

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th October 2003 at
Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. - K.J.S. Ballantyne - Chairman
Cllrs. A. E. Cowling, A. Orrell, D. Powell,
S. Rawlings and Mrs. J. Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: WPC Judith McPherson
Two members of the public.

03/144 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed all present.

03/145 Police Session

WPC McPherson reported that the new youth shelter was well used, with upwards of thirty young people using it.
Cllr. Powell reported an incident which had taken place at Admaston House.

Members discussed policing matters of local concern.

Cllr. Rawlings reported concerns over vehicles parking opposite the junction adjacent to St. Christopher's Hall.

7.45 p.m. Cllr. D. Blackwell (Borough Ward Member) entered the room.

The meeting briefly discussed traffic matters relating to Station Road and Shawbirch Road.

7.50 p.m. There being no further Police matters, WPC McPherson was thanked for her attendance and she left meeting.

03/146 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. B. C. Brown and Ms. T. Kenny along with their reasons for being absent. The apologies were accepted.

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Craik had requested the Meeting accept his apologies due to pressing business commitments; he would make every effort to attend later in the meeting if the early conclusion of his business allowed. The Meeting was content to accept the apology from Cllr. Craik.

Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. Miss Seymour, Borough Councillor.

03/147 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Powell reminded the meeting that he had an interest in Admaston House and stated that he would not take part in budget matters relating to the House.

Cllr. Ballantyne stated that he had been asked by Cllr. Ms. Kenny to declare on her behalf that she was a Member of Wrockwardine Parish Action Group as a member of the public (not in her capacity as Parish Councillor).

Cllr. Ballantyne formally withdrew all declarations in all matters relating to Admaston House Trust, informing the meeting that he was now in a position to freely partake in all debates and votes concerning the House.

03/148 Minutes

Cllr. Cowling asked the meeting to note that he would be laying the wreath on Armistice Day on behalf of the Parish Council and not the British Legion as reported in the last minutes. This amendment being noted:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2003 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

Cllr. Blackwell asked that it be formally noted that he had not returned to the meeting following the conclusion of item 03/132 in the minutes. Members acknowledged that this was the case.

03/149 Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor by way of Resignation

The meeting was informed of the resignation of Mrs. Jenny Watts from the office of Parish Councillor.

It was formally announced that a vacancy had occurred in the office of Parish Councillor, by reason of resignation and that any ten electors of the Parish requesting an election, should do so in writing to M. Frater Esq., Returning Officer, Borough of Telford & Wrekin Council, Malinslee House, Telford, within 14 days of the formal notice which would be posted by the Clerk on the day following this announcement. If no such request is received, the Parish Council will take the necessary steps to fill the vacancy within a period of 60 days from the date of the notice.

03/150 Finance & General Purposes Committee

It was agreed that a meeting of the Finance & general Purposes Committee should be held on Monday 20th October at 7.00 p.m. at Admaston House. The remit of the Committee was agreed to be:

A review of the Clerk's work load in light of the addition of the new Committee, lighting matters, Standing Orders (review of) and budget/precept.

Membership of the committee was discussed. Members to be Cllr. Ballantyne (ex officio), Cllr. Orrell and Cllr. Cowling. There remained one vacancy.

03/151 Budget 2004/5

The Meeting received written suggestions for consideration by the F&GP Committee.

Cllr. Cowling reported that Admaston House Trust intended to ask the Parish Council to continue to underwrite the rising costs of the House in the sum of £4k.

Cllr. Powell left the room for the duration of the discussion relating to Admaston House and returned following its conclusion.

Cllr. Orrell stated that all suggestions would be given consideration by the Committee and reminded the meeting that the original offer of assistance to the House was on the basis that its potential income was unknown and it was feared that some income would be lost by the imminent withdrawal of the Educational Support Unit. In fact, it was now known that the income of the House was exceeding all expectations. The meeting was further reminded that the original offer of support for the House was conditional upon proof of need and no such proof had yet been offered.

The Chairman asked for consideration to be given to provision for continuing research into the need for a railway station and continued publication of a parish magazine.

03/152 Parish Charter

The Chairman referred to previously circulated views on the proposal for the Parish Council to sign up to a Parish Charter. He stated that although these preliminary views had been passed to the Borough Council, it had been made clear to them that they were the views of individual councillors and not the resolved view of Council.

Members discussed the request by the Borough that the Parish Council signs the Parish Charter.

8.35 p.m. Cllr. Craik joined the meeting.

Concern was expressed over a number of issues arising from the Charter and Members were not content that they had only seen a draft and yet would be expected to sign the final version without first studying it.

Members discussed the concerns already sent to the Borough by individual members. The Chairman invited the Meeting to accept the individual responses and concerns as the resolved view of Council. **Resolved.**

03/153 Youth Shelter

Cllr. Rawlings reported that the site may suffer heavily from mud in the months of winter and asked that the provision of a footpath to the site be considered in the budget. The Clerk was asked to seek the consent of the Borough to surface an area of the field. Cllr. Rawlings agreed to investigate the costs involved.

Members accepted the cost of a padlock for the litterbin on the site (£5.99). Cllr. Cowling presented his report as Council Representative on Admaston House Trust.

