

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th November 2008
at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. – S.C. Rawlings - Chairman
Cllrs. Mrs. E. Ballantyne, K.J.S. Ballantyne, M. Craik, E.
Dawes, Mrs Nadine Evans and Mrs Sheila Turner.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also Present: E.A. Cowling D.F.C., Mr. O’Grady, Mr & Mrs Stanton, Mr
Orrell.
PC Judith McPherson.
Shropshire Star reporter

08/101 Chairman’s opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

08/102 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. T. Kiernan.
Cllr. Mrs. Savage had sent word that she may be late and her apology was
accepted.
Courtesy apologies were received from Borough Councillor Miss Seymour.

08/103 Police Report

PC Judith McPherson presented the police report.

7.36 p.m. Cllr. Powell joined the meeting.

PC McPherson answered a number of questions and reported on a speed
enforcement exercise in Admaston. The meeting heard that on the 19th October
a speed survey was carried out by the police and on that occasion it was found
that the average speed on Wellington Road was 29.61 m.p.h., the highest
speed recorded being 38 m.p.h. on approach to the cross roads!

The meeting discussed speeds and driving standards.

7.49 p.m. PC. McPherson left the meeting after being thanked for her attendance.

08/104 Public Session

The meeting heard representations along with consultation evidence put by Mr
O’Grady (for the scheme) and Mr and Mrs Stanton (against the scheme) for
and against the placing of the “Allscott” lettering, which had been a part of the
sign at the sugar beet factory, on a piece of land in the village. Mr. O’Grady
had initiated the project and hoped that council would support his wish that the
letters could be used on a brick plinth to act as a village identity sign. Mr. and
Mrs Stanton were against the scheme; the proposed site was on a piece of land

they maintained and they stated that they held the land on licence from the Highway Authority. They felt that it would detrimentally affect their quality of life.

Mr. Cowling made representation that the pedestrian crossing in Admaston was still in an unsatisfactory state and the remedies sought by the parish council had yet to be attended to by the Borough. He requested that some action be taken over the dangerous manhole cover adjacent to the crossing.

Mr. Cowling informed the meeting that the Borough had repainted the road hatching adjacent to Broomfield Road in a most unpleasant gaudy yellow; he asked if council would request that the Borough return the hatching to its original white. The Clerk agreed to refer the matters to the Borough Council.

Mr. Orrell made reference to some items set down in the Development Plan which needed amending. He was also unhappy that the site of the Sugar Beet factory was incorrectly referred to in the plan as an Industrial Estate. Council was asked, by Mr. Orrell to reconsider its policy to press for the adoption of all footway lighting stating that it would be of no cost benefit to council. Mr. Orrell reminded the meeting that he had done a report on the matter some years ago and he agreed to provide the report for council to consider.

Mr. Orrell reported that the hedge on Admaston Green had become too wide making almost impossible for pedestrians to use the footway; the meeting agreed to investigate.

08/105 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Craik declared an interest in planning application W08/1196.

08/106 Minutes

It was noted that in minute 08/88 the words “would or later cause” should be recorded as “would sooner or later cause” and that in minute 08/88 the word “Offers” should be recorded as being “Officers”. Subject to those amendments;

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2008 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

8.10 p.m. Cllr. Mrs Jo savage joined the meeting.

08/107 Allscott Village Sign

Cllr. Mrs Evans introduced the topic and gave details of the initiative to provide an “identity” for Allscott along with proper signage. Cllr. Mrs Evans gave details of a number of possible general improvements to the village of Allscott.

The Chairman tabled a map and plans provided by Mr. O’Grady and questioned whether such development would be permitted. Cllr. Craik stated that permission of the Highway Authority would have to be sought.

Cllr. Dawes expressed doubt that such a scheme would suit the area. Cllr. Mrs Evans provided the example of similar sign being placed at the entrance to the village of Tong and stated that it did not look industrial.

Cllr. Mrs Savage felt that the sign was too urban and was not in keeping with the programme of providing rural signage. Cllr. Mrs savage also expressed concerns over the danger which may be present on the road in question.

Cllr. Powell stated that having listened to Mr and Mrs Stanton he was reluctant to force something which was purely decorative on someone who did not want it.

Cllr. Craik shared the view that the brickwork and silver lettering were not in keeping with the rural nature of the area however he felt that if the village of Allscott wanted such a sign then so be it. He reiterated that he did not feel that the sign was in keeping.

