

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2000
at Admaston House Community Centre, Admaston at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllrs. Mrs. M. Carver, V.M.E. Holt, Mrs. E. Jones,
A. Orrell, D. Powell, S. Rawlings and Mrs. J. Savage,
Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

Also in attendance: Five members of the public

Mr. Carl Longland, Head of Mobility, T&WC and
Mr. Kevin Sutton, Traffic Group Engineer T&WC

119/00 Chairman's Remarks

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Members agreed to
Cllr. Orrell taking the Chair.

Cllr. Orrell welcomed Mr. Longland and Mr. Sutton.

120/00 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Ballantyne and Cllr. Brown.

Additional apologies were received from Cllr. Miss Seymour and Cllr.
Blackwell (Unitary Councillors) and PC Palmer.

121/00 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations.

122/00 Police Report

Members were informed that PC Palmer had been unable to attend the last
meeting of the council owing to annual holidays. Apologies had been received
for this month due to operational duties. PC Palmer had stated that he would
make sure he was available for the October meeting at Wrockwardine.

123/00 Traffic Management

Cllr. Orrell informed the meeting that four councillors and the clerk had
attended a meeting on the previous Monday where residents expressed
concerns over traffic to and from the Beet Factory. In addition to this, the
council had responded to the Joint Structure Plan.

Cllr. Orrell gave a detailed report on the traffic problems within the parish and
called upon the officers of T&WC to respond.

Mr. Longland acknowledged that the developments instigated and approved by
English Partnerships and its predecessors had a knock on effect throughout
Admaston. It was further acknowledged that there could be traffic issues
which needed addressing. A number of initiatives were cited including Safe Routes to
School, traffic calming and public transport.

Following the meeting at Allscot, a traffic survey had been commissioned which, the meeting was informed, would take between three and six months. The survey would allow T&WC to determine what action would be necessary to mitigate the development.

Cllr. Orrell further outlined a number of past proposals and broken promises to solve the problems. The Officers were asked what T&WC intended to do to overcome the problems and were reminded that there was an overwhelming need, and call, for a link road.

Cllr. Holt stated that there was a need for either a perimeter road or a bypass.

Cllr. Orrell informed the meeting that a free link road into the Persimmon estate had been offered and refused.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage informed the meeting that Wrockwardine village had seen an increase in traffic since the humps had been put into place in the Wellington Parish. Villagers were concerned that the roads were narrower and more rural than those being avoided.

Cllr. Mrs. Jones informed the officers that the council had pointed out the effects of increased traffic at the time of every proposed development but the warning had been ignored.

Cllr. Orrell referred to section 7(i) of the New Towns Act which allowed E.P. to grant their own permissions. Replies to correspondence between Cllr. Orrell and the Secretary of State had implied that the main road had a capacity of 1000 vehicles per hour. Private surveys of the area indicated that there were 13 thousand vehicles a day, which was well outside the requirements for the road.

Cllr. Mrs. Jones confirmed the private survey and reiterated that the council and residents had continually expressed concerns which had gone unheeded.

Cllr. Powell asked how many council surveys had been done.

Mr. Sutton replied that there had been surveys and promised that the results would be made available to the council by the next meeting. The council was promised that following the newly commissioned survey, the parish council would be fully consulted along with the public and it was hoped that a solution could be found.

Members went on to discuss the traffic problems in the parish and at 8.08 p.m. Standing orders were suspended to hear the views and concerns of residents.

8.12 p.m. *Cllr. Mrs. Hargrave arrived. The meeting heard that her late arrival had been unavoidably caused by traffic jams due to the petrol crisis. Cllr. Orrell remained in the chair for the remainder of the debate.*

Following the resumption of Standing Orders, there was further discussion.

Cllr. Orrell summed up the debate and thanked Mr. Longland and Mr. Sutton for attending, stating that the council looked forward to receiving the results of the traffic survey and being consulted in the efforts to resolve the problems.

**Cllr. Mrs. Hargrave took the Chair for the remaining business
124/00 Minutes**

Members agreed that 107/00 (e) should state Cllrs Mrs. Jones not Cllr. Holt.
Subject to this,

It was:

**Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2000
be confirmed and signed by the chairman.**

125/00 Matters arising out of the Minutes

(a) Admaston House

The Clerk reported that there had been no reply from Mr. Semple over the matter of the House and Land.

