

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday
8th March 2006 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.00 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. - K.J.S. Ballantyne - Chairman
Cllrs. T. Kiernan, D. Powell, S. Rawlings and Mrs. J. Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: Three members of the public.
PC Judith McPherson and CSO Suzy Alan

05/250 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

05/251 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Carver, Cowling and Ms Kenny.
Courtesy apologies were received from Cllrs. Blackwell and Miss Seymour (Borough Councillors).

05/252 Declaration of Interest

The Chairman declared an interest in planning application W06/0155.

05/253 Police Report

PC McPherson presented the police report. Members discussed policing matters.
The Chairman asked is the officer would chase PC Micky Riggs for a response as to what traffic calming measures on Shawbirch Road and Station Road would be acceptable to the police. PC McPherson agreed to contact PC Riggs.

05/254 Community relations within the Parish

The Chairman brought to the attention of the meeting a letter expressing concerns over the antisocial behaviour of certain Housing Association tenants. Members heard that the Housing Association had taken some action to remedy the behaviour and had reminded the tenants of their conditions of tenancy.

7.40 p.m. Cllr. Dawes joined the meeting.

PC McPherson stated that, as Community Officer, she had been involved in the matter and had liaised with the association's community relations officer and an action plan had been agreed. Neighbours had been given incident diaries to record any incidents of antisocial behaviour and the tenants had been informed that if this behaviour continued the diaries would be used to assist in obtaining eviction.

Cllr. Kiernan proposed that a letter be written to the Association expressing the concerns of the Parish Council that the quality of life of residents was

being affected. Seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Savage it was RESOLVED.

7.56 p.m. the officers left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman for their attendance.

05/255 Minutes

The meeting was informed that the Clerk had received communication from Cllr. Blackwell in regard to the accuracy of minute 05/241 and that this had been agreed as a typing error by the Clerk and altered accordingly. The minutes for signature were now accurate in regard to this minute.

Cllr. Blackwell had also noted that under correspondence there was no minute recording the Chairman's acknowledgement that "I now understand that past correspondence from Cllr. Blackwell to him had been written (by Cllr. Blackwell) not on behalf of the Parochial Church Council but in his capacity as Church Warden." Cllr. Blackwell had asked that these comments be recorded as a final conclusion to these matters.

The Chairman stated that Cllr. Blackwell's recollection of the matter differed greatly from that of his own and the Clerk was asked to consult his contemporaneous notes of the meeting. The Clerk's notes showed that the discussion had been that Cllr. Blackwell had written to the Editor of the Parish Magazine on a Parochial Church Council letter heading and had signed it as Church Warden but it was subsequently disclosed that he had written in a private capacity and that the issue was one between Cllr. Blackwell as a private individual and the Editor of the Parish Magazine. The PCC had not wished to be associated with the sentiments expressed within the letter. The Chairman confirmed that the Clerk's notes were in accord with his own memory of the discussion. The Meeting agreed that this was so.

The Clerk stated that he had not minuted the discussion as it had been raised by the Chairman in his capacity as Editor of the Parish Magazine simply as a matter of information and there had been no need for Council to make any decision or resolution.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2006 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

05/256 Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr. Cowling presented the minutes of the meeting to Council and they were accepted and noted.

05/257 Annual Parish Meeting

RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Meeting shall be held on Thursday 27th April 2006 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.

05/258 Admaston House

a) Report from Parish Representative on Admaston House Trust

There was no report.

05/259 Liaison Group Leaton Quarry

The Clerk informed the meeting that the suggested date and time of Monday 27th March at 11 a.m. had not yet been confirmed by the Quarry Management but that he would notify members of the Liaison Group as soon as it was confirmed.

05/260 Traffic and Transport Matters

Traffic calming Shawbirch Road and Station Road zebra crossing and Parish wide traffic matters.

The meeting discussed the failure of the Borough to respond satisfactorily to the repeated requests from Council to provide a solution to the calming problems and the fact that the Borough Traffic Engineer had maintained that the money had been spent. Members were concerned that the money set aside for traffic calming had been used by the Borough but the Borough had failed to provide any scheme. Thus the money had been spent but the consumer had received no goods.

