

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

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#### **Present:**

Cllr. – K.J.S. Ballantyne, Chairman  
Cllrs. Mrs. Elaine Ballantyne, Mrs Nadine Evans,  
T. Kiernan, S. Rawlings, Mrs Jo Savage and Mrs Sheila Turner.  
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

**Also Present:** Herbert Whittingham Esq., PC Judith McPherson and Mr. Dave Pritchard and Mr. Mark Thompson of The Wrekin Housing Trust.

#### **07/184 Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all present and thanked them for attending and explained to the meeting that he had asked the officers of The Wrekin Housing Trust to attend to explain to Council the proposed developments in Wrockwardine.

#### ***7.34 pm Cllr. E. Dawes joined the meeting.***

#### **07/185 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies along with reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Craik and Cllr. Powell.  
Courtesy apologies were received from Borough Councillor Miss Seymour.

#### **07/186 Police Report**

PC McPherson presented the Police Report to the meeting and answered questions.

#### ***7.43 pm having been thanked for her attendance PC McPherson left the meeting.***

#### **07/187 Declaration of Interest**

There were no additional declarations.

#### **07/188 Minutes**

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

#### **07/189 Public Session**

Mr. Whittingham reported that the 30 mph sign at the entrance to Allscott Village was still lying on the verge (Clerk agreed to report the matter once more to the Borough Council) and returned a "please keep off the daffodils" sign to the Parish Council. Mr. Whittingham asked if Council could move the litter bin situated at the Admaston shops as it had been placed over the cycle parking facility which had been provided by the Parish council a number of years ago.

Mr. Whittingham reported concern over the condition of some of the parish bus shelters. The Clerk informed the meeting that following a recent survey of the shelters within the parish a contractor had been instructed to undertake repairs.

The Chairman, with the permission of the meeting, allowed the officers of The Wrekin Housing Trust to give details of the two projects within Wrockwardine Village that the Trust was in the process of negotiating with the Borough Planners.

The officers gave details of the application for demolition and redevelopment of the site at 6 and 8 The Avenue [The Clerk informed the meeting that the application for erection of four dwellings on the site had been refused by the Borough] and went on to give details of the proposals for development of the Turreff Bungalows site.

The meeting heard that the original plans for the Turreff bungalows site had not been considered as suitable by the planners. Members heard that there were presently eight bungalows on the site which were no longer considered to be suitable for modern day standards of living and did not meet government guidelines for decent housing standards. The Housing Trust had proposed a new build of five larger bungalows but the Borough could not agree that the proposed development was suitable for the site and negotiations were taking place. The meeting agreed that it would support the Trusts proposals.

The meeting heard that the application for the site at the Avenue would be amended and resubmitted. The planners had asked the Trust to submit a "housing needs survey". The meeting agreed in principle to take part in a housing needs survey with a view to securing four properties on the site.

***8.15 pm having been thanked by the Chairman the officers of the Wrekin Housing Trust left the meeting. Mr. Whittingham also took his leave.***

#### **07/190 Grants**

##### **a) Admaston Methodist Church**

The meeting was reminded that Council had recently resolved to require that the prescribed form is filled in by applicants; the Clerk was asked to request that this applicant comply with the request. The application was deferred pending receipt of the correct form.

##### **b) Oakengates Youth Theatre**

The meeting could find no evidence within the application that the award of a grant would benefit the Parish of Wrockwardine. It was RESOLVED not to award a grant.

##### **c) Wrockwardine PCC**

The meeting discussed a letter from the Wrockwardine Deanery Team Ministry seeking financial assistance for restoration of the Church along with provision of new amenities. It was RESOLVED that the letter should be circulated to all Members for their consideration and that the matter should be

placed on the next agenda for consideration.

**07/191 Traffic Matters**

There was nothing to report.

**07/192 Admaston House Trust**

b) Report from Parish Representative.

Cllr. Rawlings gave a report on the business of the Trust which included action being taken in regard to fire safety, car park lighting and the proposed development of the house.

The meeting discussed those who were involved in the project as potential stake holders.

**07/193 NTP3**

Cllr. Rawlings stated that there was nothing to report.

**07/194 Parish Improvements**

**a) Borough/Parish Playgrounds**

The Clerk reported that there had been a positive progress report from the Borough Officers dealing with the playgrounds and that contact had been made with the Borough officer responsible for land and property (Mr. Danny Chetwood) in regard to the request for a transfer of ownership of land at Whiteways Drive to the Parish – Mr. Chetwood had appeared to be supportive and had promised to investigate the matter further.

