

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday
10th November 2004 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. - K.J.S. Ballantyne - Chairman
Cllrs. C. Carver, E. A. Cowling, M. Craik, E. Dawes, Ms. T. Kenny, T. Kiernan, D. Powell, S. Rawlings and Mrs. J. Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: Cllr. D. Blackwell (Borough Councillor)
A. Orrell Esq.
Mr. K. Price (Traffic Management Officer BT&W)

04/172 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed all present with a particular welcome for Kevin Price, Traffic Management Officer T&WB who was in attendance to discuss heavy goods vehicle signage relating to Charlton Village.

7.32 p.m. P.C. Judith McPherson joined the meeting.

04/173 Police Report

Members received the Police report from PC McPherson.
Members reported incidents to PC McPherson.
Members discussed the possible disruption to traffic which could be caused during planned road works within the parish.

7.39 p.m. P.C. McPherson, having been thanked for her attendance, left the meeting.

04/174 Apologies for Absence

All members being present there were no apologies required.

The Chairman ruled that agenda item 10, Traffic/Transport Matters should be dealt with so that Mr. Price was not inconvenienced.

04/175 Traffic/Transport Matters

Mr. Price explained that he was in attendance to try to find a satisfactory way of preventing heavy goods vehicles which were too large to pass under the railway bridge travelling through Charlton Village and finding that they had to reverse back - an almost impossible task and one which was happening daily. Members were concerned that this matter had not yet been resolved despite the ongoing efforts by Cllr. Ms. Kenny to concentrate the minds of the Borough on the promised solution.

8.01 p.m. Cllr. Miss Seymour (Borough Member) joined the meeting.

Mr. Price presented to the meeting a number of signage options and Council

indicated to Mr. Price those which would be acceptable. Mr. Price was asked to check his facts on a number of matters (illustrations available and use of metric measurements) and report back to Council. Mr. Price promised to investigate the options, report back to the traffic working group and subject to approval assured Council that the new signs would be in place before Christmas.

8.14 p.m. having been thanked for his attendance, Mr. Price left the meeting.

04/176 Declaration of Interest

The Vice Chairman, Cllr. Rawlings declared that he had an interest in a planning application concerning Cheshire Coppice and would take no part in any discussion on the matter.

Cllr. Powell declared an interest in the planning application for 12 Woodville Green and stated that he would take no part in the matter.

Cllr. Carver stated that he would not take part in the discussion relating to the transfer of a Justices Licence for the Plough Inn.

04/177 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2004 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

04/178 Members Allowances

a) Allowances

The Clerk outlined the new option available to Members where an allowance could be paid for attendance. Members were also made aware of the regulations which governed the option. Members discussed the options.

Cllr. Cowling stated that in his view Parish Councillors were there as volunteers to serve the public and did not wish to claim an allowance. He tabled a proposition that for the remainder of the year The Parish Council of Wrockwardine decline to take up the option of allowances for Members. The proposition was seconded by Cllr. Rawlings. It was **RESOLVED** that for the remainder of the year The Parish Council of Wrockwardine decline to take up the option of allowances for Members.

b) Travel Expenses.

The meeting was informed that Council now had the option to resolve to pay travelling expenses (at a level agreed by NALC) for approved journeys made by Councillors including any travel within the parish. Members noted that there was existing provision in law to pay allowances for travel on authorised business outside the parish.

Cllr. Rawlings proposed that travel allowances should be paid for authorised travel within the parish in addition to the existing arrangements for travel outside the parish. The proposition was seconded by Cllr. Powell. It was **RESOLVED** that travel allowances should be paid for authorised travel within the parish in addition to the existing arrangements for travel outside the parish.

04/179 Precept

The warrant authorising the collection of the Precept by the Borough on behalf of the Parish was signed by the Chairman and Members of Council in the sum of £36'750 for the forthcoming year.

04/180 Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr. Cowling explained that there was nothing to present to Council; although he and Cllr. Rawlings had been present the meeting could not be held because it was inquorate.

Cllr. Cowling asked that it be noted by Council that even if the meeting had been quorate there would have been some difficulty as the previous users of the room at Admaston House had locked it and a key holder could not be raised to re-open it.

The Clerk informed the meeting that there was nothing to report in the matter of the possible acquisition of land at Whiteways Drive.

04/181 Proposed Play Area – Bean Hill

The Chairman explained to the meeting that although a reply had been received from NALC it had been referred back to them because it had not fully addressed all the questions raised by Council. Members agreed that there was a duty to ensure that all the issues had been addressed and that the advice was sound before deciding what course of action to take.

Members were fully informed of the advice received and agreed that the matter should be referred back for a more detailed response.

04/182 Traffic and Transport Matters

a) Shawbirch Road

Members received confirmation from Mr. Roderick that the planned Traffic calming on Shawbirch Road would commence on 15th November.

There was a general view from Council that although they were delighted to have such news from Mr. Roderick, they would believe it when they saw it.

b) Correspondence from P. Bradley M.P.

Members discussed the letter which had previously been circulated and were encouraged by its contents. It was noted that there had been some noticeable action witnessed by the prompt visit by Mr. Price. The letter had elicited a response from the Borough which had stated that a meeting was to be held between Keith Harris (Borough) and the Parish and although this was news to the parish, Members looked forward to a meeting with Mr. Harris to present the views of the Parish and perhaps see some little progress. It was agreed that any meeting with Mr. Harris should be undertaken by the Traffic Working Group.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Cllr. Blackwell to address the meeting on the Borough's long term Local Development Framework.