Members discussed the difficulties which had been caused by the football club holding three matches on the same day. The Clerk was asked to write to the secretary of the club, reminding them that they although they enjoyed free use of the field, the Parish Council expected responsible behaviour, pointing out the problems of vehicles parking on the green and asking them to avoid having three fixtures on the same day in future.

Cllr. Cowlings report was accepted and adopted.

03/154 Bus Shelter Wrockwardine

The Clerk reported that 115 letters had been delivered to the residents of Wrockwardine and the surrounding hamlets (Cllr. Orrell was thanked for distributing the letters) asking for their views on whether a bus shelter should be provided or not and if one was required, a suggestion for a appropriate site.

Of the 115 letters only 16 responses were received. Of these, 6 were for the provision of a shelter and 10 were against.

Cllr. Orrell proposed that the idea of providing a shelter be now abandoned due to lack of need expressed by the residents. Seconded by Cllr. Savage.

Resolved unanimously.

03/155 Traffic and Transport Matters

Members agreed that the delegated committee should meet with Mrs Fitzwalter and Mr. Roderick on Tuesday 21st October to make progress in the matter of traffic calming on Shawbirch Road.

Members discussed the proposal by T&WC to move the 30 mph limit sign past the bridge on Station Road. Cllr. Savage asked if Gateway Signs for the newly moved signs could be requested.

Members discussed the positive effect upon traffic flow caused by vehicles that had been parked outside the Pheasant Inn for a number of days.

Members discussed a public (residents) meeting which was to be held in the parish on 21st October. The meeting agreed that Cllrs Orrell and Ballantyne could represent the views of Council if called upon to do so at the meeting.

Cllr. Orrell gave a full report of a traffic calming proposal consultation meeting held at Admaston House on the evening of 29th September. The meeting was informed that the representatives of 15 houses attended and one other made a later appointment to discuss the issue as he was on holiday. Forms were made available for those involved to leave their views. The results of the meeting would assist in representations to the Borough. Cllr. Orrell was

thanked for his initiative and it was agreed that the cost of the Hall hire was to be paid by Council.

03/156 Vital Villages

Cllr. Ballantyne gave an updated report on the study into the need for a railway station at Admaston. The requirements of a feasibility study were discussed and Cllr. Ballantyne proposed that Railway Consultancy be appointed to carry out the survey with himself as the client contact. This was **resolved**.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the next edition of the parish magazine was due to be published at the end of November – contributions were requested.

Members discussed and adopted a suitable logo.

03/157 Correspondence

1. Telford & Wrekin Council

Bob King	Footpath Cheshire Coppice Lane The meeting adopted a draft response from Cllr. Orrell (NTP3 representative) as the formal reply of Council.
Andrew Roberts	30 MPH Speed Limit Order 2003. Previously discussed.
Katrina Baker	A Charter for working together – discussed previously in the meeting.
Katrina Baker	Revised Parish Charter (Draft)

2. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Highways Agency	Request to be notified of events which require road closures or which may affect traffic flow.
Allianz Cornhill	Confirmation of action to be taken by the insurers in relation to a claim.
PCC of St. Peters	Thanks for grant
SALC	Proposals to adopt domain name for web sites www.wrockwardine.shropshire.gov.uk
RAF Shawbury	Cllr. Ballantyne reported that he had received an invitation from RAF Shawbury for Members and their partners to receive a tour of the Control Tower and Base. Members asked Cllr. Ballantyne to co-ordinate the visit.
SALC	Minutes of Meeting held 24th September.
SALC	Policy & Executive Meeting notes

03/158 Planning Matters

Members discussed the imminent Borough Planning Board Meeting which would discuss the proposal to provide green waste provision at Bratton Hall Farm.

Members considered the following applications:

- W03/1039 Erection of 1 dwelling and creation of a new vehicular/
pedestrian access Donnerville Farmhouse Wellington
Road Admaston.
- W03/1139 Erection of 1st floor extension 7 Meadow Drive Walcot
- W03/1141 Erection of conservatory to rear 81 Broomfield Road Admaston

There were no objections to any of the above applications.

There were no permissions.

There were no refusals.

03/159 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 121 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

03/160 Reports

- Cllr. Powell - Reported that the cutting back of nettles in Ringers Lane had been attended to and asked that it be noted that residents of Shawbirch Road had reported/complained to the police about various incidents.
- Cllr. Mrs. Savage - Asked if once again a request could be made to the Borough to provide a central white line at Drummary Lane.
- Cllr. Cowling - Reported that an ambulance had failed to find Bratton Road, having got no further than Whiteways Drive. Reported that the sign for Bratton Road seemed to have disappeared.
- Cllr. Orrell - Reported that complaints about bonfires had been sorted amicably. Members discussed by-laws.
- Cllr. Blackwell - Reported that the Green waste Trials of in the Borough appeared to be working well. Mentioned that (referring to the bonfire neighbour dispute) the Borough has a helpful leaflet on how to deal with neighbour

disputes/difficulties.

03/161 Press Statement

The Chairman agreed to talk to the press about matters before Council.

03/162 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday, 12th November 2003 to commence at **7.30 p.m.** at Wrockwardine Parish Hall

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____