Cllr. Ballantyne adopted Cllr. Craik's comments and felt in addition that as the proposed site was juxtaposed to the oldest listed building in Allscott he did not think that the planning authority would allow it; he felt that such a scheme was unlikely to get beyond the drawing board.

Cllr. Elaine Ballantyne agreed with Cllrs Craik and Ballantyne stating that the proposed sign was not a rural sign and if there is a desire for a sign, perhaps a green sign would be more appropriate.

Cllr. Mrs Savage suggested that the silver signage would be more suitable for where the sugar beet factory was.

The Chairman stated that he was really heartened that an initiative had come from a member of the community and it had reminded council that there ought to be some kind of signage.

Cllr. Ballantyne proposed that as members were not convinced that the suggested site in the historical centre of Allscott was appropriate but felt that the suggestion had considerable merit and that a site closer to the former sugar beet factory would be more appropriate, then it should be resolved not to support the application as tabled. Seconded by Cllr. Powell it was RESOLVED not to support the application as tabled. [Cllr. Dawes abstained from the vote]

08/108 Rural Matters

- a) To receive a report of the Rural Forum Meeting
As no meeting of the Rural Forum had taken place, there was no report to receive.

b) Parish Plans

It was noted that the Chairman and Cllr Kiernan had attended a Borough meeting outlining the re-jig of Parish Charters. The meeting received a report.

Cllr. Mrs Evans gave a report on her attendance of a Parish Plan meeting at Cosy Hall Newport. Cllr. Mrs Evans was thanked for her attendance at the meeting and for her report.

c) Rights of Way

The Chairman gave a report on way marking initiatives due to be undertaken in the parish and spoke of a footpath blocked at the Severn Trent site; talks were under way to resolve the problem.

The meeting heard that no progress had been made on the bridleway at the Old Mill – the way was due for another survey.

The meeting was informed that the PC had received a number of way marking discs and the Chairman asked members to let him know where replacements were needed.

8.40 p.m. Mr. Orrell left the meeting.

08/109 Traffic Matters

Parish Working Group

Cllr. Mrs Evans spoke of the need for community involvement and stated that she would like to see the first meeting with Mr. Meredith present but he was at present unwell. It was agreed to await a time when Mr. Meredith was available.

The meeting discussed planting in rural areas.

Cllr. Mrs Turner asked if a request could be put to the Borough for provision of reflectors at the umbrella house on the old A5 either side of Aston Lane.

Cllr. Dawes reported drainage problems at the pedestrian crossing.

The meeting discussed a request from the Borough to provide suggested sites for SIDs. It was agreed that it would be of greater value to the community if bigger speed indicator equipment would be allowed.

The meeting discussed traffic volumes and speeds on Shawbirch Road.

08/110 Code of Conduct – Member's Indemnity

There was nothing to report.

08/111 Admaston House Trust

a) Report from Parish Representative.

Cllr. Mrs Turner informed the meeting that the Trust would be holding a Carol Concert on the 12th December and went on to give a report on the House.

Cllr. Powell gave a brief report on the progress of the extension; the meeting heard that the planning application had been submitted but no decision was expected until March 2009.

Cllr. Mrs Turner and Cllr. Powell were thanked for their reports.

08/112 Parish Improvements

a) **Youth Shelter and Wrockwardine Playing Fields**

The Chairman reported that the youth shelter was in place and that he had asked contractors for a quote to provide a small concrete pad at the base of the shelter.

The meeting agreed to request quotes for a replacement seat at the memorial shelter and to provide a trip-skirt and replacement gutters.

b) **Dog Fouling.**

The Clerk agreed to contact the Borough Officer to provide the contact details of Cllrs Craik and Mrs Evans.

c) **Bulbs**

It was confirmed that the bulbs had been ordered and that their proposed locations had been decided.

d) **Adoption of Red Telephone Kiosk in Allscott**

The Clerk confirmed that the contract had been signed and returned to BT.

08/113 Precept

The Precept Warrant was signed.

08/114 F&GP Committee

Cllr. Kiernan presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th October to the meeting.

Following discussion it was resolved to accept the minutes but refer the Development Plan back to the F&GP Committee for further consideration.

9.16 p.m. The Shropshire Star reporter left the meeting.