The Clerk reported that condition of the bus shelter at Walcott was such that it may necessitate complete replacement and therefore the matter would need to be placed on a future agenda for full consideration. It was agreed to ask the next meeting of the F&GP Committee to look at the matter.

The Clerk was asked to chase manufacture of the replacement notice board for Wrockwardine.

**07/195 Correspondence**

**1. Correspondence requiring a decision**

There was no correspondence requiring a decision.

**2. Correspondence not requiring a decision**

T&WC

LDF Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. Cllr. Rawlings gave a comprehensive report on his attendance at the meeting. Council were grateful to Cllr. Rawlings for his attendance at the meeting and the report he gave. A number of issues were raised whereby land belonging to the parish council had been incorrectly identified in the survey as having a potential for development – the land in

question being held by the parish as public open space and therefore having absolutely no potential for any form of development. The Clerk agreed to inform the Borough Council of their mistake.

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State of the Borough Report. Noted.

Footpath leaflets – distributed.

## **07/196 Planning Matters**

### **Applications**

The following applications were considered:

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| W08/0229 | Pruning of TPO oak tree 33 Burnell Road Admaston. There were no objections.   |
| W08/0242 | Erection of a covered way to rear 36 Donnerville Gardens Admaston. There were no objections.  |
| W08/0252 | Installation of a replacement sewage treatment plan, ancillary drainage works and 2000ltr grease interceptor The Plough Inn Allscott. There were no objections. |
| W08/0094 | Erection of dwelling house and detached garage Land at Church Farm Wrockwardine. There were no objections.  |

### **Permissions**

The following permissions were received:

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| W08/0103 | Erection of extension to former chapel (residential use as granted previously) The Chapel Old Hall School Holyhead Road. |
| W08/0084 | Erection of orangery extension (Listed Consent) The Pool House Admaston Spa.   |
| W08/0083 | Erection of orangery extension The Pool House Admaston Spa.  |
| W08/0010 | Erection of a single storey extension including corridor link to main building Overly Hall School.                       |
| W08/0068 | Tree works The Avenue Wrockwardine.  |

### **Refusals**

The following refusal was received:

W08/0011                      Erection of four dwellings 6 and 8 The avenue  
Wrockwardine.

The meeting noted on the basis of the appeal lodged against the refusal of W07/0935 erection of a wall, railings, pillars, gates and lion sculptures (retrospective); 19 Aldermead Close Admaston.

The meeting discussed the basis of the appeal and Cllr. Dawes stated that the development had been creeping over a period of time but it was felt that statements could be obtained from residents which would show that the portion of the development which had been objected to had not commenced over four years ago. The Clerk was asked to contact the Borough to put them in touch with Cllr. Dawes so that statements could be obtained.

Cllr. Mrs Evans reported the erection of a fence in Allscott which may not have had the required permission. The meeting advised Cllr. Mrs Evans to contact the Planning Enforcement Officer.

### **07/197 Accounts for Payment**

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

b) **Statement 13** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

The meeting noted that an additional cheque in the sum of £89.57 made payable to Severn Hospice to be debited against the final balance of the Chairman's Allowance had been issued.

### **07/198 F&GP Committee**

Cllr. Kiernan explained to the meeting that the February meeting of the F&GP Committee had been cancelled at the last minute [the Clerk was thanked for contacting members to inform them of the cancellation] because no progress had been made in the drafting of the "Development Plan"; the plan was the only item on the agenda and as there was nothing to report on that matter it was felt appropriate to cancel the meeting.

Cllr. Kiernan urged all present to forward to him their thoughts on any matters which they felt ought to be added to the Development Plan so that he could make progress.

It was agreed that there would be no F&GP meeting in March. It was further agreed that because the Annual Parish Meeting had been called for the 17<sup>th</sup> April, there would be no F&GP meeting in April. It was agreed that the next meeting of the F&GP Committee would be held in May subject to the approval of meeting dates for the forthcoming year at the Council AGM

**07/199 Press Statement**

Delegated to the Chairman - at his discretion.

**07/200 Chairman's Closing Remarks**

The Chairman thanked all for their attendance and wished Cllr. Kiernan all the best for the Borough by-election to be held the following day.

**07/201 Next Meeting**

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Council was to be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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

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