

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2002 at Admaston House, Admaston at 7.30 p.m.**

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#### **Present:**

Cllr. K.J.S. Ballantyne- Vice Chairman (meeting Chairman).  
Cllrs. E. Cowling, A. Orrell, D. Powell, Mrs. J. Savage  
and Mrs. J. Watts.  
Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

**Also in attendance:** Four members of the public.

#### **02/133 Chairman's remarks**

Cllr. Ballantyne welcomed everyone present and gave a particular welcome to retired councillor, Mr. Jack Thomas who was in attendance as a member of the public. As there was no police officer present, the Chairman moved directly on to apologies for absence.

#### **02/134 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Brown (Chairman), Cllr. Mrs. Carver, Cllr. Mrs. Jones and Cllr. Rawlings who had forwarded a message to say that he may be late in attending the meeting. Courtesy apologies were received from Cllrs. Blackwell and Seymour (Borough Councillors).

#### **02/135 Declaration of Interest**

There were no additional declarations.

#### **02/136 Minutes**

Members agreed that minute 02/121 would more accurately reflect what was said if the words "It was **agreed** that the proposal for play provision" was now changed to "It was **thought** that the proposal for play provision". Subject to this;

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

#### ***7.34 p.m. WPC Judith McPherson (Beat Manager) joined the meeting.***

The Chairman welcomed WPC McPherson and members agreed that it would be appropriate to reinstate item 2 of the agenda - Police Session.

#### **02/137 Police Session**

WPC McPherson introduced herself to all present and was introduced to Members and the Clerk.

Cllr. Powell raised the matter of the youth initiative which was to have been instigated by PC Palmer.

**7.40 Cllr. Rawlings joined the meeting.**

Cllr. Powell gave a report on a meeting about the initiative which had been attended by WPC McPherson, Inspector Burke, Cllr. Brown and himself. He stated that the youths had expressed a preference for a youth shelter in Admaston (where the action was !) rather than any other initiative.

WPC McPherson said that she had got to know some of the youths and their problems - there can be up to 18 or 20 of them. It was the intention of the initiative to give them "ownership" of the problem. They need somewhere to sit and chat.

had The Chairman asked where it was to be sited and what time scale everyone in mind.

WPC McPherson stated that the time scale was very much down to "red tape" and the location preferred by the young people was in the vicinity of Admaston House. She explained what a Youth Shelter was.

The Chairman asked for the matter to be placed on the agenda in the near future.

meeting Members discussed the experiences of other areas in the provision of shelters and their management and supervision. WPC McPherson informed the that it was intended to produce a questionnaire to ascertain the exact requirements.

on Cllr. Orrell reminded the meeting that play provision for the parish remained the agenda and suggested that the council await the results of the questionnaire and form a working party. The Chairman replied that the two matters were not necessarily connected but the questionnaire would show if they were.

designs. WPC McPherson agreed to let members see details of available shelter

Members agreed to place the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

aware Cllr. Orrell asked what was happening about the initiative (PC Palmer) to provide a room at Admaston House. WPC McPherson stated that the paper work had been handed by PC Palmer to the Trustees of the House but she understood that grants had been applied for. Cllr. Powell stated that no grants had been applied for and the matter had only been discussed. He was not of the trustees receiving any paperwork. WPC McPherson agreed to look into the matter.

The meeting heard that the Police had now employed a supervisor to the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

The Chairman raised the continuing problem of vehicles parking on pavements in the parish. Details were given and WPC McPherson agreed to look into the matter.

**8.12 p.m. The Chairman thanked WPC McPherson for her attendance and she left**

*the meeting.*

**Cllr. Mrs. Watts left the room.**

**02/138 Matters arising out of the Minutes**

Bank Signatories

The Clerk reported that owing to unforeseen circumstances it had not been possible to add the new signatories to the account and the matter would need to be attended to in the following weeks.

DoT HGV Licence Allscott Sugar Factory

Cllr. Orrell asked if it would be possible for the parish to obtain a list of all the Operators licences and all applications and discussions for the area. The Clerk was asked to request details from the DoT of all companies operating in the Allscott area.

**02/139 Play Provision within the Parish**

Cllr. Orrell referred to a memo he had sent to the Chairman requesting a working group to liaise with Mr. Owen and the young people of the area to see what may be needed and how it could be funded.

