

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday
13th October 2004 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

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

Also in attendance: Cllr. D. Blackwell (Borough Councillor)
H. Whittingham Esq.
P.C. Judith McPherson

04/155 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed all present.

04/156 Police Report

Members received the Police report from PC McPherson.
Members reported incidents to PC McPherson.
P.C. McPherson reported increased attendance within the parish of the
Community Support Officers.

7.31 p.m. Cllr. Dawes joined the meeting

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

04/157 Apologies for Absence

Apology for absence along with reason were received and accepted from Cllr.
Ms. Kenny. The Clerk reported that Cllr. Kiernan wished to inform the
meeting that he had been delayed at work and would do his best to attend the
meeting later if time permitted. The meeting was informed that Cllr. Miss.
Seymour (Borough Cllr.) was attending another meeting but would try to
attend later.

04/158 Declaration of Interest

The Chairman wished it to be recorded that he had an interest in the planning
application number W2004/1048 and therefore would take no part in the
discussion and allow the Vice chairman to preside over any debate for that
item of business.

04/159 Minutes

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2004 were confirmed
and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

04/160 Budget & Precept

Cllr. Cowling (Chairman F&GP Committee) reported that the F&GP
Committee had received all suggestions and recommendations from Members

and debated the matter of the budget and precept at length. The proposed budget had been presented to Councillors and there had been no suggestions for change. Based upon the presented budget document Cllr. Cowling reported that recommendation from the F&GP Committee was for a budget to be set for the year 2005 to 2006 in the sum of £36'750 (represented by a 5% increase on the present years budget).

Following discussion, Cllr. Cowling proposed that the budget for the forthcoming year be set at £36'750; seconded by Cllr. Carver – **RESOLVED** that the budget for the forthcoming year be set at £36'750.

Cllr. Cowling then proposed that the Precept for the forthcoming year be set at £36'750; seconded by Cllr. Rawlings – **RESOLVED** that the Precept for the forthcoming year be set at £36'750.

04/161 Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr. Cowling presented the minutes of the F&GP Committee of 23rd September which were accepted.

Cllr. Cowling presented the proposals of the Committee:

i) Cutting regime (grass and hedges) land in ownership of Parish Members discussed the required regimes for the land at Admaston Green, Longyard Meadow and Wrockwardine Playing Fields. It was agreed that the regime of cutting (grass) should be 10 cuts per year for Admaston Green and Wrockwardine Playing Fields, and 4 cuts per year for Longyard Meadow. It was also agreed that all the hedges on the lands mentioned should receive one cut per year.

Members discussed and agreed a formal tendering procedure – The Clerk would invite tenders to be submitted by a set date in sealed envelopes to be opened by the Clerk in the presence of the Chairman and Chairman of the F&GP Committee. It was further agreed that the cutting of the grass alone should be put out to tender first and that the hedges should be dealt with at a later date after the grass cutting had been agreed.

The meeting thanked Cllr. Rawlings for his advice on the cutting regimes.

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

ii) Possible acquisition of land from English Partnerships.

The Chairman reported that residents had requested that Council consider the acquisition of land adjacent to Whiteways Drive. The land is currently in the ownership (it was thought) of English Partnerships and is maintained on a seemingly add-hoc basis by the Borough Council. Residents felt that if the land was under the ownership of the Parish council it would be protected from development and retained as open space.

The Chairman proposed that Council speak to E.P. to ascertain if the land could be acquired by the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact E.P. to seek their view.

iii) Wrockwardine Millennium Committee

The meeting heard that Wrockwardine Millennium Committee had been wound up but had an outstanding matter and had requested the assistance of the Parish Council. Prior to being wound up the Committee had received an award from “Awards For All” (Lottery Grant) in the sum of £5000 for provision of play equipment at Wrockwardine; but this award had been conditional upon the Committee finding a further £1500 which it had not done. The request from trustees of the committee was that Council take over the project and make up the shortfall of the £1500 to safeguard the award of £5000 and thus ensure that the play equipment was provided and the award not lost.

RESOLVED to make up the shortfall of £1500 and write to the Chairman of the (past) trustees of the committee indicating that the PC would be willing to take on the project and make up the shortfall of £1500 provided that Awards For All permitted their award of £5000 to be transferred to the Parish Council.

It was further **RESOLVED** that the sum of £1500 be vired from reserves to be used as the remaining contribution for the purchase of play equipment at Wrockwardine provided that the original £5000 can be lawfully transferred to the Parish Council (with the permission of Awards For All) from the Millennium Committee account.

04/162 Proposed Play Area – Bean Hill

The Clerk reported that the Chairman and he had spent some considerable time preparing a case stated and questions to be put to NALC relating to a possible mistake likely to lead to an injustice. The papers had been sent to NALC (via SALC) for a legal view. Council was still awaiting the legal view therefore the matter was still in abeyance.

04/163 Traffic and Transport Matters

a) Shawbirch Road

There was no progress to report.

