

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th October 2000
at Wrockwardine Parish Hall, Wrockwardine at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllrs. K.J.S. Ballantyne, V.M.E. Holt, A. Orrell, D. Powell,
S. Rawlings and Mrs. J. Savage.

Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

Also in attendance: Four members of the public

Mr. Bob King (Rights of Way Officer)

Cllr. D. Blackwell (Unitary Councillor)

137/00 Chairman's Remarks

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

Cllr. Orrell welcomed Mr. King and Cllr. Blackwell.

138/00 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. Hargrave (Chairman), Cllr. Brown,
Cllr. Mrs. Carver and Cllr. Mrs. Jones.

Additional apologies were received from Cllr. Miss Seymour (Unitary
Councillor) and PC Palmer.

139/00 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations.

140/00 Police Report

Cllr. Ballantyne requested that the attention of PC Palmer be drawn to vehicles
parking on the footpaths adjacent to Shawbirch Road and throughout the
residential developments in Admaston. Pavements being the refuge of the
pedestrian, there was no requirement that traffic should flow uninterrupted.
The Clerk was report to PC Palmer.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage stated that parking at the shops in Admaston was becoming
increasingly difficult now that St. Christopher's Hall was in use 7 days a week.
The users of the hall were using spaces which should be available to parade
customers.

Cllr. Orrell stated that this was another reason to reinstate the plans for the
bypass.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage asked if the council had had notification of proposed double
yellow lines at the entrance to Elmsdale Crescent. The Clerk informed the
meeting that no notification had yet been received by the council.

141/00 Rights of Way - Bob King

Mr. King gave an outline of the work of the South Telford Rights of Way

Project (STROWP) and recently the North Telford Parish Paths Project. Members were informed that both projects had been initiated by parish councils with the aim of legally defining all parish rights of way, clarifying and sorting disputed and lost paths with the primary objective of reinstatement or replacement wherever possible and then to ensure they remain accessible to the public at all times. Since the formation of STROWP in 1995 and NTPPP in 1998, over 100 new routes have been added to the definitive map and safeguarded for the future.

The meeting heard that there were areas in the parish which would need to be looked at, in particular Admaston and Bratton. There are currently 48 definitive rights of way in Wrockwardine Parish. The project is a partnership to encourage active participation and report back to parish councils. Wrockwardine was invited to join the partnership.

Mr. King answered individual questions from members, clarified his roll, explained that there was a cost to parishes but this was more than recouped by the benefits received and informed the meeting that the project had access to funding from the Countryside Agency which helped subsidise such things as route marking and maintenance.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders briefly to allow the public to ask questions.

A number of individual problems with footpaths were highlighted and Mr. King responded. In summing up, Mr. King stated that all of the issues raised at the meeting were within the brief of the project and all could be looked into and answers found. The project was there to allow parish councils to take the lead in all matters of rights of way.

The Chairman thanked Mr. King for his informative talk and stated that the council would give due consideration to the matter of membership of the project when budgets and precepts were discussed.

8.12 p.m. Mr. King left the meeting.

142/00 Minutes

Members agreed that 126/00 should state Cllrs Powell not Cllr. Orrell.

Subject to this,

It was:

Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2000 be confirmed and signed by the chairman.

143/00 Matters arising out of the Minutes

(a) Conduct of Local Council Members

The Clerk handed to members a summary of the points raised in the new guide lines.

(b) Recycling in Wrockwardine

Cllr. Holt suggested that a plot of land at Gorse Bank Wrockwardine might be suitable as a site for the placing of a skip.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage asked that she be allowed to canvas residents through the

forum of the Millennium Committee who had first raised the matter. Members agreed.

(c) Traffic matters

The Clerk reported that the council had not received the results of past traffic surveys promised by Mr. Longland at last months meeting. The Clerk was asked to express the displeasure of the council in a strongly worded letter to Mr. Longland.

144/00 Traffic matters

a) Proposed traffic survey

The Clerk informed members that no further details had been received about the promised traffic survey in the parish.

b) Elmsdale Crescent - One Way Order

Cllr. Orrell read to the meeting a letter from Mrs. Fitzwalter stating that the order had been made after full consultation with residents. Cllr. Orrell cited evidence held to the contrary. It had been felt by residents of Elmsdale crescent that they had had little option to agree to many of the proposals because of the closure of Bratton Road, which in itself had not been popular.

Members discussed the order and its wider implications in the overall management of traffic in the parish.

Cllr. Orrell stated that the matter of traffic in the parish had hit something like a dead end for the moment. The council had lodged a letter with the joint consultation body and it was hoped that the council would have a say in the Joint Structure Plan. Many of the problems could be solved with the reinstatement of the bypass. Cllr. Orrell referred to a reference made in the Transport Plan which incorrectly stated that residents had objected to an Admaston bypass. Residents had in fact objected to a link road, not a bypass.

145/00 Application for a Justices on Licence

The Grove Walcott - There were no objections.

146/00 Admaston House

Members were informed that a joint meeting of the Trustees of Admaston House Community Centre Trust and parish councillors had been arranged for Wednesday 18th October at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

Cllr. Miss Seymour had agreed to act as impartial Chairman of the meeting.

Cllr. Ballantyne asked for clarification of the council's position on the proposed discussion.

Cllr. Orrell stated that he would like members of the council to attend the meeting with an entirely open mind to see what can be achieved in the best

interest of the community as a whole.

The Clerk referred to a letter received from Mr. Phil Semple of T&WC asking if the council had come to some agreement with the Trust on a way forward.

Members discussed the matter and it was agreed that members attend the meeting with an open mind.

147/00 Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:-

1. Telford & Wrekin Council -

(a) Phil Semple - Admaston House - previously referred to.

St. Peters Primary School Reply to the council's letter re: Local Government Plan. Members discussed the response which had not, it was felt, fully answered the questions raised. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Education Authority expressing the concerns of the council.

WRVS Letter of thanks for grant - noted.

CPRE Planning Brief - noted.

148/00 Planning Matters

(a) Applications

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

1. W2000/0866 Construction of indoor swimming pool Redwood House Allscott.
- W2000/0804 Change of use to mixed B2 and B8 use, Bratton Farm Buildings Shawbirch Telford.

(b) Permissions

The following permissions were noted by the council:-

W2000/0681 Single storey side extension 13 The Avenue Wrockwardine

(c) Refusals

The following refusal was noted by the council:-

- W2000/0649 Erection of two storey dwelling, land south of 21 Allscott
- W2000/0659 Erection of two 3 bedroomed detached dwellings, land adjacent to Orchard Cottage, Elmsdale Crescent, Admaston.

149/00 Accounts for Payment

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

It was further resolved to approve the following payment

Mark White for hedge cutting, cheque # 000436 fourteen pounds.

Statement 85 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

150/00 Grant Applications

There were no applications for grants.

Cllr. Orrell requested consideration be given to holding grant sessions twice a year rather than at every meeting.

The Clerk stated that such a decision would be best left to the council's AGM. Members agreed to discuss any possible change at the AGM

151/00 Reports

Cllr. Mrs. Savage - Reported that the footpath on the old A5 from Burcott Road to the old shamrock cafe was very overgrown and almost impassable. Reported flooding in Tiddicross Road with the surface in very poor condition. Clerk to report to T&WC. Expressed concern over the Sunday bus from Wrockwardine to Crudgington - lack of use. Cllr. Ballantyne informed the meeting that the service would cease at the end of the month.

152/00 Press Statement

The Clerk was asked to report the visit by Bob King Rights of Way Officer and the council's ongoing concerns over traffic in the parish.

136/00 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday, 8th November to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.38 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____