Cllr. Mrs Savage proposed:

That this Council remains wholly dissatisfied with the actions, responses and failures of the Borough Council in connection with the Traffic Calming Scheme for Shawbirch Road/Station Road Admaston and the wider traffic areas and therefore seeks to implement the formal complaints, comments and compliments procedure as set out in the Parish Charter.

Seconded by Cllr. Powell it was unanimously RESOLVED.

Members received traffic data from a recent ATC survey from Neal Roderick.

Cllr. Mrs Rawlings proposed that Council formally reject the findings of the survey and that further representation be made to the Borough by the Clerk and Chairman. Seconded by Cllr. Mrs Savage it was RESOLVED.

Cllr. Rawlings reported that the Grit Bin at Pemberton Road had disappeared. The Clerk was asked to inform the Borough.

Cllr. Mrs Savage proposed that if the Borough failed to provide a replacement within a suitable period of time the Parish Council purchase a replacement (green) grit bin. Seconded by Cllr. Rawlings it was RESOLVED.

05/261 Parish Improvements

a) Lighting in the Parish.

Members discussed the difficulties that were being encountered in getting the Borough to accept that new street lights should be handed to the Parish. It was agreed to let the Clerk and Chairman continue with their efforts to resolve the matter on behalf of Council.

b) Proposed planting of trees on the border of Wrockwardine Playing Field Council had received a request from a resident whose property was on the

boundary of Wrockwardine Playing Fields to plant a row of trees in a hedgerow formation outside his own property on the playing field land. The letter sought the permission of Council, as land owner.

Following discussion it was RESOLVED not to permit any such planting to take place. Members felt that to permit such a scheme may allow the resident to extend his own boundary simply by then removing the existing fence thus leading to encroachment onto, and possession of, Parish Property.

05/262 North Telford Parish Paths Partnership

There was nothing to report.

05/263 Grants

The Clerk presented Council with three grants but advised that two would not fall within the permitted limits of section 137. Members agreed that two of the grants should be disregarded.

The meeting considered an application from The Severn Hospice. Cllr. Kiernam proposed that a grant of £500 be made to The Severn Hospice. Seconded by Cllr. Rawlings it was RESOLVED.

05/264 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

SCC	Consultation on Pension fund investments. Delegated to the F&GP Committee to report back to Council.
BT&W	Minerals Development Plan – noted.
SCC	----- Ditto ----- - noted
WM Planning	Conference Engaging in the Planning Process – noted.

5. Correspondence not requiring a decision

T&V CVS	Newsletters – Cllr. Powell
CPRE	Fieldwork Magazine – Cllr. Mrs Savage.

Mr. J. Watts	Letter of thanks to Council for providing seat on Wrockwardine Playing Field.
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Mr. & Mrs Willetts	Letter of thanks for allowing use of The Green for helicopter landing.
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05/265 Planning Matters

It was noted that Cllr Ballantyne had declared an interest in planning application W06/0155 and he took no part in that application.

Applications

The following application was considered:

W06/0192	Erection of a bay window and conservatory Briar House Allscott. There were no objections.
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- W06/0155 Erection of a single storey and two storey extension 6 Meadow Drive Walcot. There were no objections.
- W06/0200 (Trees in Conservation Area) Felling of 1 Fir tree Corndon Wrockwardine. There were no objections.
- W06/0216 Change of use from grain store to farm waste re-cycling centre Aston Farm Aston. There were no objections.

Permissions

The following permissions were received:

- W05/1557 Erection of first floor extension over garage etc. 50 Glovers Way
- W05/1542 Erection of ground floor extension and loft conversion 2 Dalefield Drive Admaston.

Refusal

The following refusals were noted:

- W05/1470 Erection of a single storey rear extension etc. 18 Station Road.
- W05/1493 Erection of two dwellings land adjacent The Bungalow Allscott.

05/266 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 150 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

The Clerk brought to the attention of Members minute 05/153 where the Clerk had been instructed to record a payment of £75.08 for the purchase of photocopy toner against the Chairman's Allowance. It was felt that this purchase should have been recorded against stationery/office expenses as this was for the use by the Chairman in relation to Parish business namely the Editorial of the Parish Magazine and letters and photocopying on behalf of the Parish Council. It was RESOLVED that the purchase should be re-allocated to the heading of office stationery.

05/267 Press Statement

The press statement was delegated to the Chairman.

05/268 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled Wednesday 12th April 2006 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

05/269 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all for attending.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.08 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____