Cllr. Ballantyne agreed that in light of information received from the Beat Manager such a group would be a good idea. Cllrs. Orrell, Powell and Rawlings agreed to serve on a group should it be required. Cllr. Orrell agreed to write to Mr. Owen.

**Cllr. Mrs. Watts rejoined the meeting.**

Cllr. Mrs. Watts requested some form of play provision be made for 8 - 14 year olds in Wrockwardine. The Clerk was asked to contact the Countryside Agency to see if there is funding available.

**02/140 Footpath (Burcott Row to Wrockwardine)**

Cllr. Mrs. Watts reported on the difficulties for residents of the houses at Burcott and in particular the children whilst going to and from school in negotiating through traffic without the safety of a footpath. Members agreed that their plight should be brought to the attention of the Highways Agency.

**02/141 Traffic/ Transport/ Highway Matters**

Shawbirch Road

The Clerk reported that the council was still awaiting the promised plans from T&WC. There had been some amount of communication between the Clerk and Mr. Harvey. The Clerk had sent copies of all communications on the matter to Mr. Harvey. Mr Harvey had appeared to have forgotten entirely the

meeting which he had attended earlier in the year at the police station where he himself had put forward the suggestion that it may be possible to provide a build out at Shawburch Road.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter with some strength of feeling from the council stating that it is not acceptable for an officer to pretend that he has no recollection of the meeting or the conclusion to which the meeting came. Members supported the Clerk in writing to Mr. Harvey to ensure that the scheme would be available for the October meeting of the council.

#### HGV Traffic

Cllr. Orrell gave a report on the correspondence between the council and T&WC on the matter of the new access road at the sugar beet factory. T&WC had forwarded the parish concerns to Sterling Maynard who had given replies. Cllr. Orrell expressed concerns that it was Sterling Maynard who carried out the environmental impact study for previous applications on the site and they could hardly therefore be impartial.

With regard to the imposition of weight limits, Cllr. Orrell suggested that the council write back to T&WC referring to it stating that if the proposed traffic signs work, they should ease congestion at Rushmore, Long Lane and Admaston, if not then perhaps they should consider the suggestion that weight limits should be imposed in these lanes. Cllr. Orrell wished it to be clear that the council is not trying to close any business down, it is merely seeking a solution to the problems.

#### Local Transport Plan - Progress Report

Cllr. Orrell agreed to read the report.

#### Speed Limit Order - Wrockwardine Village

Having requested the order be placed, Members were pleased to note that it had been implemented.

#### Rural Transport User Group

Cllr. Ballantyne gave a report on the meeting and asked members to consider the adoption of a Taxi Voucher scheme. After discussion, Members agreed to place the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr. Ballantyne reported that there had been one local youngster who had taken advantage of the Wheels To Work Scheme.

#### **02/142 Notice Boards**

The Clerk handed to the meeting various brochures and price lists. It was agreed that the Jubilee Group look into the options and report back to council.

#### **02/143 Transfer of Justices Licence - Buckatree Hall**

The application was noted and there were no objections.

### **02/144 Land at Station Road**

The Clerk gave the meeting a progress report on the meeting between himself and the councils solicitors. Cllr. Orrell stated that he would continue to press for footpath FP5 to be registered as a definitive path.

### **02/145 Bus Shelters**

Cllr. Ballantyne informed the meeting that the council was still awaiting the usage figures for the bus shelter on the old A5. The Admaston bus shelter was awaiting roof repairs, the seating was yet to go in and T&WC has been informed that the windows are unacceptable and need to be bigger. The council is still awaiting quotes for the remaining restoration work.

### **02/146 Councillor Training**

Members were given details of a training initiative to be run by SALC entitled "Planning Works" to be held at Jubilee House Madeley on Saturday 9th November at 3.30 p.m. at a cost of £45 per delegate.

Cllr. Cowling agreed to attend and it was resolved that the cost would be met by the Parish Council.

### **02/147 Correspondence**

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:-

#### 1. Telford & Wrekin Council -

- a) Boundary Commission recommendations - noted.
- b) Acknowledgement postcard -Flooding Station Road
- c) Flooding Station Road - matter needs investigating.
- d) Reply to letter re Joint Structure Plan
- e) Invitation to attend Civic service - noted
- f) Springboard - Play on Prescription
- g) Local Transport Plan Progress Report - Cllr. Orrell

DEFRA	Parish & Town Councils roll in planning - noted.
T&W CVS	Notice of AGM
CPRE	Rural Matters Magazine
SCC	Public Transport News

Cllr. Orrell brought to the attention of members an article in the September edition of Local Council Review entitled Setting the Street scene. The Clerk was asked to investigate the costs of current services and investigate the possibility of savings according to the article.

