

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th October 2001 at  
Admaston House Community Centre, Admaston at 7.30. p.m.**

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**Present:**

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

**Also in attendance:** PC Palmer  
Three members of the public.

**01/156 Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all in attendance.

**01/157 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs. R. Hargrave (Chairman), Mrs. M. Carver and S. Rawlings.

Courtesy apologies were also received from Cllr. Miss. J. Seymour and Cllr. D. Blackwell (Unitary Councillors).

**01/158 Declaration of Interest**

No declarations were made.

**01/159 Police Report**

PC Palmer reported two incidents of damage to a car and a caravan and stated that there were efforts to get to the bottom of it.

Palmer stated that in the matters relating to Neighbourhood Watch, senior officers had now had two meetings, the database was being updated by national N.W. organisers and contact would shortly be made with local co-ordinators.

Cllr. Brown asked if there was a NW in Wrockwardine. Cllr. Mrs. Savage replied that there was not an official NW in Wrockwardine but it was felt that the village had a good network of information. Palmer stated that when all was up to date, it would be useful to regenerate NW in Wrockwardine.

Cllr. Brown requested that Neighbourhood Watch be placed on the next agenda for proper discussion with a view to instigating a Wrockwardine Watch as soon as possible.

The meeting discussed the benefits of NW membership.

Cllr. Brown asked PC Palmer about the yellow lines and no waiting signs at the cross roads in Admaston. The problems of parking in the area, especially on Sunday mornings, were discussed.

Incidents of vandalism in Admaston were pointed out to PC Palmer who stated that he was aware of it. Cllr. Orrell informed PC Palmer that residents could provide him with the names of the individuals concerned. PC Palmer asked Cllr. Orrell to contact him privately.

Cllr. Orrell related an incident where a resident had been hit by a car whilst he was walking his dogs on Wrockwardine Road. The resident had reported the incident to the police. PC Palmer reiterated the need for incidents to be reported.

on Cllr. Ballantyne made reference to an incident where a police car had parked the pavement whilst attending a road traffic accident. Pedestrians had found great difficulty in passing. PC Palmer said he would report the matter to Malinsgate and promised to update the council on the outcome. Cllr.

Ballantyne asked if the laws relating to the prevention of vehicles parking on footpaths could be enforced. Members discussed the problem which in the main seemed to be caused by certain persistent individuals. PC Palmer agreed to highlight the matter and Members agreed to bring the matter to the attention of WPC Riggs who, it was felt should be invited to a meeting of the council - the meeting of the 9th January was suggested.

The problem of fireworks being let off at inappropriate times in the parish was brought to the attention of PC Palmer. The relevant legislation was discussed. The Clerk stated that the minutes of the last meeting had not meant to convey that there was no legislation which could deal with this problem, only that the general consensus of the meeting was that there was, in reality, not a lot which could be done to prevent it happening.

PC Palmer agreed that it was difficult to control. Cllr. Brown suggested that there should be more publicity highlighting the problem. Cllr. Mrs. Jones felt that the joy of Bonfire Night had been taken away by the fact that fireworks were now let off throughout the whole of October and November.

Cllr. Ballantyne reminded PC Palmer that the enforcing authorities could always fall back on the powers provided by the Breach of the Peace rules and asked for PC Palmer to take away with him the message from the Parish Council that when the opportunity arises, the community would wish those powers to be used.

Cllr. Brown thanked PC Palmer for his attendance.

#### **7.56 PC Palmer left the meeting.**

#### **01/160 Minutes**

Cllr. Orrell requested that his reference to a report which had been given to a local group (page 2) be deleted from the minutes, as it was said as an aside and appears to be out of context to the debate. Members agreed that the paragraph could be deleted from the minutes.

The Clerk agreed that the planning minutes (page 5) referring to Orchard House should have stated that objections had been raised to the proposed development. **Subject to these alterations:**

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2001 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

### **01/161 Matters Arising**

The Clerk informed the meeting that matters reported (01/154) at the last meeting had been referred to T&WC.

#### Daffodil Bulbs

The Meeting was informed that the Clerk had obtained the requested bulbs. Cllrs. Orrell and Brown agreed to plant the bulbs. Cllr. Orrell asked the meeting if it had any requests as to the appropriate place(s) in the parish to plant the bulbs. Members agreed that the bulbs could be planted as and where Cllrs Orrell and Brown felt appropriate. Cllr. Mrs. Jones suggested that it would be nice if the bulbs could be planted around the speed signs at the entrance to the parish.

#### Dog fouling signs

The Clerk informed the meeting that he was in receipt of the requested dog fouling signs. Cllr. Orrell agreed to attend to matters.

#### Admaston House

Cllr. Powell gave a short report on the negotiations by AHT to acquire the lease on the House.