(b) Caravan at Wrockwardine

Cllr. Mrs. Savage reported that the caravan was still in situ.

Clerk to inform T&WC Enforcement Officer that nothing had happened.

(c) Post Office, Wrockwardine

Cllr. Holt informed the meeting that it was now thought that the applicant who intended to move the office to its original location had now given up.

(d) Beet factory (traffic concerns)

Cllr. Rawlings expressed concerns over children cycling to and from school coming into contact with heavy vehicles.

Cllr. Orrell handed members a report of Mondays meeting.

126/00 Training

Members were given details of the training initiatives put forward by Holinswood & Randlay Parish Council to hold a training day on Saturday 28th October. Cllr. Orrell agreed to attend and would liase with the Clerk.
Funding for the course was approved.

127/00 Recycling/Kerbside collections

The Clerk informed the meeting that T&WC had recycling and kerbside collecting in Admaston but did not feel that an extension of the schemes would be cost effective for Wrockwardine. T&WC had offered to site dedicated wheely bins for collection once a week, if a suitable site could be found in Wrockwardine. Following discussion, Members decided that a suitable site could not be found at this stage. It was therefore **resolved to take no action.**

128/00 Admaston House

The Chairman read to the meeting a letter from Cllr. Powell responding to Cllr. Orrell's report to the council.

Cllr. Mrs. Jones raised a point of order - The report of Cllr. Orrell had been accepted by the July meeting of the council.

The Chairman asked Cllr. Powell to clarify that his letter was a response to Cllr. Orrell's report. This was accepted by Cllr. Powell.

Cllr. Orrell stated that there was not a great deal of difference between his

report and that of the response by Cllr. Powell. The main point being that it had been stated that the Parish Council should get together with the Trustees to resolve their differences. Cllr. Orrell further stated that his main concern was that the council had not had a business plan from the Trust.

The Chairman in responding to the question of the councils mandate raised by some members of the Trust and private individuals, stated that this council has the most valid of mandates in that it has recently been returned by the electorate unopposed. The past decision to instigate the Town Green application had been taken in the best interest of the whole of the parish, and the electorate, in returning the council, reinforced the council's mandate to make responsible decisions on behalf of the parish. It was the duty of the council to represent the whole parish, not just Admaston.

The chairman further stated that no one wished to see Admaston House close as a community centre, but it must be remembered that the prime responsibility for its survival lay with T&WC. The Parish council cannot sign a blank cheque or commit to vast expenditure for such a scheme. Whilst the parish council wants to work with the Trust, the Trust must be reasonable and work with the council to find a viable solution.

Cllr. Holt endorsed the Chairman's statement and called for the Trust to give up the idea of a large building project, accept a lease on the house (along with the council accepting a lease on the land) and run the community centre as it is. This would allow the Town Green to remain. Under the Trusts proposals, the Town Green application would present difficulties.

Cllr. Powell stated that the Town Green was, at present, the stumbling block. It was the view of the Trust that without the possibility to extend and make the project larger, grants would not be forthcoming. If the land could not be built upon, the Trust could not proceed on the lines they were proposing. Cllr. Powell informed the meeting that the Trust at its AGM had resolved to invite the parish council to attend talks with the Trust prior to meeting with T&WC.

Cllr. Mrs Jones requested full details of all the options. There were a great many questions which needed to be answered by the Trust.

Cllr. Orrell asked that the Trust produce details of grant applications(and any conditions of those applications) along with full and proper cash flow forecasts and budgets for the proposals of the Trust along with all the options which the Trust has considered.

The Chairman stated that it was unfortunate that a minority of people seemed to think that the responsibility for the survival or otherwise of the house lay with the parish council. This was far from the case. The responsibility lay firmly with T&WC who had for some time neglected the building and continued to do so. Cllr. Powell acknowledged that T&WC had neglected the

fabric of the building and that it was unlikely that the situation would change. If the Trust was not allowed to intervene, the House would close.

Cllr. Holt stated that the Trust should be concentrating on getting T&WC to undertake its responsibility as owner to put the building and car park in order and then run the building as it is now.

