

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

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#### **Present:**

Cllr. – S.C. Rawlings - Chairman  
Cllrs. Mrs. E. Ballantyne, K.J.S. Ballantyne, E. Dawes, Mrs  
Nadine Evans, T. Kiernan, D. Powell and Mrs Jo Savage.  
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

**Also Present:** Mr. H. Whittingham  
Mr. A. Orrell

#### **08/80 Chairman's opening remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

#### **08/81 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. M. Craik and Sheila Turner.  
Courtesy apologies were received from Borough Councillor Miss Seymour and  
PC Judith McPherson.

#### **08/82 Police Report**

In the knowledge that CSO Suzy Coombs was to join the meeting, the  
Chairman put the police report back in the agenda pending her arrival.

#### **08/83 Public Session**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Orrell and Mr Whittingham to the meeting.  
Mr. Whittingham reiterated his request that the litter bin outside the Post office  
in Admaston be relocated as it was covering up the cycle park facility placed  
their many years ago. Cllr. Kiernan (as Borough Councillor) agreed to take the  
matter up with the Borough.

Mr. Orrell stated that he would like to know if the Parish Council had had any  
communication with the Borough about the Beet Factory.

Cllr. Ballantyne informed Mr Orrell that there had been discussion with Cllr.  
Miss Seymour who had assured the Parish Council that the Borough knew  
nothing about any plans which the owners might have for the site. Cllr. Miss  
Seymour had assured the PC that she would ensure that they would be  
informed as soon as the Borough had any information.

The meeting noted that the PC had not received any notification or planning  
application or planning consent for demolition of the factory.

Mr. Orrell asked if the PC had seen the proposals under the Borough  
Development Plan which had been rejected.

Cllr. Kiernan stated that he had been in touch with the owners of the beet factory and was to attend a meeting with the management the following week.

Mr. Orrell felt that the PC should be more proactive and stated that he had been in touch with Cllr. Miss Seymour and had spoken of the proposals under the Development Plan which had been turned down.

***7.43 p.m. CSO Suzy Coombs joined the meeting.***

Cllr. Nadine Evans welcomed Mr. Orrells request for the PC to be more proactive stating that she had heard some rumours but there had been nothing of substance.

Cllr. Kiernan once again stated that he was to meet with the factory management in the following week and he assured the meeting that he had been told by the owners that there were at present no definite plans.

Mr. Orrell offered his assistance should the PC require any information or statistics relating to the site.

Mr Orrell expressed concern over the number of planning applications advertised in the press by the Borough stating that they appeared to be well down and did not correspond with applications received by the PC; it appeared that several applications never got advertised in the press.

The meeting discussed what obligations the Borough Council had to notify the community as a whole and neighbouring properties specifically. The Clerk was asked to raise the matter with the Borough.

***7.53 p.m. Mr. Orrell left the meeting.***

**08/84 Police Report**

CSO Suzy Coombs presented the police report on behalf of PC Judith McPherson and answered questions.

Cllr. Ballantyne thanked the officers for the report stated that it illustrated a regular pattern of traffic collisions within the parish. The meeting was reminded by Cllr. Ballantyne that there had already been one fatal collision in the Parish. Cllr. Ballantyne stated that in his view the Borough Highway Officers were in complete denial and that sites which were prone to accidents would or later cause much more serious collisions. It was also noted that the PC was still awaiting any action to remedy the defects on the zebra crossing. Cllr. Ballantyne called for the Borough to carry out its statutory duty; otherwise the PC may be forced to act legally to ensure it does so.

The meeting discussed various police matters.

***8.00 p.m. CSO Suzy Coombs left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman***

***8.01 p.m. Mr. Whittingham left the meeting.***

**08/85 Declaration of Interest**

The Cllrs Ballantyne informed the meeting that they were aware that the agenda listed a letter from Mr. Cowling and as that matter related to The Severn Hospice they would declare an interest and stand down at that point.

