

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday
14th Sept 2005 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. - K.J.S. Ballantyne - Chairman
Cllrs. C. Carver, E. A. Cowling, E. J. Dawes,
Ms. T. Kenny, T. Kiernan, S. Rawlings and
Mrs. J. Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: Three member of the public.
Cllr. Miss Seymour (Borough Member)

05/139 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the autumn session of Council which would include the budget cycle.

Cllr. Mrs Savage gave public thanks to Mr. Whittingham for his assistance to the Parish in delivering a significant number of Parish Magazines to the Wrockwardine Hamlets.

05/140 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence along with the reasons were received and accepted from Cllrs. Craik and Powell.
Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. Blackwell (Borough Councillor).

05/141 Declaration of Interest

The Chairman referred Members to the Declaration of Interests flowchart which had been forwarded with the agenda and asked that members take note of its guidance.

The Chairman informed the meeting that although Cllr. Craik was not present there was planning matter on the agenda which, had Cllr. Craik been present, he [Cllr. Craik] would have declared an interest in.

05/142 Police Report

No police officer was present. The Clerk reported that apologies had been received from PC McPherson who wished Council to be aware that she was out of the force area on an extended enquiry and that her duties were not being covered by anyone else.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Superintendent expressing the concern of Council that PC McPherson's duties were not being covered by any other officer during her absence.

Members discussed a recent fatal traffic collision and discussed speed camera equipment.

Members were informed that a section of footpath in Station Road had been renewed and that the Borough had undertaken to write to residents to request that they do not park on the pavement.

05/143 Minutes

Members agreed that the first part of minute 05/130 should have been recorded as: ***“Cllr. Mrs. Savage reported concerns of an incidence of land reclamation at land known as the old station yard (Walcot) opposite the Grove which had created possible reduced visibility issues and asked that the matter be reported to the Borough.”***

And that under planning matters W05/0687 should be added the address:
Land at rear of Bratton Road Bratton

Subject to the corrections above:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2005 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

05/144 Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr. Cowling stated that there was nothing to report. He asked members to note that there was to be a Committee Meeting on the 22nd September where the budget would be discussed. He reported that a Working Group had met and produced a draft budget which would be considered by the F&GP Committee before being presented to Council. Members were asked to forward any suggestions for the budget to the Clerk in good time to be considered at the September meeting of Committee.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Cowling and reminded Members that they had been asked, before the summer recess, to consider budget matters. He reiterated that the Working Group had produced a rough draft of the budget which was to go to Committee and any recommendations would then need to be approved by Council or referred back to Committee in good time to set any precept.

05/145 Budget for the forthcoming year

There was no additional discussion held. [See previous minute]

05/146 Admaston House

a) Report from Parish Representative on Admaston House Trust

There was no report.

The Clerk asked members to give consideration to a questionnaire from the Trust which had been circulated with the agenda.

b) Request from Trustees that PC act as Holding Trustees

Cllr. Ballantyne presented a request from the Trust that Council act as a Holding Trustee.

Following discussion; it was proposed by Cllr. Rawlings that Council becomes a Holding Trustee having first sought and received a legal indemnity from the Trustees. Seconded by Cllr. Kiernan; it was RESOLVED.

05/147 Traffic and Transport Matters

a) Traffic calming Shawbirch Road and Station Road Zebra Crossing.

Members were aware that the posts had been placed in situ the day prior to the meeting and it was hoped that the crossing would be completed within days.

The Clerk was asked to remind the Borough that the Parish was still waiting to hear of any proposals for traffic calming in Shawbirch Road to replace the failed chicane scheme.

b) Parish wide traffic matters.

Cllr. Dawes brought to the attention of Council the shocking state of the road in front of the Admaston Shops.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Borough to explore the possibility of match funding a proper repair scheme. The Meeting RESOLVED to leave it to the Chairman and Clerk to discuss the matter with Borough Officers with a view to ascertaining costs and then bring the matter back to Council for a decision.

Cllr. Mrs Savage reported continuing concerns about water flowing across the road adjacent to Well Well Well Ltd.

Cllr. Rawlings reported that road works had taken place at Rushmore Lane. Various problems with road signs in the parish were reported to Cllr. Miss Seymour.

05/148 Youth Play Provision

Cllr. Rawlings gave a report on a meeting of the steering group.

05/149 Parish Improvements

a) Lighting in the Parish.

There was nothing to report.

b) AdmastonBus shelter adoption.

The Clerk reported that the Parish was waiting for the promised repairs to the seats prior to adoption of the shelter. Cllr. Mrs. Savage informed Cllr. Miss Seymour that the drains adjacent to the bus stop were blocked.

The Clerk was asked to instruct the handyman to repair the roof of the shelter.

c) Footpath Station Road/ Benches/ Street Signs/ Finger Posts

The Chairman reminded members that he had been asked to negotiate part funding of the repair to the footpath on Station Road; this had been done and the total cost was estimated to be £4k. The Parish Council was asked to contribute £1k. Proposed by Cllr. Ballantyne that Council contribute £1k to the project. Seconded by Cllr. Rawlings, it was RESOLVED.

Members discussed the placement of rural signs with appropriate parish logo

etc. The Clerk was asked to ascertain costs for the next F&GP meeting. Council RESOLVED that it was content that this be dealt with by the F&GP Committee.

