

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th November 2001  
at Wrockwardine Parish Hall, Wrockwardine at 7.30. p.m.**

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**Present:**

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

**Also in attendance:** One member of the public.

**01/170 Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all in attendance with a particular welcome to Cllr. Cowling on his first full council meeting.

**01/171 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs. M. Carver and S. Rawlings.  
Courtesy apologies were also received from Cllr. Miss. J. Seymour and Cllr. D. Blackwell (Unitary Councillors).

**01/172 Declaration of Interest**

Cllr. Cowling gave the formal declaration that he held office as a Trustee of Admaston House Trust.

**01/173 Police Report**

The meeting was informed that PC Palmer had forwarded his apologies.  
Cllr. Powell reported that Admaston House had been subjected to repeated and wilful vandalism to its windows. Many broken windows had been replaced (by T&WC) with a poly-carbonate substitute and they in turn had been savagely damaged.

The Chairman reported a resurgence of the problem of youths congregating outside the shops in the evening. The Clerk was asked to request occasional panda car presence.

**01/174 Minutes**

For the purposes of clarity, Cllr. Orrell pointed out that the reference to Neighbourhood Watch by PC Palmer was that senior police officers had had two meetings and the database was being updated by national Neighbourhood Watch officers. Cllr. Ballantyne reminded the meeting that he had made reference to a police car parking on the pavement during an incident and PC Palmer had agreed to take the matter up on behalf of the council and report back. This fact had not been minuted, Cllr. Ballantyne requested that it be noted as it was a matter of significance - members agreed.

It was further agreed that 01/161 [page 3] the sentence "*Members agreed to let matters lye on file until such time as a reply was received.*" should more accurately be recorded as - Members agreed to adjourn the matter sine die.

**Subject to these alterations:**

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2001 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

### **01/175 Matters Arising**

The Clerk informed the meeting that matters reported (01/167) at the last meeting had been referred to T&WC.

#### Dog Fouling Signs

being Cllr. Orrell reported that the siting of the signs was in hand (and was now undertaken by the T&WC Dog Warden) and asked Members if there were any areas in Wrockwardine which needed signs. Cllr. Mrs. Savage requested that signs be sited at the playing fields area and in the area of the Church possibly opposite the nursery, by the finger post. The Clerk agreed to pass the request to the dog warden. The Clerk informed the meeting that the warden had placed signs, at the request of the parish, in the Bratton Road area, in the area of the shops and around the play area in Admaston.

#### Daffodil Bulbs

two Cllr. Brown reported that Cllr. Orrell, ably assisted by his wife, had planted thirds of the bulbs and he himself had planted the other third. Cllr. Brown gave a description of the location of the bulbs and the Clerk reported that he had received a detailed map from Cllr. Orrell giving the location of the remaining planting. The Clerk agreed to report the location of the bulbs to the contractors responsible for cutting the verges so that they were not inadvertently cut down with the first cut(s) of the year.

The Chairman, on behalf of the community, thanked Cllrs. Brown and Orrell and asked Cllr. Orrell to convey the meetings grateful thanks to Mrs. Orrell for her assistance.

#### Incident which caused damage to vehicle

The Clerk reported that he had now received in writing, satisfactory confirmation that there had been no other recompense received by the injured party and that all conditions required by the council, prior to the issue of any payment, had been met.

#### Parish Hall Roof Repairs

Cllr. Mrs Savage reported that work had commenced on the repair of the roof.

#### Bratton Road

Members discussed Bratton road access.

#### Traffic Matters

The Clerk reported that he had written, as requested, to Maidens to enquire about any possible implications to the parish as a result of the proposed depot at Donnington, but had received no reply.

#### Barbed Wire on Footpath

The meeting was informed that the matter had been reported to planning enforcement and was being looked into.

**01/176 Land at Admaston House**

Cllr. Brown gave a report of the meeting held between officers of T&WC and Cllrs. Brown, Ballantyne and the Clerk to discuss the proposed lease.

Since the meeting, Cllr. Brown had spoken to the councils solicitor who had thought that it was a straight forward lease, and could deal with the matter for an approximate fee of £250. Cllr. Brown stated that he would have liked to discussed the matter in depth but was somewhat thrown because not all members had seen the draft lease.

The Chairman requested that all Members be sent a copy of the lease as soon as possible and in view of the fact that the solicitor had found no obvious problems with it, Members should draw to the attention of the clerk any queries in good time so that the matter can be dealt with properly at the next meeting.

*8.05 p.m. Cllr Seymour (Unitary Councillor) arrived.*

Cllr. Brown drew to the attention of Members sections which had caused him some concern and Members discussed some aspects of the lease.

The Chairman acknowledged the many point raised but pointed out that whilst some Members had had sight of the lease and others had not, the matter was difficult to discuss. Therefore the matter should be held over for proper discussion at the next meeting.