**08/86 Minutes**

It was noted that the Clerk had inadvertently promoted Mr. Cowling to the rank of Wing Commander whereas in fact, Mr. Cowling was pleased to have served the Crown in the more modest, but still substantive, commissioned rank of Squadron Leader. Subject to that amendment;

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

*8.03 p.m. The Cllrs Ballantyne left the room.*

**08/87 Extraordinary Grant Application**

The meeting received a request from Squadron Leader Cowling to support his efforts to raise essential funding for the local facility of The Severn Hospice.

It was proposed by Cllr. Dawes that a grant of £500 be made to the Severn Hospice and that as this was an exceptional item the necessary funds should be vired from reserves; seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was RESOLVED unanimously.

*8.07 p.m. The Cllrs Ballantyne rejoined the meeting.*

**08/88 Rural Forum**

a) Report on the Rural Forum Meeting

Prior to the PC meeting members had received a report on the meeting submitted by Cllr. Craik. The meeting accepted Cllr. Craik's report which was agreed with by Cllr. Evans and Cllr. Kiernan who had also attended the meeting. The general feeling was that the meeting had been of some use and was a good foundation.

Concern was expressed at the lack of response by Borough Traffic Management Officers to requests made by the Parish and by Borough Members. The meeting felt that when it comes to Offers of the Borough it was "the tail wagging the dog" and that this was not acceptable.

The meeting discussed the attendance of Cllrs K. Ballantyne and M. Craik at the Safer Roads Partnership meeting; there was extreme disappointment that attendees had learned that the partnership does not talk to Parishes.

The Chairman thanked all those who had attended meetings on behalf of the PC.

b) Parish Plans

It was agreed that Cllr. Nadine Evans should represent the PC at the Parish Plans meeting.

**08/89 Traffic Matters**

a) Parish Working Group

There was nothing to report.

b) Traffic Survey Walcott

The Clerk reported that he had been informed by the Traffic management Officer that the survey would include the entire section of road from the national speed limit sign just over the railway bridge to the end of the Borough boundary.

c) SIDS data – Admaston.

The meeting heard that the SIDs used in Admaston were no capable of collecting any data.

The meeting asked the Clerk to request the previous data from the traffic survey and for a new survey to be carried out for comparison.

**08/90 Code of Conduct – Councillors Indemnity**

The meeting heard details of new provisions under the Local Government Act whereby Councillors could indemnify themselves from legal costs arising from defending an allegation in respect of breaching the Code of Conduct. The Clerk was asked to investigate the relevant insurance costs.

**08/91 Admaston House Trust**

a) Report from Parish Representative.

There was nothing to report.

**08/92 Parish Improvements**

**a) Youth Shelter – Wrockwardine Playing Fields**

The Chairman gave a report stating that the order for the shelter had been submitted to Monster Play. The meeting heard that the youngsters had also requested that the Council purchase portable goal posts and net clips out of their funds; the meeting agreed and the Clerk was asked to place the order.

The Chairman gave details of other equipment the young people were considering and stated that he was to have another meeting with the group shortly.

**b) Dog Fouling.**

The Clerk informed the meeting that this item of business had been placed on the agenda by Cllr. Craik who was not in attendance. The meeting agreed to place the matter on the next agenda to allow Cllr. Craik to put his concerns to Council.

**c) Daffodils and other bulbs for the Parish**

The meeting heard that the Borough Council had agreed to provide the labour for bulb planting if the Parish Council would purchase a quantity of bulbs. Following discussion it was RESOLVED to authorise the Borough to order bulbs to cost of £700 to include daffodil, crocosmia and mombrechia bulbs.

**d) Adoption of Red telephone Kiosk in Allscott**

It was resolved to adopt the Kiosk. The Clerk was asked to obtain the full contract from BT.

**08/93 Budget and Precept**

Cllr. Kiernan presented a draft budget to the meeting.

Cllr. Ballantyne thanked Cllr. Kiernan, the Clerk and members of the F&GP Committee for producing the budget.

Following discussion it was agreed that the provision for the Parish Magazine should be reduced by £2000 and that an equal sum should be set aside for refurbishment of the church clock. It was agreed that the budget should be reduced by £2000 and that the provision for the church clock should be taken from the reserves.