Cllr. Cowling volunteered to fill a vacancy in the Street Lighting working group.

### **02/148 Planning Matters**

Members noted that DEFRA had now confirmed that Town & Parish Councils would continue to play a roll in planning matters.

The meeting received notification of appeal against refusal for modification of permission W97/566. It was agreed that a letter should be forwarded outlining the parish councils original objections to the proposal.

**(a) Applications**

To consider the following applications:

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| W02/0848 | Removal of hedgerow 3 Charlton Shropshire.<br>Members wished to receive further information prior to deciding upon this matter (conservation area).                            |
| W02/0855 | Change of use from garage stores to offices Moor Farm Bratton - Members are asked to note that the council has forwarded objections to this scheme. There were no objections.  |
| W02/0896 | Installation of two agricultural fertiliser storage tanks (retrospective) Walcot Grange Walcot. There were no objections.  |
| W02/0895 | Proposed two storey side extension. 44 Glovers Way<br>There were no objections.  |
| W02/0809 | Alteration to residential unit and workshop with replacement/repair and addition of windows, doors and rooflights. Charlton Farm Barns, Charlton.<br>There were no objections. |
| W02/0808 | Proposed two storey rear extension. 21 Wrekin View, Wrockwardine. There were no objections.  |
| W02/0841 | Removal of 2 limbs of ash tree. Land at rear of 43 Burnell Road, Admaston. There were no objections.   |
| W02/0950 | Erection of hay store, stabling and double car port and alterations to existing access, Broadacre House Charlton. There were no objections.                                    |

**Permissions**

The following permissions were noted:

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| W02/0612 | Siting of single storey demountable. St Peter's Primary School.             |
| W02/1072 | Modification of condition 22 of planning permission W99/0849. Leaton Quarry |

W02/0808 Two storey rear extension 21 Wrekin View,  
Wrockwardine.

**02/149 Accounts for Payment**

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

**Statement 108** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

**02/150 Reports**

Cllr. Powell - Reported vandalism to a wall at Admaston House and the finding of scaffolding poles which, it was feared, could have been used for acts of vandalism.

Cllr. Mrs. Watts - Reported continuing concerns with an overgrown garden encroaching onto the road at Wrockwardine. members agreed that this was a matter for the Highways Authority.

Cllr. Cowling -  
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Reported that resurfacing of the driveway at House would shortly take place. Requested for the Trust to dig an exploratory hole to test possibility of providing a soak away at the Admaston Green for water currently entrance to the House driveway.

Cllr. Orrell proposed that the council gives permission for an exploratory dig and reinstatement subject to such works being lawful. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Watts [Cllrs. Ballantyne, Cowling and Powell took no part in the vote]. It was **resolved** that the council gives permission for an exploratory dig and reinstatement subject to such works being lawful.

Reported two street lights out. Reported continuing difficulties encountered with glaring lights at Maidens yard. Members agreed that this was a matter for the Highways Authority. Cllr. watts asked that a light at the Sugar Beet factory be also reported as being potentially dangerous to traffic.

Cllr. Rawlings -  
and

Reported concerns that the road from the Old Mill Allscott and the Sewage works was badly collapsing was rippled. Requested provision of a Grit Bin at Bratton Road. Members agreed that the parish council should order a grit bin. Asked if the bin at Bostock

Close could be refilled.

Cllr. Orrell - Confirmed that he would be attending the next meeting of the North Telford Parish Paths Partnership.

Cllr. Mrs. Watts - Reported that the drain at David's Bank had not yet been attended to. Requested the provision of a waste bin at end of Station Road next to the existing seat. The Clerk agreed to obtain costs of bins.

Members had a general discussion on the roll and powers of parish councils.

**02/151 Press Statement**

The Clerk was asked to illustrate the council's continuing disappointment and frustration with T&WC's lack of response to outstanding issues, particularly highway and maintenance matters.

**02/152 Next Meeting**

Cllr. Ballantyne reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday, 9th October 2002 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.

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

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