It was RESOLVED to order two more Benches.

05/150 North Telford Parish Paths Partnership

There was nothing to report.

05/151 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

Ennstone Johnston Ltd	Request from the management of Leaton Quarry to meet with Council. Members reported that they had received complaints about blasting within the quarry recently from residents and felt that it would be useful to speak to the management. It was resolved to hold a special meeting with the proviso that there is no discussion about any planning matters which may be before the Borough.
HMCS	Consultation paper on the proposed merger of Shropshire local justice areas. The Clerk gave a summary of the proposals. Members did not feel the need to respond to the consultation.
BT&W	Statement of Community Involvement. Cllr. Miss Seymour gave a report on the strategy. and Members were urged to attend the exhibitions organised by the Borough. It was agreed that the F&GP should debate a response.
BT&W	Dog Fouling Strategy. It was agreed to invite the officer to a meeting of Council.
Awards For All	Requirement for end of award report. The Clerk reported that following the completion of the project the end of award report had been submitted to Awards for All.
Central Networks	Certificate of Un-metered Supply. Clerk to return the completed certificate.
BT&W	Next FTP3 meeting 27 th September. Noted.
PC McPherson	Speed enforcement cameras. Noted.
Salop Fire & Rescue	Your fire service is changing. Cllr. Kiernan agreed to read the consultation and make comment.

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

ODPM

Local G'vt Pension scheme.
Noted.

05/152 Planning Matters

The following application was considered:

W2005/0938	Demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage and car port. The Firs 6 Shawbirch Road.
W2005/0936	External alterations to former coach house/stable Overley Hall Overley.
W05/1073	Erection of conservatory to rear of dwelling and construction of pitched roof over existing flat roof 28 Burnell Road.
W05/1040	Erection of two storey rear extension Donnerville Farmhouse Admaston.

There were no objections to any of the above applications.

Permissions

The following permissions were noted:

W05/0828	Erection of 15m diameter round pen for horse training (private use) (retrospective) field no. 0610 Rushmore Lane, Rushmore.
W05/0766	Conversion of existing barns into single residential unit with garaging Upper Leaton Farm.

Refusal

The following refusal was noted:

W05/0747	Erection of a conservatory The Mill House Walcot.
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Members noted the applications they were informed of during the August recess:

Applications received in August:

W05/0828 (full)	Erection of 15m diameter round pen for horse training (private use) Field no. 0610 Rushmoor Lane.
W05/0905	Erection of a concrete batching plant and ancillary development. Leaton Quarry.

Permissions

The following permissions had been received:

- W05/0635 Erection of 2 storey rear extension 19 Glovers Way.
- W05/0655 Erection of agricultural potato store Barratts Field Duncote Farm Walcot.
- W05/0687 Erection of 2 storey side extension, detached double garage with store above, swimming pool and gym attached to existing office building. Alteration to existing access and repositioning of 3 stables and extension of residential curtilage. Moor Farm Cottage Bratton Road.
- W05/0722 Erection of security fencing. St. Peter's Primary School.

Refusals

The following refusals have been received:

- W05/0644 Erection of a double garage with annex above Rose Cottage Allscott.
- W05/0579 Erection of a building for housing dairy cows Vicarage Farm Wrockwardine.
"The Local Planning Authority considers that the proposed development, by reason of its siting, scale and design, would form an unduly prominent and incongruous feature within the rural landscape which would be to the detriment of important views into and out of the Wrockwardine Conservation Area. Accordingly the proposed development would detract from the visual quality of the landscape and fail to preserve or enhance the character and appearance of this part of Wrockwardine's Conservation Area, in clear conflict with policies"
- "The LPA considers that the proposed development, by reason of its siting, scale and design, would form an unduly prominent and incongruous feature within the local landscape, which would detract from the setting of the following listed buildings: St. Peter's Church (Grade I); Wrockwardine Hall (Grade II); The Old Cottage (Grade II); and The Smithy (Grade II). Accordingly, the proposed development would conflict with policy"

05/153 Accounts for Payment

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

Members approved the additional payment of £88.22 to be recorded against the Chairman's Allowance.

Statements 143 and 144 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Internal Audit

Members noted the matters raised by the internal audit:

1. The meeting was content that the VAT had been recovered in the following year.
2. The Clerk was asked to contact Council's insurers to expedite the request that the indemnity insurance is increased to the required £50'000.
3. The meeting was content that the Clerk had done all he could to request a copy of the missing bank statement from the bank. The meeting was content that the statement had never been received and that the Clerk had brought this to the attention of Council at the earliest opportunity and that, despite the missing statement, the bank balance reconciled with approved transactions of the Council.
4. Council was content that it had made councillors aware of their obligations under the Code of Conduct with particular reference to declarations of interest.

It was RESOLVED to accept the internal audit and subject to completion of number 2 above, the Clerk was asked to submit the audit to the external auditors.

05/154 Press Statement

The press statement was delegated to the Chairman who was asked to report the successful completion of the installation of new play equipment at Wrockwardine Playing fields.

05/155 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled Wednesday, 12th October 2005 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

05/156 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman invited Cllr. Miss Seymour to report any matters to the meeting. Cllr. Miss Seymour gave a report on the recent meeting held by the West Midlands Local Government Association and its involvement with Regional assemblies.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Miss Seymour for her report.

The Chairman thanked all for attending.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____