Cllr. Ballantyne proposed that Council set a budget for the forthcoming year of £43255.00 as amended by a reduction of £2000.00; seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was RESOLVED with one abstention.

Cllr. Ballantyne proposed that Council set a precept of £43'000.00 for the forthcoming year; seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was RESOLVED.

Cllr. Ballantyne proposed that the £2'000.00 set aside for the church clock be taken from Council's reserves; seconded by Cllr. Nadine Evans it was RESOLVED.

**08/94 F&GP Committee**

Development Plan

Cllr. Kiernan informed the meeting that he hoped to have circulated the completed plan by the following weekend. It was agreed that there would be a F&GP meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October at Admaston House.

**08/95 Correspondence**

**1. Correspondence requiring a decision**

SALC AGM agenda. Noted.

SALC Alternative names and styles for parish councils. Noted.

SALC Training modules – various. Noted.

T&W Rural Forum Mins & Agenda – Chairman to attend.

T&WC Notice of postponement of appeal hearing for 19 Aldermead Close. Noted.

## **2. Correspondence not requiring a decision**

HM Govt                      Making and enforcing byelaws – a consultation. Noted.

The meeting was informed by Cllr. Kiernan that (in his office as Borough member) he had written to officers of the Borough to ask why certain parish settlements had been seemingly (administratively) removed from the parish boundary for the purpose of excluding villagers from school places.

### **08/96 Planning Matters**

**The following new planning matters were placed before the meeting:**

#### **Applications**

W08/1121      Erection of a first floor extension over existing garage; 19 Aldermead Close.  
Following discussion the Clerk was instructed to inform the Planning Authority that Wrockwardine Parish Council had grave concerns over how an extension of that size would impact on both the property and its surroundings; it was considered to be a huge extension to what was already a large house. The meeting was concerned over the likely use of the rooms, in particular the likelihood that the property may become a House of Multiple Occupancy. In addition, the meeting also had concerns over the likely increase in vehicles parking at the property. The Clerk was asked to point out that the Borough would be aware that there was already very restricted parking at the front of the property and the driveway was protected by very large gates which opened inwards effectively creating a sterile section of the driveway. Members felt that there was barely room for the number of vehicles which could potentially use the property - any more would have to park on the road.  
The Clerk was also asked to point out that previous permissions to extend the property had been refused and in the opinion of Wrockwardine Parish Council there were no material differences between this application and those which have already been refused.

The Clerk was asked to request that if the Borough was content to allow the application serious consideration be given to there being a condition by a section 106 agreement to ensure that the house, which would then be very large indeed, 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.

W08/1114      Demolition of cart shed; Land at Church Farm. There were no objections.

- W08/1107 Erection of a two storey dwelling house and Garage; Land at Church Farm. There were no objections.
- W08/1129 Erection of two storey extension to rear; The Ranch Rushmoor Lane. There were no objections.
- W08/1130 Erection of three storey side extension and single storey rear extension; 24 Whiteways Drive. There were no objections.

**Permissions**

- W08/0847 Extension to porch and replacement of two existing windows with one new window; 36 Donnerville Gardens.
- W08/0694 (Listed) Amendment to previous consent to reposition window and one window with one door. 14 Wrockwardine.
- W08/0894 Conversion of existing garage to living space and replacement of garage doors with window. Cedarbrook 7 Donnerville Drive.
- W08/0879 Siting of mobile horse shelter; land at Davids Bank South.

**Refusals**

- W08/0928 Erection of two storey extension to side of dwelling following demolition of previous extension and conservatory. 4 Rushmoor Lane.

**08/97 Accounts for Payment**

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

The meeting approved an additional payment of £150.00 to Andre Evans (Window Cleaning Services) for cleaning the Admaston Spa bus shelter [cheque 010195].

**Statement 20** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

The Clerk was asked to refer to NALC for guidance in regard to the safety of bank deposits due to the present economic climate.

**08/98 Press Statement**

Delegated to the Chairman - at his discretion.

*9.30 p.m. Cllr Dawes left the meeting.*

**08/99 Chairman's Closing Remarks**

The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting.

**08/100 Next Meeting**

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Council was to be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2008 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.32 p.m.

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

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