

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th September 2001
at Wrockwardine Parish Hall, Wrockwardine at 7.30. p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. Mrs. R. Hargrave - Chairman.
Cllrs. Mrs. M. A. Carver, Mrs. E.S. Jones, A. Orrell,
D. Powell and Mrs. J. Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

Also in attendance: Cllr. D. Blackwell (Unitary Councillor).
Three members of the public.

01/139 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all in attendance.

01/140 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Ballantyne and Rawlings.
Courtesy apologies were also received from Cllr. Miss. J. Seymour (Unitary Councillor).

01/141 Declaration of Interest

No declarations were made.

01/142 Police Report

The meeting heard that PC Palmer had been unable to attend due to operational duties.

The Chairman reported that she had been approached by elderly residents of the parish who had concerns over the use of fireworks at times other than around November 5th. These incidents were of particular concern in light of the terrorist attacks in the USA. It was most disconcerting to the elderly to hear a continuous series of unexplained explosions after such events had taken place.

The Chairman asked if there was any regulations which restricted their use. Mrs Jones stated that it was her belief that the police were powerless to deal with the use of fireworks and agreed that regrettably, the use of fireworks for any occasion was becoming increasingly popular.

Cllr. Orrell expressed concern over the current organisation of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, stating that co-ordinators had received a message on the 23rd August asking if they were still co-ordinators. The Clerk informed the meeting that PC Palmer had reported that the meeting in August had not in fact been for co-ordinators, but had been for the police to sort out what needed doing to get matters back on track. There would be a new

meeting for co-ordinators.

Cllr. Blackwell informed members of concerns over some traffic going the wrong way around a traffic bollard at the bottom of Crowdale Road. Cllr. Blackwell had brought the matter to the attention of the police - members noted the concerns.

The Chairman raised concerns that some vehicles using Wellington Road, were, in order to avoid the road humps, driving in the centre of the road thereby creating a further hazard to oncoming traffic. Members were asked to take this into consideration if this parish were to have some form of traffic calming.

Cllr. Powell, whilst acknowledging that Wellington Road was outside the parish, asked if the council had ever expressed, or been asked for, a common opinion on the traffic humps. The general feeling he stated was that the humps irritated people. Members discussed the traffic calming which had been introduced in Wellington and in particular, how it had affected those of this parish who regularly used the route and the fact that some areas of this parish, it was felt, had been adversely affected by an increase in traffic from those seeking to avoid the calming measures.

Cllr. Mrs. Carver felt that most of the funding for the Wellington scheme had come from Europe.

Cllr. Orrell, in referring to the Local Transport Plan, asked how it could be that it was felt that calming was justified on what was originally the main B road out of Wellington (and still carried a great deal of traffic) and yet no consideration was given to Marton Drive.

Members requested that the matter be put on the next agenda for proper discussion and the Clerk was asked to write to Wellington Town Council for information.

01/143 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2001 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

01/144 Matters Arising

The Clerk informed the meeting that matters reported (01/138) at the last meeting had been referred to T&WC.

01/145 Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor

The Chairman informed the meeting that following the expiration of the date given in the public notice, no election had been called and therefore the Council must now co-opt a new Member to fill the vacancy. The Clerk had published the relevant Public Notice and anyone who wished to be considered for co-option should apply to the Chairman, via the Clerk, before 30th September 2001.

The Clerk informed the meeting that one application for consideration had so far been received.

01/146 Land at Admaston House

Prior to any debate on the land, the Chairman allowed Cllr. Powell to present a report which gave the up to date position of the Trust's negotiations for a lease on the House (copy attached).

Moving to the Land, the Chairman referred to recent correspondence and informed the meeting that it appeared that T&WC were prepared to grant a lease but had once again strongly indicated that this would be upon the expectation that the Town Green application was withdrawn. The Council had received a copy of a lease, but this was of such a general nature that it was felt to be unhelpful. There was not even a map attached with which to identify the land.

Members discussed the proposed lease. Cllr. Orrell referred to the condition that the land must be maintained as open space, suggesting that it may be more flexible if it stated that there must be no building on the land without the consent of the freeholder. This, he stated, was so that the possible provision of an equipment store or similar would not be impossible in the future.

Cllr. Mrs. Carver urged members to consider the request to give up the Town Green application rather than jeopardise the lease on the grounds that if the council went ahead with the application and it failed, we would be left with nothing.

Cllr. Mrs. Jones, whilst fully agreeing with Cllr. Mrs. Carver, stated that the Council can not and must not withdraw from the Town Green application unless and until it is fully satisfied on all points.

Members agreed that the Clerk should clarify a number of matters prior to any decision.

01/147 Traffic Transport and Highway Matters

Cllr. Mrs. Jones stated that more and more villages and small towns were identifying their speed restrictions with far more obvious and appropriate signage and requested that such a scheme be considered in this parish.

Cllr. Mrs. Carver highlighted the continuing problems of high vehicles heading for Allscott ignoring the diversion sign.

Members raised the issue of Camera signs.

The Clerk was asked to discuss the matter with T&WC and obtain some idea of costs.

Cllr. Orrell requested that WPC Riggs attend a meeting of the Council to discuss traffic matters. Gave a report of the meeting between Allscott Action Group and T&WC.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the bus shelter on the old A5 had been demolished in a car accident. There had been no report, so it was not possible

to claim against the drivers insurance. Cllr. Mrs. Carver reported that the shelter was well used, but was in a terrifying position and should be moved. Cllr. Orrell reminded the meeting that the council had made provision in its budget for replacement/ refurbishment of shelter. The Clerk was asked to obtain the designs and costs of replacements for consideration.

