

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th October 2006 at
Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. – K.J.S. Ballantyne – Meeting Chairman
Cllrs. E. Cowling, E. Dawes, T. Kiernan, D. Powell and
Mrs. J. Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: CSO Suzy Coombs and CSO David Worrall.
There were no members of the public present.

06/77 Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

06/78 Apologies for Absence

Apologies along with reasons for absence were received and accepted from
Cllrs. Carver, Kenny and Rawlings.

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

06/79 Declaration of Interest

The Chairman declared a personal and private interest in planning application
W06/1190.

06/80 Police Report

CSO Coombs presented the police report to members and answered questions.

A number of incidents were reported to CSO Coombs.

The Chairman raised the matter of Council's discussion with PC Micky Riggs
where she had stated that it was not permissible for civilians to be trained to
use mobile speed cameras; this contradicted known uses by civilians in other
Shropshire Boroughs. The Officers were asked to request that PC McPherson
raise the matter with PC Riggs.

7.40 pm The CSOs left the meeting having been thanked for their attendance.

06/81 Minutes

The meeting acknowledged that planning application W06/0865 (Siting of
mobile catering unit Forest Glen site car park) was not in fact dealt with by
Council as it was within the parish of Little Wenlock and it had been passed to
Cllr. Miss Seymour who had stated that she would ensure that it was passed to
that Council for their attention. Subject to this note;

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2006 were confirmed
and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

06/82 The roll of the Parish Council in Planning Functions

Cllr. Dawes stated that he was uncomfortable with the fact the Borough Council had more information before it when considering planning applications. He felt that Council needed more information to be able to assess each application. The Chairman asked Cllr. Dawes what further information he felt was available to the Borough and Cllr. Dawes replied that the borough has before it such comments and objections that have been made by the public; this information was not available to the Parish Council.

The Chairman took Cllr. Dawes through the stages of planning consent and examined the different rolls of the Borough, as the planning authority, and the Parish as a consultee. The Chairman outlined planning law and procedure and it was agreed that the judgment required of the parish council was one which took regard of material planning considerations and not disputes between neighbors. A number of possible scenarios were given by the Chairman by way of illustrating his point. The Chairman felt that if the public had a concern over a particular application and felt that the Parish Council, in addition to the Borough, needed to be made aware of their concerns then it was incumbent upon them to notify the PC. It was not for the PC to embark upon general consultation for each application before it; that was a matter for the Borough.

The Chairman stated that he would be happy to place an item in the Parish Magazine asking the electorate to notify Council of any concerns they might have with planning applications but it should be noted that the PC is not the determining body.

Cllr. Dawes stated that he was aware of the different functions but still did not think that the public was protected enough; he felt that the parish may as well not make any decisions.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that Parish Councils which are not the determining body do not make decisions but simply make recommendations or objections to the Planning Authority and it would be entirely proper for any individual elector to do the same.

The meeting discussed the Town & Country Planning Act. It was agreed that the Chairman should make the public more aware of the Parish Council's roll via the Parish Magazine.

06/83 Finance & General Purposes Committee

a) Cllr. Cowling presented the minutes of the last meeting and they were accepted by Council.

b) Cllr. Cowling ran through the budget which had been put before Council in July and pointed out that the F&GP Committee had added one more heading – Highway Maintenance. The Budget was recommended to Council at a level of

£37'641. It was proposed by Cllr. Dawes that the Budget be accepted. Seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Savage it was RESOLVED.

Cllr. Cowling proposed that Council adopt a precept of £37'500 for the forthcoming year which in practical terms represented no increase for the forthcoming year. Seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Savage it was RESOLVED.

06/84 Admaston House

There was no report.

06/85 War Memorial

The Chairman reported that the War Memorial was in place and that the Leaton Quarry had done a superb job. Members were informed that the donated rock weighed between 8 and 9 tons, was sitting on bed rock on a plinth built onto the bed rock. The plinth was back filled with concrete and the rock was sitting on concrete with a layer of gravel on top. The designers of the whole were civil and structural engineers – the structure was safe.

The Clerk was asked to discuss with the Highways Authority the removal of the traffic sign.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that consultation about the construction of the memorial had been undertaken twice via the Parish Magazine. Details of the Remembrance Day Service were provided.

The Clerk confirmed that a wreath had been ordered and members agreed that Cllr. Cowling should be authorized to lay the wreath on behalf of Council.

06/86 Parish Improvements

a) Removal and re-siting of wall mounted light at the Old Vicarage Wrockwardine. The Clerk confirmed that contractors had been instructed to undertake the work.

b) Christmas Tree

The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted the Borough and was awaiting their response.

Cllr. Cowling brought to the attention of the meeting an invitation from Central Networks to local Councils to apply for grant funding for Christmas Tree Light provision. The meeting was informed that there were five grants available in the sum of £2.5k and five grants in the sum of £1k.

8.23 pm Cllr. Craik joined the meeting.

Following discussion members resolved not to pursue the offer.

c) RoSPA

The Clerk confirmed that signs had been ordered.

d) To order a litter bin and approve the contract for bin emptying at Longyard Meadow.

RESOLVED that a metal litter bin be ordered to be placed on Longyard Meadow and that the bin be added to the contract for bin emptying.

e) Refurbishment of footway lighting

The meeting was made aware of the receipt of a safety report from the lighting contractors which called for repairs to a number of street lights in Burnell Road, Bostock Close and Admaston Spa. The quoted cost of the work required was to be £2'150.61 (exc. VAT). RESOLVED to instruct the contractors to carry out the work and to vire the funds from reserves.

