

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th September 2003
at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. - K.J.S. Ballantyne - Chairman
Cllrs. A. E. Cowling, M. Craik A. Orrell, Ms. T. Kenny,
D. Powell, S. Rawlings and Mrs. J. Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: Cllr. D. Blackwell (Borough Ward Member)
Mr. John Smith (Treasurer PCC of Wrockwardine)
WPC Judith McPherson
Four members of the public.

03/125 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed all present. Mr. Smith was introduced to the meeting as the Treasurer for the Parochial Church Council of Wrockwardine who would address the meeting with a request for financial assistance for the fabric of the Church at the appropriate time in the agenda. Cllr. Blackwell was thanked for his continued interest in the matters of the Parish Council in his capacity as Borough Ward Member.

03/126 Police Session

WPC McPherson indicated that she had been made aware of the Traffic Management Policy for the imminent Beet Season due to commence on the 16th September. Members held a brief discussion on the impact of the beet season on traffic movements.

The constable stated that she had been made aware of the fact that rural speed limits were impossible to police and spoke of the policing team responding to speeding in rural areas. The meeting was informed that she had now successfully completed a training course in the use of hand held laser speed detection equipment. A request was made that she be notified of the registration numbers, dates and times of regular suspected speeders and the promise was made that she would then arrange to "check" their speed and issue tickets where necessary. WPC McPherson gave out her contact details to all present. The details being - 08457 444 888 extension 5472.

Members discussed the difficulties the public were encountering with nuisance caused by youths at Admaston House. *[It should be noted for readers of the minutes that the nuisance is not caused by the official users of the House but by youths "hanging around" on the property without permission]* The meeting discussed Targeted Responses by the police.

The meeting discussed a recent incident whereby a resident suffered burglary and violence.

WPC McPherson urged all members of the public to report every individual incident of crime. Cllr. Blackwell supported WPC McPherson in her plea and urged greater participation of the public. He stated that he was surprised that people do not report incidents as he always receives a follow up.

Members turned again to the problems Admaston House is experiencing. Cllr. Powell at the request of the Chairman gave a report on steps which were being taken by the Trust to alleviate some of the problems.

Cllr. Ms. Kenny asked if the contact details of WPC McPherson could be published in the next Parish Magazine. Cllr. Ballantyne informed the meeting that the details would be prominent and went on to ask WPC McPherson to contribute an article for the magazine. WPC McPherson agreed.

7.58 p.m. There being no further Police matters, WPC McPherson was thanked for her attendance and she left meeting.

03/127 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. B. C. Brown and Mrs. J. Watts along with their reasons for being absent. The apologies were accepted.

Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. Miss Seymour, Borough Councillor.

03/128 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Mrs. J. Savage informed the meeting that she had an interest in The PCC of Wrockwardine and would take no part in any matter relating to the request to be placed before Council during the meeting.

03/129 Minutes

The Clerk was reminded that during the discussion on Traffic and Transport Matters (02/112), it had also been agreed that Cllr. Ms. Kenny became a member of the Working Group. It was resolved that the minutes be amended to record this.

Subject to the amendment:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2003 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

03/130 Finance & General Purposes Committee

The Chairman proposed that Council formally create a Finance & General Purposes Committee, citing the following reasons: Budget matters, volume of work currently expected of Council, time taken during the present meeting and weighty matters which were due to come before Council such as the Revised Parish Charter, and the matter of becoming a Quality Council or not.

The proposition that Council form an F&GP Committee was put by Cllr. Cowling and seconded by Cllr. Craik. It was **RESOLVED** that there be an F&GP Committee.

Members agreed that the Committee should consist of The Chairman of council as ex-officio member and three other members. Cllrs. Cowling and Orrell were asked to join the Committee and agreed. There being another vacancy which after discussion remained, it was agreed to let the matter rest for the time being whilst members gave consideration to joining the Committee.

03/131 Budget 2004/5

The Chairman outlined the timetable for submission of the precept to the Borough, which necessitated that Council finalises any budget proposals by the November meeting. He requested that Members forward any proposals they had which would involve Council in any expenditure to the Clerk in good time to be circulated for inclusion in the October meeting. The intention was to avoid the position where Cllr. Orrell is left to propose a budget unaware of any thoughts Members may have of the future. Cllr Orrell, he stated, is quite right to point out to Members who request funds for unplanned projects that no matter how worthy, if it was not budgeted for there is simply no money available for it.