#### Street Lighting

Cllr. Orrell asked if there was any indication when work was to commence on the refurbishment of street lights. The Clerk informed the meeting that the MEB had been instructed and would be commencing work within the next two months. Cllr. Orrell informed the meeting that he felt that that would be the time the Neighbourhood Watch came to an end. Cllr. Orrell explained to the meeting that the NW signs would probably need to be removed since they had no public liability insurance and it would be appropriate to remove them before the lamps are refurbished. Cllr. Brown commended Cllr. Orrell for all his efforts to keep the Admaston NW going.

#### Parish Hall

The meeting was reminded that the Parish Hall committee had previously applied for a grant which had been deferred by the council pending further information. The Clerk read to the meeting the response from the committee which stated that they had managed to raise the vast majority of the required amount and now needed £2300. The committee had stated that they would be grateful for any amount the council saw fit to grant.

Members discussed the grant.

Cllr. Orrell expressed disappointment that the Lichfield Diocese had not contributed a penny but suggested that if the council was minded to help, then a possible contribution of a £1000 grant be made along with a loan of £1300. The Clerk stated that he was unsure as to whether it would be lawful to make a loan and, if that was the intention of the council, requested time to find out what the relevant authority under the Local Gov't Act was.

Following further discussion, Cllr. Mrs. Jones proposed a grant of £2000 be made. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Savage.

There was further discussion on the matter.

Cllr. Brown called for a vote on the proposition tabled. Four members were in

favour with one abstention. **Resolved that a grant of £2000 be made to the Parish Hall Committee for the repair of the Parish Hall roof.**

Cllr. Orrell asked the Clerk to ascertain whether or not Parish Councils had the relevant powers to make loans for future reference.

Incident which caused damage to a vehicle

Cllr. Ballantyne asked for an update. The Clerk informed the meeting that since the council's request for clarification, there had been no reply from the resident concerned. Members agreed to adjourn the matter sine die.

Rushmoor Lane

Cllr. Orrell reported that there had been no suggestion that there were plans to straighten Rushmoor Lane.

**01/162 Land at Admaston House**

Members agreed that the Clerk and Cllr. Brown meet with Mr. P. Semple to go through the small print of the lease and iron out some matters prior to the council discussing the full tabled lease.

Cllr. Orrell brought to the attention of the meeting the recent law report concerning town greens re: Sunderland. Cllr. Brown commented on the report and its interpretation. Cllr. Orrell stated that the relevance of the report was that the Court held that landowners **could** rely on land being used with implied permission.

Cllr. Ballantyne asked if the meeting would consider it useful for him to attend the meeting with Mr. Semple along with the Clerk and Cllr. Brown. This was agreed.

**01/163 Traffic Transport and Highway Matters**

a) Impact of Wellington measures on the Parish

The Clerk informed the meeting that the council had not yet received a reply to its request for information from Wellington Town Council. Cllr. Mrs. Jones urged that the council await a reply prior to any debate.

Cllr. Powell stated that there was resentment within Admaston about the bumps in Wellington Road. People were irritable - it was not conducive to good driving - the profile of the bumps was considered to be far too severe.

Cllr. Brown stated that whilst he could not argue with Cllr. Powell's words, the measures had done what they had set out to do and had slowed traffic down to the required 30 mph, even though some drivers still drive too fast.

Cllr. Powell stated that he had not asked for their removal, just modification.

Cllr. Ballantyne, noting that the measures had worked, cautioned the council to take a broader view on the measures and not a short sighted selfish view.

Members agreed to await any reply from Wellington Town Council.

b) Traffic calming Admaston

The Clerk reported to the council that he had heard from Anurada Fitzwalter that there was a sum of money available for traffic calming set aside to cover the road from the cross roads to the bridge. This money had been from "planning gain" and was in the control of Gerry Harvey. In addition, Anurada was preparing a scheme using road markings and boundary markings for

Admaston as requested at the last meeting of the parish council.

Members agreed that it would be helpful if Gerry Harvey (and also Anurada if available) should be invited to attend a meeting of the council.

Cllr. Orrell reminded members that the installation of humps along Station Road would be most objectionable because of the noise it would generate from empty heavy goods vehicles. The answer, he stated, would be the long requested speed cameras. Cllr. Ballantyne suggested that WPC Riggs should be involved in any meeting with the council and T&WC Traffic Officers.

Members agreed to the calling of a special meeting if needed.

c) Bus Shelters

Members discussed the current bus shelters. It was agreed that Cllrs. Orrell and Ballantyne carry out a condition and use survey and report back to the council with a recommended plan.

d) Other matters

Cllr. Orrell brought to the attention of the council a notice in the newspaper publicising the closure of Bratton Road. There had been nothing further heard about the possible new road.