01/148 Street Lights

The Chairman reported that the Working Group had met on Wednesday 15th August. The details of the proposed rolling programme was given, along with the desired specification.

The Clerk stated that the work had been commissioned and would commence shortly.

01/149 Parish Councillor Training

Members were informed that a one day course entitled Planning Works was to be held at Jubilee House Madeley on Saturday 27th October 2001 at a cost of £45 per Member. The Clerk asked any Member who wished to attend to contact him in good time.

01/150 Licencing Matters

Members gave consideration to Justices Licence applications for the Pheasant Inn, Admaston and the Buckatree Hall Hotel and an entertainment Licence application for Wellington Cricket Club. There were no objections.

01/151 Correspondence

1. Telford & Wrekin Council

(a) Future of Admaston House - noted.

(b) North Telford Parish Paths Project - notification of meeting - noted.

2. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

CPRE

Shropshire Landscapes Magazine - Cllr. Orrell.

Peter Bradley M.P.

Funds for Parish Projects meeting 18th September.

Leighton &

Eaton Constantine PC

Traffic incidents. There were no concerns raised by Members.

SAPTC

Parish Pump - previously circulated.

Clerk to order the publication entitled Local Councils' Quiet Revolution from Central Books at a cost of £10.00

West Mercia

Constabulary

Best Value review. - noted

T&W C.V.S.

A.G.M. 12th September 2001 - noted.

GPU Power

Quality Service Report - noted.

Wrockwardine Parish

Hall Cttee.

Request for funding to help repair the roof. The Clerk asked Members if they wished to consider this request

as

urgent, or wished to deal with it at the next grants

meeting. Members expressed a wish to deal with the matter as urgent but found that the request did not provide all the information which it was felt would be needed to make a decision. The Clerk was asked to contact the secretary for further details.

The Army
unable

The Chairman had received an invitation to attend a presentation of the Modern Army which she was to attend. Members were given details. Regrettably, no one was able to attend.

01/152 Planning Matters

Applications

W01/0682 Erection of a single storey side extension and detached garage. Keswick, 18, Shawbirch Road, Admaston.

W01/0664 Extension of a side garage with formation of playroom in roof space. Redwood House, Allscott.

No objections were raised

W01/0671 Erection of 3 detached dwellings with double garages and alteration to existing access and creation of new. Land adjoining Orchard House Bratton Road, Admaston.

Objections were raised.

Permissions

Members noted the following permissions:

1. W01/0578 Proposed extension to front and side (revised scheme) 38 Broomfield Road Admaston.

W01/0593 Erection of single storey rear extension 44/46 Station Road Admaston.

01/153 Accounts for Payment

The Clerk gave Members an update on the incident where damage was caused to a vehicle at Admaston and informed the meeting that the party involved had given conflicting information as to whether or not he had received recompense from his insurers for the damage. Before any payment could be made, the council would have to be sure that he had not received prior payment from any other source. Members decided that cheque number 000536 could not be approved or signed until the matter had been clarified.

The Clerk asked Members to approve an additional payment of £15.92 to S.A.P.T.C. for publications. This was approved.

Subject to the above:

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

Statement 96 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Audit

The Audit report was presented to the Council along with their comments. The report was approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman. The Chairman recorded the Council's thanks to the Clerk for keeping the accounts in good order and for such a good Audit report.

01/154 Reports

Cllr. Mrs. Carver -	Reported that the pot holes in Tiddicross, Blacksmiths Lane, Wellington Road and Rushmoor Lane had yet to be dealt with by T&WC. Reminded the Clerk about the problems which were ongoing with HGV's failing to notice the diversion signs in time to avoid arriving at the low bridge adjacent to Holland Style. Informed the meeting that she had heard that plans were afoot to straighten Rushmoor Lane - Cllr. Orrell agreed to inform the Action Ctee and check to see if they had heard anything.
Cllr. Mrs. Savage -	Informed the meeting that T&W Contracting had now been around the village clearing all the drains but had encountered problems with the drains from Wrockwardine to Gorsey Bank. These drains were so root bound it was impossible to clear them.
Cllr. Powell -	Reported that the pot holes in Admaston House car park had not been attended to by T&WC and that the skips provided for recycling required tidying.
Cllr. Orrell -	Reported that there may once again be a threat that the Post Office in Wrockwardine was to close. Members discussed the use of the Office.
Post	
Cllr. Mrs. Hargrave (Chairman) -	Congratulated and thanked the Clerk for producing and publishing a new web site for the Council. The minutes are now published for the public to view in their own homes. The public can get in touch with the Clerk directly via the site. Members were urged to have a

look at

the site and use it where appropriate.

The Clerk was reminded that the Council had heard nothing from T&WC over the request for dropped curbs.

Reported flooding in Station Road and Broomfield Road due to blocked drains.

Reported concerns over the condition of the public right of way from Roseway to Hollyhead Road. There was barbed wire which was in a dangerous position and could cause injury. The Clerk agreed to report the matter to the Rights Of Way Officer.

01/155 Press Statement

The Clerk was asked to report the rolling programme of footway lighting refurbishment and the regrettable demolition of the Bus Shelter by a speeding vehicle.

The meeting closed at 10.02 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____