Cllr. Orrell requested details of any proposals from the Footway Lighting Group and the Chairman asked that any requests of proposals from Admaston House Trust be directed through Cllr. Cowling as the Council representative on the Trust body.

03/132 PCC of St Peters

8.16 p.m. Cllr. Mrs. Savage (along with Cllr. Blackwell) left the room for the duration of this matter. Cllr. Craik declared that as he "Grant Aided" the PCC, he would take no part in any vote.

The Chairman ascertained that Members had read the previously circulated report on the request for funding and Mr. John Smith, PCC Treasurer spoke briefly to support his request.

Members discussed available funds. During the discussion, it became apparent that the reserved funds for the Stained Glass window would not be called upon.

Cllr. Orrell proposed that the Jubilee new window project be abandoned *protem*. Seconded by Cllr. Ballantyne, it was **RESOLVED** that the window project be abandoned. Members agreed to vire the £1000 to the general grant fund.

Cllr. Cowling proposed that a grant of £500 be made now to the PCC.

Cllr. Orrell proposed that an amendment to Cllr. Cowlings proposal be made such that a grant of £1000 be made now and the request be looked at afresh in the next financial year. Seconded by Cllr. Rawlings (who requested that the PCC inform Council of what steps it is taking to obtain other funding when it next applies) the amendment was put. It was **RESOLVED** [Cllr. Craik abstained] that a grant of £1000 be made.

8.45 p.m. Cllr. Mrs. Savage returned to the room.

03/132 Youth Shelter

The Clerk reported that the Youth Shelter was scheduled for delivery by the third week of September.

03/133 Bus Shelter Wrockwardine

Members heard that there had been an objection to the proposed siting of a new bus shelter in Wrockwardine by the residents who would be most affected. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the site in question be abandoned.

Members then re-opened the discussion into the need or otherwise for a shelter in Wrockwardine.

Cllr. Craik proposed that Council undertakes a survey to ascertain the views of the residents – do they want a shelter or not?

Seconded by Cllr. Powell, it was **RESOLVED** that the views of the residents be sought by way of questionnaire (four votes in favour, two against with one abstention).

03/134 Traffic and Transport Matters

Cllr. Orrell presented a report and asked if anyone wanted to make any suggestions on the traffic calming proposals (Cllr. Orrell had set out the proposals on the walls for all to see). The schemes were discussed.

Members discussed the latest letter from Mr. Roderick which requested that the matter be dealt with by the Parish delegating responsibility for making a decision over the schemes to the Chairman. The Chairman pointed out that this would be an unlawful Committee of one, and requested that Council agree to delegate any decision to a lawful committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk.

Proposed by Cllr. Powell that the matter be delegated to a lawful committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk, seconded by Cllr. Craik it was **RESOLVED**.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Roderick informing him of the delegated powers of the committee and asking him to ensure that at any future meeting between parties, there was present from the Borough someone with the corresponding delegated authority to deal with the matter once and for all without said person making suggestions or promises which are later reneged upon by someone more senior.

Members then discussed the proposed measures in detail.

Cllr. Orrell requested that the initiative instigated by the former Chairman to hold discussions with hauliers in the Allscott area be given a more formal approval by Council. It was agreed that the matter should be dealt with by the Working Group with the authority of Council.

Cllr. Orrell accepted the Annual Progress report (Local transport Plan).

Council agreed to purchase a second copy of the Joint Structure Plan. The meeting accepted Cllr. Orrell's report on Public Footpaths.

Cllr. Ms. Kenny reported that Charlton would shortly be receiving new traffic signs.

03/135 Land at Station Road

The Clerk reported that there had been a written objection to the Council's acquisition of the land from a resident adjacent to the land at Station Road. Members received all correspondence relating to the matter including the provisional response from the Clerk stating that the land had been acquired with the intention of safeguarding it from future development and it would remain as "public open space". It was **RESOLVED** to accept the reply given by the Clerk in its entirety as the formal response of Council.