*8.05 p.m. Cllr Blackwell (Unitary Councillor) arrived.*

**01/177 Traffic Transport and Highway Matters**

The Clerk reported that, following the request for some form of traffic calming on Shawbirch Road and Station Road, T&WC had delegated the task to Neil Roderick who had a provisional scheme which would include pedestrian refuges and other measures. The clerk had received assurances from T&WC that humps would not be considered as the authority was fully aware of the feelings within the parish against them. The bulk of the measures would be in the area of Station Road from the cross roads to the railway bridge and would be funded by the £25'000 received from "planning gain". Mr. Roderick would also be considering the requests submitted by the parish for gateway and road markings and the provisional plans would be presented by Mr. Roderick at the December meeting of the council.

The Chairman welcomed the fact that there was at long last something positive being proposed.

Members discussed some of the problems and safety aspects in the area of Station Road/ Sutton Road which should be brought to the attention of Mr. Roderick.

Cllr. Orrell asked Members to remember the NWT Transportation Study and reminded the meeting that the council had still not received a complete report from T&WC. Concern was expressed that if £25'000 was to be used when it should be used elsewhere, it would be wrong.

The Chairman replied that T&WC were asking the parish for any suggestions in these proposals and if Members do not like what they see, they should say so.

Cllr. Ballantyne felt that the proposals were side stepping what was really required - speed cameras, signs and markings, requests for which had been repeatedly made by the parish to PC Riggs who had not responded. Cllr. Ballantyne gave details of the requirements which needed to be met and the fact that local authorities can press for them. Examples of signs in other areas were given and Cllr. Ballantyne stated that it would seem that where cameras go is where the local authority chose to put them. Cllr. Ballantyne expressed concern that simply to put paint on the road was not going to slow down traffic.

The Chairman suggested that Members study the proposals and make comments at the next meeting.

Cllr. Ballantyne reinforced Cllr. Orrall's point that the money for the Station Road scheme should be additional money and not detract from the wider requests for a north west Telford solution.

Cllr. Orrell asked the Clerk to request a copy of the NWT Study along with all appendices stating that if we have the study results, he could call a working party meeting.

Cllr. Powell felt that only cameras would have any effect.

Cllr. Mrs. Jones replied that roundels seemed to be having effect in other areas and it was as a result of her questions that the Clerk had discovered that £25'000 was available out of planning gain.

Cllr. Orrell asked if it would be possible to circulate a letter to residents of Shawbirch Road and Station Road informing them of the proposals and asking for comments.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a letter should be delivered to residents. Cllr. Mrs. Jones agreed to deliver the letters.

The Content of the letter was discussed and agreed.

#### Bus Shelters

Cllr. Ballantyne reported that Cllr. Orrell had kindly surveyed all the bus shelters in the parish and a meeting had been arranged between himself [Cllr. Ballantyne] and Diane Whittingham of T&WC to discuss condition, maintenance/replacement. Cllr. Ballantyne would report back to the parish after the meeting.

Members were informed that Admaston was considered to be rural for the purposes of bus user groups.

Cllr. Ballantyne gave details of the Wheels to Work Scheme, Delegated Fund Scheme (Countryside Agency) and Parish Transport Fund. Members asked questions and discussed the implications of the funds. Cllr. Ballantyne referred to the parish commitment to lobby for the reopening of Admaston Station and the possibility of grant aid for such projects.

Cllr. Orrell drew to the attention of the meeting the availability of grants for Parish Plans. Cllr. Orrell reported that he had attended the Urban Bus User Group even though Admaston was considered (for bus purposes) to be rural. He had, attended to keep a watching brief on bus route 44. He had learned from the meeting that any newly requested service would only be provided if an existing service is taken away.

Members discussed problems which had been reported with busses “bullying” their way through the new gateway system on Wellington Road. The Clerk was asked to write to Arriva with a copy to Glen Bubb.

#### **01/178 Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr. Orrell gave a broad outline of the scheme, stating that to be effective it must be between close neighbours. He gave details of existing schemes, the problems encountered, the need for vigilance and the often look warm response (sometimes no response at all) from the police to reported incidents.

Members discussed the matter and the Chairman asked how the council could best be involved.

Cllr. Orrell gave details of the difficulties encountered with public liability insurance for the signs affixed to lamp posts and stated that one way would be for the council to take on the liability. Members discussed further details of the local watch.

Cllr. Orrell requested that at present, the council take no action over the watch schemes but if there was any interest from local groups they could contact him. He did point out that for any scheme, there was a lot of work involved. On the matter of insurance, Cllr. Orrell stated that he had not yet explored membership of the National Neighbourhood Watch Scheme which may have their own insurance scheme.

**It was resolved to take no action.**

#### **01/179 Correspondence**

The Chairman read to the meeting a letter from a resident expressing concern over traffic problems caused by the sugar beet factory. Members discussed the letter in detail and identified a number of issues. The Chairman suspended standing Orders to allow comment from Cllrs. Seymour and Blackwell (Unitary Councillors). The Clerk was asked to reply to the resident outlining the parish involvement in the campaign for an overall solution and pointing out the facts as understood by the council. Cllr. Seymour agreed to request that the proposed 24 hour survey by T&WC be extended to cover a longer period of time.

