed the position.

Cllr. Blackwell was asked to take up the matter on Council's behalf with senior officers of T&WC.

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the council's solicitors who had recommended the services of a traffic engineer should council require expert advice in any representations it wishes to make in the future. Members agreed that the cost of such advice should be investigated.

The Clerk asked Members to give consideration to the practicalities of the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting. Members heard that the meeting was due to be held at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.00 p.m. but this would be difficult due to the standard booking of the Hall by the KickBoxing group. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Council meeting should commence at 7.00 p.m. in the small room and the meeting could be suspended at 8.15 p.m. when the Annual Parish Meeting could be held in the main room. The Council meeting could reconvene after the close of the A.P.M.

03/41 Youth Shelter

Cllr. Powell gave details of progress in the provision of two shelters. One possible youth shelter on Admaston Green and a larger one for the shared youth provision project. The cost of an off the peg shelter for Admaston was envisaged to be in the region of £9k with sculptural ones available at approx. £14k. It was pointed out that Arts Grants would be available. It was felt that the sculptured shelter might be more appropriate as it would encourage "ownership" by the young people involved.

8.03 p.m. Cllr. Rawlings joined the meeting.

Cllr. Powell gave an updated report on the Youth Project.

03/42 Bus Routes

Cllr. Orrell reported that he had been informed that route 51 had been under threat but T&WC had now agreed with Arriva that they would subsidise the service for the next 12 months.

03/43 Drummery Lane and Burcott Row

Cllr. Mrs Jones informed the meeting that although Cllr. Mrs savage was not in attendance, she had requested that this matter be placed on the agenda out of concern for the general neglect and poor condition of not only the mentioned roads but also others within the parish. Cllr. Mrs. Jones stated that the condition of these roads had repeatedly been reported to T&WC who seemed to have little or no interest in having them repaired.

The Chairman spoke of his attendance at the Parish Forum and the openness of T&WC in admitting that there was an absolute minimum of funding available for road maintenance and any requests for repair would be dealt with in terms of priority. Road maintenance is very low on the list of priorities it would seem.

Cllr. Rawlings asked: Should the Parish Council be looking at carrying out remedial works itself ?

Members discussed the implications of the question put by Cllr. Rawlings. Cllr. Ballantyne suggested that this was a question that could be put to the public at the Annual Parish Meeting. This was agreed.

03/44 Traffic/ Transport/ Highway Matters

The Chairman referred Members to a report by Cllr. Orrell (circulated previously) on his attendance at the appeal hearing of Hereford Storage. Cllr. Orrell expanded upon his report.

Replacement Local Plan

The Chairman gave a report on a meeting with Mrs. Leaske about the process of the replacement plan.

Cllr. Orrell stated that he felt that Council had no need to argue for a solution to the traffic problems because the argument has already been put and accepted.

Members discussed the matter and it was agreed that a further meeting should be held with Mrs. Leaske and a senior mobility officer.

Members resolved that a professional expert (referred to earlier) should be instructed.

NTP3

Cllr. Orrell gave a report on work currently being undertaken in the parish by officers of North Telford Parish Paths Partnership.

Bus Shelter – Wrockwardine

Cllr. Mrs. Watts requested that Council consider the provision of a bus shelter at the junction of Wrekin Road.

Members discussed the request and it was agreed that although there were no funds set aside for the forthcoming year, the matter should not be dismissed and should be kept on file for the future. Cllr. Ballantyne agreed to speak to Dianne Whittingham to enquire as to possible grant funding.

Members discussed the disposal of the remains of the demolished shelter previously placed on the old A5. It was resolved to dispose of it.

Maidens Yard

Members discussed a number of matters that remained unanswered – barbed wire, bright lighting and moving of fence unlawfully. The Clerk was asked to write to T&WC reminding them of the questions remaining unanswered.

03/45 Land at Station Road

The Clerk informed the meeting that documents were ready for signing. It was resolved that the Clerk along with Cllrs. Ballantyne and Cowling should arrange to sign the documents at their earliest convenience.

Members discussed the repair and reinstatement of fences on the land. The lowest quote available being £865.70, it was resolved to accept the quote and proceed with the work as soon as possession of the land was obtained.

Cllr. Ballantyne cautioned that there was barbed wire in places surrounding the site. Members agreed that two warning signs should be placed in situ.

03/46 Vital Villages

Newsletter

Cllr. Ballantyne informed the meeting that he was still in discussion over funding.

Station Questionnaire

Cllr. Ballantyne reported that Council had received publicity in the Journal and Radio Shropshire. The Questionnaire had been delivered to most homes and thanks were due to Cllrs. Orrell, Watts and Savage who helped deliver them.

Members were asked to agree that the cost of postage likely to be incurred in postage and packaging in relation to remaining questionnaires be delegated to the Clerk and Cllr. Ballantyne to approve. This was agreed.

Cllr. Ballantyne stated that he was encouraged by the comments on the questionnaires which had so far been returned.

Parish Council Logo

Members agreed that Council needed a logo. Members were asked to come up with suggestions.

03/47 Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:-

1. Telford & Wrekin Council

- (a) Appointment of Governor – St. Peter’s Primary School. Members agreed to the appointment recommended by T&WC.
- (b) Local transport Plan – Annual Progress Report – noted.

2. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

DEFRA	Ministerial statement – noted.
CPRE	Countryside Voice. Circulated.
SCC	Re-tendering local bus services. Noted.
Wrockwardine PCC	Thanks for grant.
Cllr. Powell	Report on Youth Provision meeting.
Cllr. Orrell	Report on Planning Appeal - Hereford Storage

03/48 Planning Matters

(a) Applications

Hereford Storage Appeal

Discussed previously in meeting.

To consider the following applications:

for W03/0132 Change of use from agricultural land to hard standing agricultural products (class B8) with erection of steel palisade fencing. Land at rear of Wrekin Farmers, Allscott.

Concern was raised over this application being a round about way of obtaining general use for parking of any type of heavy goods vehicle. The Clerk was asked to write to planning to ensure that use is restricted to agricultural vehicles only with no exceptions.

W03/0216 Erection of conservatory, Stream Cottage, 5, Wrockwardine Bank, Wrockwardine.

Permissions

No permissions were received:

03/49 Accounts for Payment

Cllrs. Ballantyne and Cowling took no part in the accounts discussion.

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

Statement 113 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Grants

Cllrs. Ballantyne and Powell left the room for the next item of business and took no part in the proceedings.

Members considered a request for grant funding from Admaston House Trust.

Cllr. Cowling proposed that a grant of £4000.00 be made. Seconded by Cllr.

Mrs. Watts **resolved** that a grant of £4000.00 be made. [Cllr. Orrell abstained from the vote]

Cllrs. Ballantyne and Powell re-joined the meeting.

The Following grant applications were considered:

The Pat Shannon Set (local voluntary band). It was **resolved** that a grant of £25.00 be made.

The Samaritans. It was **resolved** that a grant of £50.00 be made.

T&WC Music & Drama Group. It was **resolved** that a grant of £50.00 be made.

Marie Curie Cancer Fund. It was **resolved** that a grant of £50.00 be made.

Telford Pensioners Action Group. It was **resolved** that a grant of £50.00 be made.

T&W CVS. It was **resolved** that a grant of £50.00 be made.

03/50 Reports

There were no reports.

03/51 Press Statement

There was no Press Statement.

03/52 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday, 9th April 2003 to commence at **7.00 p.m.** at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.40 p.m. !!

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____