Cllr. Mrs Savage informed the meeting that the records indicated that the land might have been called Long Yard Meadow. It was **RESOLVED** that henceforth the land be known as Long Yard Meadow.

03/136 Admaston House report from Parish Representative

Members received the report from Cllr. Cowling.

03/137 Vital Villages

Admaston Station

Cllr. Ballantyne stated that he was still awaiting the profile of the feasibility study.

Newsletter

Members discussed the Logo and contributions.

03/138 Correspondence

1. Telford & Wrekin Council

Michael Barker	Local Development Framework 2011
Bob King	Various correspondence re NTP3 (Cllr. Orrell)
Transport Officer	Annual Progress report
Policy & Performance	Best Value Plan
Member Services	Revised Parish Charter

2. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Jones & Farriday (solicitors)	Accident claim. The Clerk gave full details of the matter to the meeting.
D. Gareth Davies	Land at Station Road. Dealt with previously on the agenda.
Safety Camera Partnership	Reply to request for information
British Sugar	Reply re meeting
DEFRA	Rural Services Standards
T&W CVS	AGM 10/9/03
Admaston House	Copy of letter to contractors for car park
SCC	Joint Structure Plan
CPRE	Rural matters & Planning Update
P. Bradley MP	Wrekin Summit

03/139 Planning Matters

Members considered the following applications:

- W03/0803 Erection of single storey side extension 8 Broomfield Road Admaston.
- W03/0810 Erection of conservatory and garden shed (retrospective) 79 Burnell Road (see permissions)
- W03/0833 Erection of covered loading bay British Sugar Allscott (see permissions)
- W03/0839 Erection of single storey extension and conservatory Allscott Manor Allscott. (see permissions)
- W03/0863 Demolition of existing conservatory Corndon Wrockwardine.
- W03/0901 Erection of a porch and conservatory and first floor extension 7 Rushmoor Lane Rushmoor.
- W03/0862 Erection of Garden Room Corndon Wrockwardine
- W03/1032 Proposed extension to side and rear of 20 Charlton

Members noted the following permissions:

- W03/0696 Proposed single storey rear extension to Overly Lodge
- W03/0810 Erection of conservatory and garden shed (retrospective) 79 Burnell Road
- W03/0833 Erection of covered loading bay British Sugar Allscott
- W03/0839 Erection of single storey extension and conservatory Allscott Manor Allscott.
- W03/0863 Demolition of existing conservatory Corndon Wrockwardine.
- W03/0862 Erection of Garden Room Corndon Wrockwardine
- W03/0803 Erection of single storey side extension 8 Broomfield Road Admaston.

Members noted the following refusal:

- W03/0686 Erection of two bungalows (outline) land at rear of 11 Allscott.

There was no action to be taken on any of the above.

03/140 Accounts for Payment

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

Statements 119 and 120 were tabled along with the reconciliation and were approved.

03/141 Reports

Cllr. Mrs. Kenny -

Apologised in advance for being unable to attend the next meeting of Council. Agreed to take the proposed Logo back for “tweaking”. Reminded members that Charlton was to have new traffic signs.

Cllr. Cowling -

Asked if a wreath could be laid on behalf of the British Legion at the Church service on Armistice Day. Members agreed to provide a wreath and Cllr. Cowling, as a veteran service officer, was asked to lay the wreath as the Council representative.

Cllr. Orrell -

Reported pot holes between Charlton and Walcott.

Cllr. Craik -

Informed the meeting that he had written to Kennington PC as an individual to enquire about their safety camera campaign. Stated that he had spoken to residents of Shawbirch who stated that they were dissatisfied with the trial of their traffic refuge (outside this parish).

Cllr. Mrs. Savage -

Reported pot holes in Drummary Lane. Reported a matter, which may be in breach of the conservation area – Clerk to report to enforcement officer. Stated that she continues to follow up the manufacture of the seats.

Cllr. Powell -

Reported lights in Burnell Road being out of sync.

Cllr. Rawlings -

Reported pot hole Bratton Road 20 yards north of Dovecote Grange.

03/142 Press Statement

The Clerk was asked to report the matters relating to the Bus Shelter in Wrockwardine..

03/143 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday, 8th October 2003 to commence at **7.30 p.m.** at Admaston House

The meeting closed at 10.09 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____