##### 1. Telford & Wrekin Council

- (a) Sports & Recreation Strategy - Cllr. Hargrave.
- (b) Local Transport Plan, Annual Progress Report - Cllr. Orrell.
- (c) Passenger Transport Partnership Conference - Cllr. Ballantyne.
- (d) Footpath Cheshire Coppice Lane (reply) - noted.

##### 2. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

T&S Marketing	Telford Street Plan - noted.
NALC	National Training Strategy - noted
CPRE	Shropshire Landscapes Magazine - Cllr. Orrell

CPRE Voice - Cllr. Orrell  
Salop Health Auth Shifting the balance of power - Cllr. Mrs. Hargrave.  
West Mercia Const Joint Policing Plan - Cllr. Ballantyne.  
Parish Hall Ctee Thanks for grant - noted.  
Halliwell Landau Application for Justices Licence, Buckatree Hall Hotel.  
The Clerk informed the meeting that this application  
had been received too late to be placed on the agenda. There  
were no objections to the application.

## **01/180 Planning Matters**

### **Applications**

W01/0908 Proposed first floor ext to rear 7 Charlton - noted

W01/0912 Modification of condition 8 of planning permission W97/0063  
for retention of existing barn for conversion to garage and  
stable  
Tine Grange, Charlton - noted.

W01/0972 Removal of agricultural occupancy condition (W92/0653)  
Moor House Farm, Bratton Road, Bratton.

Cllr. Ballantyne proposed that the council object to the proposal because the farm has already had local dispensation in 1992 to build the additional property and removal would now be an abuse of this condition, further the council has been given no good reason to lift the condition. Seconded by Cllr. Orrell

**Resolved to object to the removal of agricultural occupancy.**

W01/0961 Erection of canopies to production building Agropharm Ltd  
Overly - noted.

W01/0997 Erection of a detached dwelling and garage (outline) Land  
adjacent to Orchard cottage, Elmsdale Crescent, Admaston.

on Cllr. Orrell reminded the meeting that previous applications for development  
this land had been refused. Members were informed that footpath FP6 which  
runs through this land was still subject to efforts to reinstate. Cllr. Orrell gave  
a full report of the progress of footpath FP6.

Cllr. Ballantyne suggested that it may be difficult to object but the council could express concerns and ask for an agreement from the applicant not to develop the remainder of the site. Cllr. Ballantyne put this suggestion to the meeting as a proposition, seconded by Cllr. Cowling. It was **resolved to express concern for the development and request an agreement not to develop the remainder of the site.**

Members noted the following permissions:

- W01/0816      Erection of a single storey extension 12 Pemberton Road, Admaston
- W01/0822      Erection of conservatory to rear Brookside, Shawbirch Road, Admaston.
- W01/0671      Erection of 3 detached dwellings etc Land adjoining Orchard House Bratton Road.
- W01/0411      Erection of dormer bungalow etc (amended plans) Land between Roseleigh House and 21 Bratton road, Bratton.
- W01/0887      Erection of a single storey side extension to Little Fields Cottage, 18 Allscott

#### **01/181 Accounts for Payment**

The Clerk asked the meeting to note the National Salary Award for Local Council Clerks and the Recommended Car Allowance for Local Council Clerks(Previously circulated).

The Clerk was asked to leave the meeting to allow Members to discuss the award. It was **resolved unanimously to adopt the recommended pay and allowances as outlined in the recommendation of the National Joint Council for Local Government services as applicable from 1st April 2001.** The Clerk rejoined the meeting.

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

**Statement 98** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

#### **01/182 Budget and Precept**

Members discussed the preparation of a budget. Cllr. Orrell stated that he would be willing to prepare a draft budget to be put before the December meeting of the Council.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage proposed that Cllr. Orrell be delegated to prepare a draft budget, seconded by Cllr. Ballantyne. It was **resolved to delegate the task of preparing a draft budget to Cllr. Orrell.**

#### **01/183 The Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen**

Owing to the lateness of the hour, Cllr. Mrs. Jones proposed that this matter be put off until the next meeting of the council, seconded by Cllr. Powell. It was **resolved that this matter be put off until the next meeting of the council.**

**01/184 Reports**

Cllr. Mrs. Savage -

Reported the pot holes at Tiddicross now dangerous and the two bad pot holes on Wellington Road.

Cllr. Orrell -

Reported that NTP3 were now looking at providing signs at Cheshire coppice Lane free of charge.

Cllr. Powell -

Reported concerns over the vandalism at Admaston House and requested action be taken to fill the pot holes in front of the shops in Admaston.

**01/185 Press Statement**

The Clerk was asked to report the general substance of the meeting to the press.

The meeting closed at 10.18 p.m.

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

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