

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 2000  
at Admaston House Community Centre, Admaston at 7.30 p.m.**

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**Present:**

Cllrs. K.J.S. Ballantyne, Mrs. M. Carver, V.M.E. Holt,  
Mrs. E.S. Jones, A. Orrell, D. Powell,  
S. Rawlings and Mrs. J. Savage.  
Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

**Also in attendance:** Two members of the public

PC Pete Palmer  
Mrs. Diane Whittingham  
(T&WC Rural Transport Officer)

**154/00 Chairman's Remarks**

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Members agreed to  
Cllr. Orrell taking the Chair.

Cllr. Orrell welcomed Mrs. Whittingham and PC Palmer.

**155/00 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. Hargrave (Chairman).

The meeting was informed that Cllr. Brown had forwarded apologies for  
possible late arrival to the meeting.

Additional apologies were received from Cllr. Miss Seymour (Unitary  
Councillor). Cllr. Blackwell (Unitary Councillor) had also forwarded  
apologies for possible late arrival.

**156/00 Declaration of Interest**

The Clerk informed the meeting that, since the general declaration of interest  
given to the council (Admaston House) by Councillors Ballantyne and Powell,  
and their subsequent withdrawal from all matters relating to the House, the  
matter had been looked into in greater detail to clarify the right of speech  
by the said members in order that the council can lawfully call upon their  
knowledge of issues concerning the House. The Clerk advised that the  
following guidance is given by the National Code of Local government  
Conduct:

Cllr. Orrell, as an appointee of the council to the Trust, would under 12b  
be free to both speak and vote.

Cllr. Powell, as a member of the governing body of the Trust, would under 12c  
be allowed to speak on matters but not vote.

Cllr. Ballantyne, although not a member of the governing body of the Trust,  
acts as legal advisor ( unpaid) to the Trust and therefore "may" be seen to be in  
a position of influence (it was accepted that Cllr. Ballantyne does not in fact  
influence but gives unbiased professional legal advice). For this reason, it was

felt by the Clerk (and agreed by Cllr. Ballantyne) that as a caution against any misunderstanding, Cllr. Ballantyne should be treated as though he were a member of the governing body and therefore under 12c be allowed to speak but not vote.

Cllr. Ballantyne thanked the Clerk for his assistance and felt that the council as a whole would now benefit.

Cllr. Orrell felt that the council, by being better informed, would be better able to do its best for the community.

Cllr. Holt agreed that he would not take part in the planning matter relating to land adjacent to Church Farm, Wrockwardine.

### **157/00 Police Report**

PC Palmer reported that he had conferred with PC Riggs (Traffic Management) over the problems of vehicles parked on pavements and bicycles on pavements.

The force was looking at resourcing officers and fixed penalties would be handed out to offenders.

Members heard that crime was falling in Admaston. There had been some nuisance by youths knocking on doors etc. which had been dealt with.

Cllr. Savage reported problems with parking next to the shops in Admaston. and expressed concern that things may get worse if possible plans to sell part of the land at St.Christophers Hall go ahead.

Cllr. Orrell asked what action was being taken to combat speeding. PC Palmer reported that there was currently a drink driving campaign. Cllr. Orrell spoke of promises (renege upon) by SCC to provide Admaston with a new radar speed check system. PC Palmer spoke of available equipment which required appropriate signage and agreed to investigate the possibility. Members discussed the availability of uniformed officers in the area and enforcement of fixed penalties.

### **7.45 p.m. Cllr. Brown joined the meeting.**

Cllr. Brown asked PC Palmer if he would be at the Allscott meeting on Friday. PC Palmer replied that he had not received an invitation.

Pc Palmer was thanked by Cllr. Orrell for his attendance.

*7.48 p.m. PC Palmer left the meeting.*

### **7.50 p.m. Cllr. Brown took the Chair**

**158/00 Diane Whittingham - Rural Transport Officer**

Cllr. Brown welcomed Diane to the council and thanked Cllr. Ballantyne for his report on the last Rural Transport meeting which had been circulated to members.

Diane gave members an overview of the brief of her department. She outlined that when T&WC inherited all from SCC, there had been a shortfall in funding of £100k. This had caused some adjustments in services to be made, but Diane promised that there would be no more cuts for the next four or five years.

Taking the basis of Cllr. Ballantyne's report, Diane then went on to give details of Wrekin Connect, Social Cars and Taxi Buses. Members heard of proposed funding from Rural Transport Partnership and possible funding from the DETR.

Diane asked for co-operation from local people to tell her about individual problems so that local solutions can be found.

Members heard of the work of the Rural Transport Partnership and some local issues were discussed.

Members heard that a subsidy of (possibly) 25% could be available for bus shelters.

The Chairman thanked Diane for her attendance.

*8.19 p.m. Diane left the meeting.*

**159/00 Minutes**

Cllr. Rawlings stated that he had not attended the meeting as recorded but had forwarded his apologies. This was agreed by those present.

Subject to this,

It was:

**Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2000 be confirmed and signed by the chairman.**

**160/00 Matters arising out of the Minutes**

(a) Traffic matters

The Clerk gave details of the results of a traffic survey provided by T&WC to be dealt with in correspondence.

**161/00 Traffic matters**

a) Amendments to Local Transport Plan

These were noted.

b) Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting Order, Various Streets, Admaston

Members discussed the benefits and consequences of the above order.

Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to write to T&WC to raise the following issues:

Inform T&WC that there are a number of obstacles which restrict passage on the footpath, request kerb be set at road level, wider than 21" to allow better passage by push chairs and wheel chairs.

Garage owners request some form of parking restriction adjacent to

entrances.