06/87 NTP3

Cllr. Kiernan gave a report on his attendance at a recent SALC meeting where the topic of the adoption of street lights had been discussed. Cllr. Miss Seymour informed the meeting that she had arranged for a scrutiny review on street lighting to be undertaken and that she had asked that Parishes be invited to submit their views.

The meeting thanked Cllrs. Kiernan and Miss Seymour for their reports.

The Chairman returned to item 8 on the agenda having first welcomed Cllr. Craik to the meeting.

06/88 Admaston House

Cllr. Craik apologised for not presenting a written report to members and proceeded to verbally present a full report of the meeting of Admaston House Trustees. The meeting thanked Cllr. Craik for his report which was noted.

06/89 Public Session

Cllr. Powell presented a case for the inclusion of a Public Session at the beginning of all main Council meetings.

Following discussion it was RESOLVED that Standing Orders be suspended at 7.30 for a period of up to fifteen minutes on all future main Parish Council meetings and that any attending parishioners [electors] should be invited to address Council.

The Chairman agreed to publicise the decision in the Parish Magazine and it was agreed that the Chairman should also inform the press.

06/90 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

R. J. Mason	Members received a quote for (Admaston Spa) bus shelter pad in the sum of £1'320. RESOLVED that the quote be accepted.
M. Pritchard MP	Future of RAF Cosford. Cllr. Cowling gave a comprehensive and researched report in support

- of the campaign to keep Cosford open. It was RESOLVED to adopt Cllr. Cowling's report as the view of Council and the Clerk was instructed to reply to Mr. Pritchard using the findings of Cllr. Cowling's report.
- BT&W Section 38 agreement - adoption of roads at Admaston Fields. Noted.
- BT&W Local Development Plan. Cllr. Kiernan.
- British Sugar The Clerk confirmed that he had received a reply to the letter from Council enquiring about the future of the sports facilities on BSC land. The reply had stated that BSC were continuing talks with the sports committees involved and as the closure had been delayed for twelve months the future of the facilities would be looked at later. The meeting was content that it had received a reply and that the Chairman of BSC was aware of the issues.
- DHPC Request that Parishes call upon the Borough to hold talks with Milton Keynes and Wolverhampton to ascertain why those Boroughs had found that the siting of telephone masts could be restricted in their proximity to housing and schools when T&WB had stated that restrictions of that nature could not be placed on applicants. RESOLVED to support the call. Cllr. Miss Seymour gave a detailed account of the work of the scrutiny committee on phone masts. [Cllr. Dawes abstained from the vote]

The Chairman asked if Councils email address could be made individual to all members. The Clerk explained the present internet hosting and explained that the present arrangements would not allow individuals to have their own @wrockwardine.org.uk email address but this could be remedied easily if Council were willing to purchase suitable web hosting at an approximate cost of £50 per year. Following discussion it was RESOLVED that suitable hosting be purchased.

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

W'dine PCC
BT&W

Thanks for grant.
Receipt of 2nd part of precept.

06/91 Planning Matters

To Note Appeal:

Erections of two dwellings Land adjacent to The Bungalow Allscott.

1. **To consider the following applications:**

W06/1190 Extension to stock yard. Leaton Quarry.
This matter was delayed until the next meeting to allow members to peruse the large folio containing the application. The Chairman's declaration was noted.

W06/1142 [Listed Building] Removal of flat roof extension and reinstate door and painting of front and back door. The dingle Wrockwardine. There were no objections.

W06/1178 Erection of conservatory to rear of existing property and erection of a garden shed (retrospective) 30 Brandon Avenue. There were no objections.

W06/1160 Erection of first floor extension 19 Aldermead Close. It was RESOLVED that Wrockwardine Parish Council continues to have concerns over an extension of that size and feared that it was little different to the previous application W2006/0620.

Members felt that the application, if passed, would allow the applicant to easily and simply, by the addition of a couple of stud walls, achieve what he wished to achieve in the earlier application.

Council's original concerns remained valid and the clerk was asked to request that the Planning Officers consider the application in that light;

If the Borough was content to allow the application consent Council asked that serious consideration be given to there being a condition by a section 106 agreement to ensure that the house did not become a House of Multiple Occupancy, did not become a bed and breakfast and was not used as anything like a care home or for children in local authority care - in short, that it remained a private residence.

W06/1215 Erection of first floor extension, conservatory and detached double garage; Brook Cottage 1, 2, Wrockwardine Bank. There were no objections.

W06/1209 Erection of single and two storey extensions 7

Donnerville Gardens. There were no objections.

Permissions

1. To receive the following permissions:
W06/0794 Erection of single and two storey side and rear extensions. Dove Cottage 3 Drummery Lane.

W06/0912 Erection of first floor front extension 8 Woodford Green.

There were no refusals.

06/92 Accounts for Payment

The Clerk asked Members to approve one additional payment the invoice of which had been received too late to place on the schedule of receipts and payment: Energy Services quarterly maintenance fee £276.36. This was approved.

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

b) **Statements 157** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

c) Internal Audit Report

The Clerk was pleased to report that Council had received a completely satisfactory External Audit report with absolutely nothing to note. The Clerk was thanked for guiding Council through a successful audit.

06/93 Press Statement

The Chairman agreed to bring to the attention of the Press Council's newly adopted policy of holding a Public Session.

06/94 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday 8th November 2006 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

06/95 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Meeting Chairman invited Cllr. Miss Seymour to give her report which was then given.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.53 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____