

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2006
at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. - E. Cowling – Meeting Chairman
Cllrs. E. Dawes, Ms. T. Kenny,
T. Kiernan, D. Powell, S. Rawlings and Mrs. J. Savage.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: CSO Suzy Coombs.
Three members of the public.

06/60 Chairman's opening remarks

Cllr. Cowling welcomed all to the meeting and gave special congratulations to Community Service Officer Suzy Coombs (nee Allen) who had recently married and only just returned from honeymoon.

06/61 Apologies for Absence

Apologies along with reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Ballantyne, Carver and Craik.
Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. D. Blackwell (Borough Councillor).

06/62 Declaration of Interest

There were no new declarations.

06/63 Police Report

CSO Coombs presented the police report to members and answered questions. The Chairman asked CSO Coombs to thank PC McPherson for preparing the latest crime figures.

A number of incidents were reported to CSO Coombs.

7.37 pm CSO Coombs left the meeting having been thanked by the meeting.

06/64 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2006 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

7.40 pm Cllr. Miss Seymour (Borough Councillor) joined the meeting.

06/65 Footpath bollards and verges Wrockwardine

Cllr. Cowling presented to the meeting a request from the Borough Council to support their proposal to install bollards to prevent vehicles traversing across verges at Wrekin View Wrockwardine. It was RESOLVED to support the proposal.

06/66 Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr. Cowling presented the minutes of the last meeting and they were accepted by Council.

06/67 Admaston House

There was no report.

06/68 War Memorial

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Ballantyne felt that the project was proceeding according to plan and had stated that he was confident that the project would be completed in good time.

06/69 Parish Improvements

a) Possible removal and re-siting of wall mounted light at the Old Vicarage Wrockwardine.

The Clerk reported that there had been an occasion during the summer recess when the contractors had misguidedly attempted to reconnect the light at the Old Vicarage. This had caused some distress to the owner of the property as this was not in accord with an agreement that the light should remain inoperable. The Clerk sought permission from Council to permanently remove the offending apparatus to prevent any repeat of the distress caused to the property owner. It was RESOLVED to remove the light apparatus permanently from the property.

b) Christmas Tree

The meeting was informed that Cllr. Kiernan has secured the donation of a 25' Christmas Tree which could be placed in Admaston and that Cllr. Cowling had negotiated with Gordon Little of T&WB that the Borough would site the tree for the parish and that the Borough could supply 200 white LED lights at a cost of £200. Mr. Little had also agreed that the Borough would provide suitable electrical connections, place the lights on the tree and dispose of the tree after the season – all at no cost to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED to accept the donation of a tree from FTC of Ellesmere; purchase 200 white LED tree lights via the Borough Council and accept their offer of assistance in siting the tree etc.

Cllr. Cowling also informed the meeting that F&GP had also investigated the viability of providing lights for the Jubilee Oak and members were informed that the Borough Lighting Officer had advised that it would require upwards of 1000 lights to make it look anything but bare and this would cost approx. £1000. In addition, because of the size of the tree, the Borough felt unable to offer a free “cherry picker” to drape the lights thereupon and this would lead to

an additional expense every year to drape the tree and to remove the lights at the end of the season. It was RESOLVED to take no action over the proposal to provide lights for the Jubilee Oak.

Cllrs. Cowling and Kiernan were thanked by the meeting for their success in the project.

c) RoSPA

The Clerk presented the safety report for Wrockwardine Playing Field. The following points were highlighted in the report and discussed:

Broken Glass on the field

Cllr. Rawlings felt that the presence of broken glass on the field was minimal as the users usually kept an eye on the problem. It was suggested that the Clerk invite the Probation Service, using serving Community Service people, to survey the area and assess the need for clearance of broken glass.

Age and Ownership Sign

This was delegated to F&GP to investigate the requirements and cost.

Shelter Seat and Roof

Repairs were deemed necessary to the seat and roof of the shelter. It was RESOLVED to instigate the necessary repairs.

Access Gate

Delegated to F&GP to investigate.

d) To approve the contract for litter bin emptying at Wrockwardine Playing Fields.

The meeting was informed by the Clerk that during the recess the same difficulties previously encountered at Admaston Green had come to light at Wrockwardine – namely that there was no contract in place for the emptying of the litter bin and as a consequence it had not been emptied. The Clerk reported that he was able to secure a temporary solution over the summer holidays but asked that the bin be added to the Admaston Green contract to be attended to every week; the cost of this would be in the region of £1 per week. It was RESOLVED to add the bin at Wrockwardine to the existing bin emptying contract with Telford & Wrekin Services.

06/70 Parish Plan

Cllr. Powell stated that he was aware of a soon to be held training session which would feature information on Parish Plans and requested that Council delegate a member to attend. Details of the training session were given to Members and Cllrs. Kiernan and Dawes agreed to attend and represent the Parish Council.