### **162/00 Admaston House**

Cllr. Powell read a summary of a report on the last Admaston House trust Meeting which proposed an amendment to the original wording of the proposition to be put to T&WC. The proposed additional wording to be “and adjoining land which is under consideration as a town green”.

Following discussion, members accepted the wording as proposed by Cllr. Powell.

The meeting then discussed the terms of any possible survey. It was agreed that a joint sub committee should be formed to agree questions and strategy. Cllr. Orrell stated that members should have an eye on next years budget to decide what help the council could give. Concern was expressed, by Cllr. Orrell that the council had still not yet received a conceptual plan from the Trust. Members were shown a “mind map” and asked by Cllr. Orrell to give thought to all the “what ifs”.

The Chairman stated that the parish council should not be bound by the results of any survey. Full consideration should be given to any proposed route to explore possible consequences on the parish.

Cllr. Orrell asked that the council counter criticism of sitting on the fence by being more pro active. He suggested that the council set aside £4k in next years budget to help fund Admaston House. He requested that this be now discussed.

Cllr. Brown stated that the council had been content to be inactive because in doing so, the Town Green remained protected - he felt that T&WC really did not know how to proceed with the application.

Cllr. Holt stated that it had never been the duty of this council to look after the Community Centre. It was felt that the Trust had made a rod for its own back.

Cllr. Brown referred to the dilapidated condition of the House and efforts to force T&WC to accept their duty to maintain it in good order. Cllr. Powell answered stating that T&WC had no obligation to keep the House going and there were strong concerns that they could simply close the House. Further discussion took place and it was agreed that a sub committee meeting be held, membership to be Cllr. Mrs. Hargrave, Cllr. Brown, Cllr. Mrs. Savage and three members of the Trust.

### **9.21 p.m. Cllr. Blackwell joined the meeting.**

### **163/00 Correspondence**

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:-

1. Telford & Wrekin Council -

- (a) Political modernisation seminar 27th November - Cllr. Ballantyne to represent the council and report.
- (b) Agenda 21 Strategy 2000 - noted.
- (c) Traffic counts March 1999 etc. - The Clerk was asked to request further information on a number of points.
- (d) R.O.W. Project details - as this item had budget implications, the Clerk was asked to put the matter on the next agenda.
- (e) Annual Ceremony of Light 12th November - noted.
- (f) Wrekin Insight - noted.

SCC

Joint Structure Plan Examination in Public - Cllr. Orrell and the Clerk to attend. Cllr. Orrell handed members a report drafted by himself following a number of years research. Cllr. Orrell asked members to give consideration to the report and give an opinion at the next meeting.

Peter Bradley MP  
CPRE

Meeting at British Sugar 10th November - noted.  
Shropshire Landscapes and Voice magazines -  
circulated

T&WC CVS

Newsletter - circulated.

**164/00 Planning Matters**

**(a) Applications**

**Section 7(2) New Towns Act**

EP/PL/TF/04/00/09 Station Road phase 2

The Clerk was asked to write to make the following comments:

- i) Reinstatement of rights of way. ii) Sheltered housing provision. iii) Traffic issues.
- iv) Springs. v) Changes to designs without consultation. vi) Local Plan issues
- vii) Houses on edge of development facing outwards.

Members noted that T&WC had received notice of appeal against refusal of erection of two storey dwelling, land to south of 21, Allscott.

**Resolved that no objections be made to the following applications:-**

- 1. W2000/0904 Erection of conservatory to existing public house. the Bucks Head Long Lane Shropshire.

**(b) Permissions**

**The following permissions were noted by the council:-**

- W99/0301 Change of use of existing barns to 4 residential dwelling units. wrekin Farm, Cluddley.

**10.03 p.m. Cllr. Holt left the meeting.**

Members moved on to discuss application

W00/0915                      Erection of two storey dwelling with detached garage/garden store. Land adjacent Church Farm, Wrockwardine.

**Following discussion, it was -Resolved to object to the application.**

**165/00 Accounts for Payment**

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

**Statement 86** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved. The Chairman signed the amended audit report.

**166/00 Budget and Precept**

Members received a report on expenditure to date and were asked to give due consideration to possible expenditure for discussion at the next meeting.

Cllr. Orrell outlined a number of possible initiatives.

Cllr. Brown gave members a report of the SAPTC AGM stating that the council had a tendency to be too small minded. He further stated that the council should take on more responsibility in the community.

**167/00 Grant Applications**

Members were asked to give consideration to a request from the Telford Women's Refuge for a contribution to the children's Christmas party.

Cllrs. Savage and Carver spoke in favour of the work done by this organisation.

It was proposed by Cllr. Rawlings that a donation of £25 be made.

Seconded by Cllr. Powell.

**Resolved that a donation of £25 be made to the Telford Women's Refuge.**

**168/00 Reports**

The Chairman requested that members keep reports brief given the lateness of the hour.

The Clerk stated that members could telephone any reports and they would be actioned.

Cllr. Mrs. Carver -      Reported that Mrs. Kath Thomas, wife of retired Cllr. Jack Thomas was very ill. Members expressed sympathy and instructed the Clerk to send a bouquet to Mr. Thomas along with the kind regards and best wishes of the council.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage -      Reported damage caused by the floods to the top of the railway bridge. Clerk to report to rail track.

Cllr. Rawlings -        Requested that the oil drums currently being used as

waste bins in Bratton Road be replaced with proper bins. Clerk to ask T&WC to action.

**169/00 Press Statement**

The Clerk was asked to report general matters brought up at the meeting to the press.

**170/00 Next Meeting**

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday, 13th December to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall, Wrockwardine.

The meeting closed at 10.33 p.m.

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

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