The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders. It was agreed that a small working group consisting of the Clerk, the Chairman and Cllr. Dawes should review the Borough strategy and make any necessary report or reply.

The meeting was informed that the Chairman would be attending a Local Transport Plan meeting on the 19th November.

04/183 Parish Improvements

a) Finger posts

Cllr. Kenny reported that some progress had been made.

b) Resurfacing of football field at Wrockwardine

Cllr. Carver reported that the roller had been too wide to fit through the gate to the playing fields. It was agreed to refer the matter back to the F&GP Committee.

04/184 Report from Parish Representative on Admaston House Trust

There was no report.

a) Use of Grant for purchase of a gate.

Members confirmed that they had read the reply from Mr. Hayward (Trust Chairman) which had been previously circulated.

Members discussed their concerns over the delay in the project and did not consider that they had satisfactory evidence to show that the project would be completed within the near future. Being aware of the concerns expressed by Members Cllr. Cowling proposed that a request is made that the grant of £1000 be returned to Council to be held in trust for the purpose it was intended for and that the grant should not be released to the Trust until the Clerk is satisfied that the work has been carried out and that the terms of the grant have therefore been fulfilled. Seconded by Cllr. Ms. Kenny it was RESOLVED that the grant of £1000 be returned to Council to be held in trust for the purpose it was intended for and that the grant should not be released to the Trust until the Clerk is satisfied that the work has been carried out and that the terms of the grant have therefore been fulfilled.

[The proposition was resolved 4 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention. Cllrs. Powell and Craik took no part in the debate, proposition or vote.]

Cllr. Mrs Savage reported that there was some dissatisfaction in the chosen method of engraving used for the granite stones in situ on the Council's fields. Members resolved to ask the F&GP Committee to look into the matter.

04/185 Correspondence

Correspondence requiring a decision

Parry Carver solicitors Licence transfer The Plough Inn Allscott – There were no objections. [Cllr. Carver took no part in the matter.]

Moss & Polson solicitors Licence transfer The Pheasant Inn Shawbirch – There were no objections.

Admaston House	Car Park Security – dealt with previously in the meeting.
P Bradley MP	Traffic Matters– dealt with previously in the meeting.

The Following correspondence was noted:

P. Bradley MP	Meeting Wrekin Bid - Cllr. Powell requested additional information and the Chairman allowed Cllr. Miss Seymour to reply.
BT&W	Code of Conduct - Freemasonry.
CPRE	Countryside Voice
CPRE	Shropshire Landscapes
BT&WC	Planning for future development consultation draft.
Office of the DP	New Ethical Framework
T&W CVS	A Compact for T&W
T&W CVS	Newslines
BT&W	Annual Ceremony of Light

04/186 Planning Matters

Notification of appeal against refusal:

W04/ 0722	Erection of detached bungalow etc Land adjacent 28 Shawbirch Road Admaston. Noted.
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The following applications were considered:

W04/0999	Erection of detached dwelling and creation of a new vehicular access Land adjacent to Donnerville Farmhouse Wellington Road. [Representations received from residents via Cllr. Miss Seymour]
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Members expressed concerns over the proposed erection of a detached dwelling and creation of new vehicular access to land adjacent to Donnerville Farmhouse. There was concern that the erection of a house was unexpected – Members were aware that outline permission had been granted on this plot and the existing residents had been led to believe that the site would house a bungalow. It was felt that house would be detrimental to the neighbours. The main concern was that the addition of another vehicular access onto what is one of the busiest roads in the parish. At peak times the traffic stacks up to the cross roads in Admaston. The Clerk was asked to present the views of Council to the Borough planning officer stating that the Parish Council had not wished to see this site developed at all but had missed the opportunity to object at outline permission stage because Council understood that the plans were sent to Wellington Town Council in error by the Borough as were the ones for this application.

- W04/1265 Kitchen and dining room extension and conservatory Four Seasons Allscott. There were no objections.
- W04/1219 Single dwelling and garage Land adjacent 20 Linton Close Bratton. There were no objections.
- W04/1293 Erection of single storey extension 12 Woodford Green Shawbirch. There were no objections. [Cllr. Powell took no part in the proceedings for this item of business]
- W04/1342 Residential development Plot off Bratton Road. There were no objections.
- W04/1356 Erection of Conservatory 24 and 30 Donnerville Gardens Admaston. There were no objections.
- W04/1376 Demolition of garage Meadowcroft Wrockwardine. There were no objections.
- W04/1385 Erection of a new timber pole Land at Cheshire Coppice There were no objections. [Cllr. Rawlings took no part in the proceedings for this item of business]
- W04/1384 Erection of single storey rear extension 2 Giles Close Admaston. There were no objections.

The following Permissions were noted.

- W04/1048 Erection of triple garage The Old Smithy 44 Elmsdale Crescent. Admaston.
- W04/1042 Erection of a first floor extension 7 Bostock Close Admaston.
- W04/1051 Erection of agricultural potato store Duncote Farm Barratts Field Walcott.
- W04/1145 Erection of 2 stables and tack room etc Part of field 0209 Lawn Farm Rushmoor Lane

There were no Refusals

04/197 Accounts for Payment

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

RESOLVED to approve the following additional payments:

Cllr. Ballantyne £118.84 magazine postage.
R. Moseley £58.75 hedge cutting.

Statement 133 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

04/198 Press Statement

The press statement was delegated to the Chairman.

04/199 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman allowed Cllr. Blackwell to report on the Consultation on the Borough Waste Management Strategy.

04/200 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled Wednesday, 8th December 2004 to commence at **7.30 p.m.** at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.53 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____