The Clerk brought to the attention of the meeting several outstanding matter in the hamlet of Charlton which were supposed to be being dealt with by Mr. Kevin Price of the Borough Council. Mr. Price had been asked earlier in the year to either deal with the issues or attend Council to explain why he had been unable or unwilling to complete the promised work. Mr. Price had initially stated that he would willingly attend Council but had not done so. He had recently been reminded by the Clerk that he had promised to attend but had now stated that he needed to discuss matters with his line manager first. Councillor Blackwell agreed to take the matter up on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported correspondence from Peter Bradley MP who had corresponded with the Borough Council on various traffic matters in the parish following his meeting with Council on the 17th September. The Clerk was asked to thank Mr. Bradley and ask if he had received a reply from the

Borough.

04/164 Parish Improvements

a) Engraving of stones Admaston Green and Longyard Meadow

The Clerk reported that the work had been completed.

b) Finger posts

There was no progress to report.

c) Resurfacing of football field at Wrockwardine

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Carver had obtained voluntary assistance to roll the playing fields but this would be better done in the new year when the ground was saturated. This may help with the surface pot holes and Council could review any required action after the work had been done.

d) Parish Improvements

Cllr. Powell requested an additional bin at Admaston Green. Members **RESOLVED** to purchase a new bin for Admaston Green.

It was further **RESOLVED** to use the existing spare bin in the village of Wrockwardine.

Cllr. Powell reported that the problems with street signs at Bratton Road and Elmsdale Crescent remained unresolved. The Clerk was asked to contact Kieth Smith (Borough Council) to request that he contact the Chairman to find a solution. Members **approved** the purchase of a sign if it were necessary to resolve the problem.

04/165 Report from Parish Representative on Admaston House Trust

There was no report.

a) Use of Grant for purchase of a gate.

The Chairman explained that the PC had an obligation to follow up on all grants issued and it had been led to believe by the Chairman of the Trust that following receipt of a grant the gate would be purchased and put in place as a matter of urgency – this had not been done some three months later.

Cllr. Powell (Trust Secretary) explained that permission was being sought from the Borough who were the owners of the land and it may also be that planning permission would be required.

Members were not content with the reply as it was felt that Council had been led to believe that these matters had been resolved prior to the application for the grant.

Cllr. Powell was asked to request that the Chairman of the Trust provide a short report on the progress of the project and explaining when it was envisaged that the grant would be used for its correct purpose. Cllr. Powell was asked to make it plain to the Chairman of the Trust that if it was not envisaged that the project would be completed soonest then Council would expect the return of the money which would be held until it was actually

required for the purpose it was intended.

Council Blackwell stated that if it would help he would be prepared to talk to Borough Officers in regard to the matter of planning permission and landlords permission to expedite matters. Cllr. Powell thanked Cllr. Blackwell for his assistance.

b) Disability Discrimination Act – Access to Council Meetings

Councillor Powell assured Council that adequate ramps were available for access to the House.

04/166 Correspondence

Correspondence requiring a decision

BT&W Recommendation Councillors Allowances – To be placed on the next agenda for full discussion.

The Following correspondence was noted:

Wickstead Leisure	Disability Discrimination Act (Playgrounds)
P. Bradley M.P.	Following meeting of 17 th .
P. Bradley M.P.	Wrekin
W. Mercia Police	Policing in the West Mercia
T&W CVS	Newslines
T&W BC	Functions of Traffic Management.

04/167 Planning Matters

Cllr. Craik declared an interest in W2004/1102 and took no part.

The following applications were considered:

W04/1053	Erection of 15m manopole mast Agropharms Ltd. Overley. There were no objections.
W04/1145	Erection of 2no stables and 1no. Hay barn and construction of boundry fence Part of field no. 0209 Lawn Farm Rushmoor Lane. There were no objections.
W04/1042	Erection of first floor extension 7 Bostock Close. There were no objections.

Cllr. Rawlings took the Chair for the following (one) item of business – The Chairman took no part in the discussion.

W04/1048	Erection of triple garage The Old Smithy 44 Elmsdale Crescent. There were no objections.
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The Chairman resumed his seat.

W04/1051	Erection of agricultural potato store Duncote Farm Walcot. There were no objections.
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W04/1061	Erection of single storey rear extension 5 South View
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Wrockwardine. [approved]

W04/1102 Tree works 1no. Robina Acacia House Shawbirch Road. There were no objections.

The following Permissions were noted.

W04/0800 Conversion of smithy shop to one bedroom dwelling The Smithy Wrockwardine.

W04/0867 Construction of temporary car park Allscott Sugar Beet Factory.

W04/1061 Erection of single storey rear extension 5 South View Wrockwardine.

The following Refusals were noted:

W04/0722 Erection of a detached bungalow, alterations to existing vehicular access and creation of new vehicular access. Land adjacent to 28 Shawbirch road Admaston.

W04/0863 Erection of two detached dwellings Land adjacent The ranch Rushmoor Lane.

04/168 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 132 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

04/169 Press Statement

The press statement was delegated to the Chairman.

04/170 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman allowed Cllr. Blackwell to report on the progress of the Local Development Framework.

The Chairman allowed Cllr. Miss Seymour to give an update on the progress of the negotiations to purchase an area of The Wrekin.

04/171 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled Wednesday, 10th November 2004 to commence at **7.30 p.m.** at Admaston House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.44 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____