Following a discussion of the security of bank balances the Clerk was asked to obtain details of alternative bank accounts with a view to holding any temporary surplus balances.

9.22 p.m. Cllr. Dawes left the meeting.

It was agreed that there would be no F&GP meeting for the month of November.

The meeting discussed the allocation of places in local schools and the Chairman updated members on Cllr. Kiernan's contact with the Borough regarding catchments areas.

9.24 p.m. Cllr. Dawes re-joined the meeting.

08/115 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

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| T&WC Aldermead | Notification of date of appeal hearing – 19 Close. Noted. |
| T&WC | Code of Conduct register of Interests. Members were asked to ensure that their declarations were up to date. |
| T&WC that the over of the to attend | Parish Play area acquisition. The meeting heard Borough had, in principle, agreed to the hand site and that the Parish Council would be asked detailed discussion shortly. |
| NALC | Section 137 limit for 2009/10 increased to £6.15. Noted. |

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

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| Severn Hospice | Letter of thanks for the grant. |
| CPRE | Voice Magazine – circulated. |
| CPRE | Landscape Magazine – circulated. |
| T&WC | Notification of adoption of Design for Community Supplementary Document – noted. |
| T&WC | Reply to the request for information on requirements to advertise planning application in the local press; the Borough stated that following budget restraints it had resolved not to advertise all applications in the local press but restrict advertisement to those it had a statutory obligation to, such as those in the conservation area and listed buildings. |

08/116 Planning Matters

9.38 p.m. Cllr. Craik left the meeting.

**The following planning matters were placed before the meeting:
Applications**

W08/1172 Erection of new roof over existing garage at 40 Pemberton Road. There were no objections.

9.39 p.m. the members of the public left the meeting.

W08/1175 Erection of a conservatory to the rear of Meonshaw Wrockwardine. There were no objections.

W08/1152 Erection of two storey rear extension Donnerville Farmhouse . The meeting was already in receipt of the approval for this application.

W08/1142 Installation of two septic tanks for domestic use The Cherry Trees Charlton. There were no objections.

W08/1196 Erection of first floor extension over detached garage The Firs Shawbirch. There were no objections.

9.42 p.m. Cllr. Craik re-joined the meeting.

Permissions

The following permission was received.

W08/1152 Erection of two storey rear extension Donnerville Farmhouse .

Refusals

The following refusals were received.

W08/1022 Erection of two storey extension and new glazed roof to rear elevation 18 Aldermead Close.

W08/1026 Erection of detached garage 19 The Beeches Admaston.

W08/1114 Demolition of cart shed Church Farm.

W08/1107 Erection of two storey dwelling Church Farm.

08/117 Accounts for Payment

The Clerk drew to the attention of the meeting the cheque made out to UK Fitness Supplies Ltd which was for the supply of Goal Posts and ancillary equipment stating that it was the policy of the company not to deliver the goods until payment had been received. As this was not the normal practice of council (goods and services were normally received prior to payment) the Clerk asked the meeting to give consideration to the payment. Following discussion it was RESOLVED to pay for the goods prior to their delivery.

The Clerk drew to the attention of the meeting the fact that cheque number 010195 had not been received by the supplier of services but the Clerk was unable to check if it had been cashed until receipt of the next bank statement. It was RESOLVED to await receipt of the next

statement and if by then the cheque had not been cashed and was still outstanding, it would be cancelled and re-issued.

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

Statement 20 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Pay and Allowances

The meeting received from NALC notification that The National Joint Council for Local Government had reached agreement on rates of pay to be applied from 1st April 2008, pending arbitration. It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendation.

The meeting received from NALC notification that The National Joint Council for Local Government had reached agreement on rates of car allowance to be applied from 1st April 2008. It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendation.

External Audit

The external audit was received. The Clerk was thanked for his preparation of the accounts and audit.

08/118 Press Statement

The Press being in attendance there was no need for a press statement.

08/119 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting.
Cllr. Mrs Savage thanked Cllr. Dawes for attending the Remembrance Service. It was noted that Cllr. Mrs Savage had represented Council at the Service and had laid the Wreath on behalf of the Parish. The meeting thanked Cllr. Mrs Savage for her representation.

08/120 Next Meeting

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Council was to be on Wednesday 10th December 2008 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.57 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____