Cllr. Ballantyne raised the request (March 01) for a pedestrian crossing adjacent to Admaston House, stating that he had now been asked to raise the extension of road humps from Bratton Road to Elmsdale Crescent. It had been agreed to leave the matter of the crossing pending the results of the Babbie survey. Cllr. Orrell was asked if this was any nearer fruition. Cllr. Orrell reminded the meeting that a report had been produced but it had been presented in the form of a "2nd draft".

Members discussed the 2nd draft and Cllr. Orrell stated that he had been lead to believe that a comprehensive scheme was to be raised.

Members agreed that this was another matter which could be raised with Gerry Harvey.

Cllr. Ballantyne agreed to fax the Clerk with a list of points which needed to be raised.

Cllr. Orrell reported that A.J. Maiden had applied for a Traffic Operators licence for a site at Donnington. Whilst it was accepted that this was, in itself, outside the remit of this council, concerns had to be whether there were any implications of a possible increase in traffic if there was an intent to either refuel or maintain vehicles in Allscott. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Maiden outlining the concerns of the council and asking if there were any implications which may affect this parish.

## **01/164 Correspondence**

### **1. Telford & Wrekin Council**

- (a) Refurbishment of Civic Amenity sites - noted.
- (b) North Telford Parish Paths Project - Cllr. Orrell gave a report on FP5.
- (c) New Trading Standards Initiative. - The Clerk reported that the new details had been added to the council's web site.

- (d) Annual Ceremony of Light - noted.
- (e) Safety Partnership - Cllr. Ballantyne

## 2. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

CPRE	Newsletter - Cllr. Orrell.
Victim Support	Local Advisory Group - noted.
Dept of Health	Modernising the NHS - noted
SAPTC	Resolutions - noted.
West Mercia Constabulary	Survey - Cllr. Ballantyne

### 01/165 Planning Matters

#### Applications

- W01/0816 Erection of a single storey extension 12 Pemberton Road, Admaston
- W01/0822 Erection of conservatory to rear Brookside, Shawbirch Road, Admaston.
- W01/0887 Erection of single storey side extension, 18 Allscott.
- W01/0882 Erection of a single storey storage building, Agropharm, Overley.  
Members expressed concern that no details of what was intended to be stored were given in the application. Given the nature of the site, the Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Authority for clarification.
- W01/0883 Erection of single storey rear extension and reconstruction of roof over garage to form games room. Four Seasons Allscott.

Members noted the following permissions:

- W01/0682 Erection of single storey side extension and garage, Keswick 18 Shawbirch Road, Admaston.
- W01/0664 Erection of a side garage with formation of games room in roof space, Redwood House, Allscott.
- W01/0512 Erection of two storey dwelling etc. Land adjacent Church Farm, Wrockwardine.

### 01/166 Accounts for Payment

The Clerk asked the meeting to vire £2000 from general balances to Grants to cover the previously discussed grant to the Parish Hall. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Savage - Resolved.

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

**Statement 97** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

**01/167 Reports**

Cllr. Mrs. Savage - Reported the pot holes at Tiddicross. Informed the meeting that something was being done (day of meeting) to the drains but the pot holes were dangerous. The holes in Wellington Road were positively dangerous especially to two wheeled vehicles. Reported concerns over barbed wire at the Maidens site.  
Continued concern over the plants growing over the road at a property in Wrockwardine.  
Overgrown verges at the railway bridge.

Cllr. Powell - Reported that the pot holes in Admaston House car park had not been attended to by T&WC.

Cllr. Orrell - Gave a report on the meetings held by Admaston House Trust, stating that his concern was the dilapidation report and the Trust negotiations with T&WC to resolve matters.  
Requested that the council ask T&WC to provide it with copies of it new Monthly Forward Plan. Members agreed to request a copy.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Cllr. Rawlings had reported the following concerns:  
A dangerous dip in the road (caused by subsidence) on the Shawbirch to High Ercall Rd. just before the Gate Inn and turn onto Bratton Rd. Lack of priority signage at the right of way on the junction of Bratton Rd. and Whiteways Drive. Request for appropriate signage on footpaths. Cllr. Orrell agreed to take the matter up with NTP3.

**SCHEDULE 12A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**Resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining item of business which is confidential and may disclose exempt information.**

**01/168 Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor**

Members heard that there had been one response to the council's request for

applicants to be considered for co-option. The applicant being Mr. E.A. Cowling of Lower Park Drive, Shawbirch. The Clerk gave guidance on the formal co-option of members.

Cllr. Orrell proposed that Mr. Cowling be co-opted, seconded by Cllr. Ballantyne. It was **resolved that Mr. E.A. Cowling be formally co-opted as a Councillor of Wrockwardine Parish Council.**

Cllr. Brown welcomed Cllr. Cowling to the Council and invited him to join the meeting.

Cllr. Cowling signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**01/169 Press Statement**

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

The meeting closed at 10.19 p.m.

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

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