Cllr. Powell insisted that the Parish Council had a responsibility to ensure the future of the House as a Community facility.

Following further discussion, It was **resolved that a meeting of the full council be held with the Trustees of Admaston House Trust.**

Members agreed that, as this was a joint meeting, it should be chaired by an independent Chair. It was agreed that Cllr. Miss Seymour should be asked to take the chair at a date and time to be arranged.

129/00 Post Office Wrockwardine

Previously discussed in matters arising.

130/00 Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:-

1. Telford & Wrekin Council -

- (a) Local Transport Plan - noted
- (b) Carl Longland Traffic Management - dealt with previously.
- (c) Juliet Porter Biodiversity Action Event - noted.
- (d) Community Funding Network News - Cllr. Mrs. Savage
- (e) Civic Service - noted.
- (f) Chair of Mobility and Transport - request to visit council - noted.

SCC	Acknowledgement of receipt of response to policy draft.
Com Safety Partnership	Progress Report - noted.
Post Office Counters Ltd.	Cost of P.O. computerisation - noted.
Peter Bradley MP	30 mph limits for villages - Clerk to respond.
CPRE	Rural Matters - noted.
NALC	Parish Pump previously circulated - noted.
T&W C.V.S.	Workshop 14th September - noted.
T&W C.V.S.	AGM 12th September - noted.
CPRE	Shropshire Landscapes Magazine - noted.
W Football Club	Thank you letter - noted.
WAPTC	Request by Chair to visit - approved invitation for new year.
SAPTC	Code of Conduct for Elected Members of Council - Clerk to Summarise the report for the council.
SCC	Public Transport News

Mr. Hudson Admaston House - request for information as to the future of the House. The Clerk gave details of the response which had been forwarded to Mr. Hudson. The Clerk was informed that the house was not managed by the Trust and was asked to make clear in correspondence on the matter that the house is the responsibility of T&WC.

131/00 Planning Matters

(a) Applications

Resolved that no objections be made to the following applications:-

1. W2000/0681 Single storey side extension 13 The Avenue Wrockwardine.
- W2000/0649 Erection of 2 storey dwelling land at south of 21 Allscott
- W2000/0648 Erection of entrance lobby, cloakroom and utility extension 6 Cluddley.
- W2000/0643 Proposed 11kw overhead line on wooden poles land at rear of 2 The Avenue Wrockwardine.

It was resolved to object to the following application:-

- W2000/0659 Erection of two 3 bedroomed detached dwellings with attached garages land adjacent Orchard Cottage Elmsdale Crescent.

The reasons given were the close proximity to other developments and the impact on a public right of way.

(b) Permissions

The following permissions were noted by the council:-

- W2000/0577 Single storey rear extension 13 Ringers Way
W2000/0514 Two storey side extension 9 Meadow Drive Walcot

(c) Refusals

The following refusal was noted by the council:-

There were no refusals received by the council.

132/00 Accounts for Payment

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

Statements 83 and 84 were tabled along with the reconciliation and were approved.

133/00 Grant Applications

(a) WRVS - Resolved that £50.00 be granted to the WRVS

(b) Admaston Pre-school - **Resolved that £50.00 be granted to Admaston Pre-school.**

(c) Wrockwardine Football Club - **Resolved to take no action.**

134/00 Reports

Cllr. Orrell - Presented a report of the meeting held on Monday 11th September, chaired by Mr. Peter Bradley MP , and gave members an outline of the meeting.
The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Bradley expressing the council's long held concern over the state of roads in our parish.
Reported an overgrown tree south of the bridge over the Silkin Way.

Cllr. Mrs. Savage - Reported that the surface of the road in Wrockwardine village to the Church Hall was breaking up. Clerk to report to T&WC.
Reported overgrown wall planting from a private dwelling in the village encroaching onto the road.

Cllr. Mrs. Hargrave - Requested that action be taken to repair pot holes in Sutton Road.

135/00 Press Statement

The Clerk was asked to report the councils concern over T&WC lack of action over repeated requests to take remedial action on a number of matters in the parish i.e.. pot holes in Sutton Road and footpaths throughout. In addition, the council had not yet received response for action over the state of the car park at Admaston House.

136/00 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday, 11th October to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.20p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____