

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday
10th October 2005 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

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

Also in attendance: One member of the public.
Cllr. Miss Seymour (Borough Member)
PC Judith McPherson
CSO Suzy Allan

05/157 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the October Meeting of Council.

05/158 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence along with the reasons were received and accepted from Cllr. Craik.

Members acknowledged that Cllr. Kiernan although not present at the meeting was representing Council at another meeting elsewhere.

Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. Blackwell (Borough Councillor).

05/159 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Rawlings declared a personal interest in matters concerning the Local Development Plan. Cllr. Ballantyne declared personal interests in all planning matters involving the agent David Humphreys and also application W2005/1177.

05/160 Police Report

PC McPherson presented her report to Council.

Community Support Officer Suzy Alan was introduced to members and PC McPherson outlined proposals to redefine the CSO areas and how this would benefit the Parish. Cllr. Ballantyne asked PC McPherson to write a report containing this information for the Parish Magazine.

Members discussed policing matters.

PC McPherson reported on a recent crack down on speeding motorists in the Parish.

The Chairman asked PC McPherson to ascertain what sort of proposals for traffic calming on Shawbirch Road would be acceptable to the Police as so far most of the proposals which had been put forward by the Borough had seemingly been rejected by the Police Traffic Management Officer and it would be useful if Council could receive some positive suggestions as opposed

to negative comment.

7.51 p.m. the officers left the meeting.

05/161 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2005 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

05/162 Budget and Precept

a) Budget

The Chairman presented the draft budget as recommended by the F&GP Committee. Following discussion Cllr. Cowling proposed that the budget be accepted as presented. Seconded by Cllr. Ms. Kenny it was RESOLVED that the budget be accepted as presented.

Cllr. Dawes asked if it would be possible to place a bus shelter on Shawbirch Road by the Spa. Cllr. Ballantyne explained that the F&GP Committee had been asking throughout the summer for such suggestions and had now set the budget without being aware of such a proposal however the matter could still be discussed by Council as a future project. The Clerk was asked to place the matter on the next agenda.

Cllr. Cowling brought to the attention of members that the office and telephone expenses allowed to the Clerk had not been reviewed for a considerable number of years and had remained at £190 since at least 1999. It was proposed that the level of recompense should be set at £320 per annum to be paid quarterly. Proposed by Cllr. Cowling; Seconded by Cllr. Ms Kenny it was RESOLVED.

b) Precept

The Chairman recommended that Council set a Precept at £37345 for the forthcoming year. Proposed by Cllr. Cowling that a precept of £37345 be set; seconded by Cllr. Rawlings it was RESOLVED.

05/163 Finance & General Purposes Committee

The minutes of the last F&GP meeting were accepted by Council.

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

Local Development Framework

8.37 p.m. The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Mr. Ford to make a representation from Wrockwardine Village.

8.42 p.m. Standing Orders were reinstated.

Members discussed the LDF and the Clerk was instructed to respond accordingly.

05/164 Admaston House

a) Report from Parish Representative on Admaston House Trust

The Chairman read out a report on behalf of Cllr. Craik.

Members thanked Cllr. Craik for his report.

05/165 Youth Play Provision

Council received a report on the steering committee from Cllr. Rawlings.

Cllr. Rawlings was thanked for his report.

05/166 Traffic and Transport Matters

a) Traffic calming Shawbirch Road and Station Road Zebra Crossing.

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to John Charles pointing out the safety concerns expressed by Council over the newly installed crossing.

The Clerk confirmed that he had reminded the Borough that the Parish was still waiting to hear of any proposals for traffic calming in Shawbirch Road to replace the failed chicane scheme.

b) Parish wide traffic matters.

Cllr. Carver brought to the attention of Members traffic statistics relating to the proposed construction of a new potato store at Allscott. Cllr. Carver was thanked for providing the information.

Cllr. Miss Kenny reported that the 30mph sign was still lying in the verge at Charlton – Cllr. Miss Seymour (Borough Cllr.) agreed to chase the matter.

05/167 Parish Improvements

a) Lighting in the Parish.

Cllr. Miss Seymour informed the meeting that she had made enquiries as to the status of lights at Dulwich Grange and why they had not been handed to the Parish. Officers of the Borough had informed her that the lights were Highway Lights and not footway lighting and would therefore not be handed to the Parish. Members were puzzled as to why these lights should have been considered as Highway Lights.

b) AdmastonBus shelter adoption.

Cllr. Miss Seymour reported that the Borough had attended to the damage on the shelter and that she had spoken to Trevor Turner who had confirmed that the shelter would be cleaned, washed and all graffiti would be removed. The problems with the seat will be addressed. As to the adoption of the shelter by the Parish, Cllr. Miss Seymour stated that she had received no reply from the legal dept.

05/168 Meeting with M.P.

The Chairman urged all Members to forward to him or the Clerk any questions they wished to ask the M.P. as soon as possible.

05/169 Remembrance Sunday

Cllr. Ballantyne informed the meeting of the arrangements for the Remembrance Day Service and stated that all would be welcome to attend. Cllrs. Ballantyne and Cowling were approved to represent Council at the service in Wrockwardine. Cllr. Cowling agreed to lay the wreath. The Clerk confirmed that a wreath had been ordered.

05/170 North Telford Parish Paths Partnership

There was nothing to report.

05/171 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

BT&W	Bus user group meeting 12 th October – noted.
Ennstone Johnston	Meeting with PC. It was confirmed that a meeting had been arranged with Mr. Doyley to be held at Admaston House on Wednesday 16 th November 2005.
Church Mission Week	Letter of thanks for the grant.
Awards for All	Confirmation that the file for Wrockwardine play equipment had been closed.
Post Office	Notification that Wrockwardine Post Office would close on 18 th October due to retirement of the present sub-postmaster and lack of a replacement.

05/172 Planning Matters

[Cllr. Rawlings took the Chair for Planning Matters.]

The following application was considered:

W05/1180	Erection of double garage and annexe above – Rose Cottage Allscott.
W05/1190	Erection of single storey rear extension – 3 Elmsdale Crescent
W05/1176	Proposed first floor bedroom extension – 2 Dalefield Drive
W05/1177 (outline)	Erection of detached dwelling – land at rear 44 Elmsdale Crescent.
W05/1045 (outline)	Erection of 2 dwellings – Land off Bostock Close
W05/1097	Erection of single storey rear extension – 8 Burcot Row

There were no objections to any of the above applications.

Permissions

The following permissions were noted:

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| W05/0938 | Demolition of existing garages and construction of new garage and carport. The Firs 6 Shawbirch Road Admaston. |
| W05/0936 | External alterations to former coach house/stable. Overly Hall. |
| W05/0602 | Erection of bay window to front elevation – Brier House Allscott. |

Refusal

There were no refusals to note.

05/173 Accounts for Payment

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

Statement 145 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Internal Audit

Bank Account

Cllr. Cowling gave Members details of the possibility of transferring the bank account to the Bank of Scotland and proposed that such a transfer is made. Seconded by Cllr. Powell it was RESOLVED.

05/174 Press Statement

The press statement was delegated to the Chairman.

05/175 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled Wednesday 9th November 2005 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

05/176 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman invited Cllr. Miss Seymour to report any matters to the meeting. Cllr. Miss Seymour gave a report on her membership of the Health Scrutiny Committee.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Miss Seymour for her report.

The Chairman thanked all for attending.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.56 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____