Cllr. Powell stated that he would also be attending the training session but would be doing so as a representative of Admaston House.

Members briefly discussed some of the proposals for the expansion of Admaston House.

06/71 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

Central Networks	Grants available to local groups. Noted.
Bus User Group (Urban) BT&W	Minutes and Agenda (next meeting 15 th Nov). Registrable Interests - Members were reminded to complete their forms and return them to the Clerk asap.
BT&W	LDF Waste Policies.
BT&W	LDF Core Strategy.
BT&W	LDF Minerals
W. Parish Hall	Request for financial assistance. To be placed before the next grant meeting.
BT&W	Elections 2007 questions and answers. Noted.
SALC	AGM November 18 th . Noted.
NTP3	Meeting agenda (28 th September). Noted.
WAC SALC	Meeting agenda (14 th September).
BT&W	Annual Passenger Transport Conference (20 th September)

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

It was noted that during the recess Council received six letters of objection to the planning application for a MUGA at Admaston and that the Clerk replied to each one individually (and where appropriate referred the resident to the Borough Planning Dept. to whom any objections to the application should have been addressed).

BT&W	Rural access to services - circulated with agenda.
T. Sea Cadets	Thanks for Grant.
Allainz Cornhill	Notice of settlement of claim.
M. Pritchard M.P.	Anti-social behaviour.

During the meeting the Clerk was handed a letter from a resident who had earlier been in attendance. The letter simply requested that the matter of parking in Elmesdale Crescent be placed on the next agenda. Since members were aware of the matter which concerned the resident the meeting agreed to deal with the letter immediately under correspondence.

The Clerk was instructed to inform the resident that the Parish Council found that the resident's concern about being told by the police not to park on the pavement in Elmsdale Crescent was not one which did, or even could, involve the Parish Council. Firstly, parking on any pavement was an offence and secondly, the pavement was in the ownership of the Highways Authority (which is the Borough Council) and because of this the Parish Council would not be able to assist in the resident's belief that he have a right to park on the pavement for whatever reason.

In addition, the Clerk was asked to inform the resident that the Parish Council was of the very firm view that pavements were for the use of pedestrians and not vehicles and therefore it was resolved that the matter he brought to Council was a matter between himself, the Police and the Highways Authority and it would be entirely inappropriate for the Parish Council to either support him or intervene in any dispute he may have with either authority.

06/72 Planning Matters
Planning Guidance

Cllr. Dawes stated that he wished this matter to be discussed, not because felt that he wanted guidance but because he felt that Council could not make a decision on planning matters put before it because it did not have all the information before it – i.e. it was not aware of all the objections which may have been sent to the Borough. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council was simply a consultee and could not therefore be made aware of all the objections.

Cllr. Dawes felt that without such information Council could not make an informed decision on planning applications placed before it. Cllr. Cowling asked Cllr. Dawes if he would allow the debate to be deferred until the next meeting when Cllr. Ballantyne, who had a working knowledge of planning law, would be present. Cllr. Dawes had no objection to the matter being put over until the next meeting; It was RESOLVED that the debate should be put over to the next meeting when Cllr. Ballantyne would be present.

To Note Appeal:

Erections of two dwellings Land adjacent to The Bungalow Allscott.

1. **To consider the following applications:**
 - W06/0865 Ball Park (MUGA) Admaston Playing Fields. There were no objections.
 - W06/0865 Siting of mobile catering unit Forest Glen site car park. There were no objections.
 - W06/1045 Installation of bay window to front elevation 30 Donnerville Gardens. There were no objections.
 - W06/0946 Modification of condition 1 of outline permission to

extend time period Land at rear of St. Christopher's Hall. There were no objections.

W06/0807 Proposed conservatory to side Pine Corner 48 Elmsdale Crescent. There were no objections.

W06/0912 Erection of first floor extension 8 Woodford Green Shawburch. There were no objections.

Permissions

1. To receive the following permissions:

W06/0686 Proposed two storey rear extension 26 Wrekin View Wrockwardine.

W06/0616 Conversion of existing stable block to holiday let Allscott House Allscott.

W06/0769 Erection of first floor extension over existing garage, erection of dormer windows. Erection of new porch and conservatory to rear. Hollytree House Allscott Lane.

W06/0754 Replacement windows Aston Farmhouse Aston.

W06/0808 Erection of first floor extension over existing double garage (amended plans) 19 Woodford Green.

W06/0807 Proposed conservatory to side Pine Corner 48 Elmsdale Crescent.

W06/0745 Renewal of outline erection of 2 dwellings Land at site B Bratton Road.

W06/0728 Erection of 3 four bedroom two storey dwellings and shared access route (outline) Land at rear of Orchard House Bratton.

W06/0828 Erection of 5 dwellings outline St. Christopher's Hall

W06/0865 Ball Park (MUGA) Admaston Playing Fields.

Refusals

1. To receive the following refusal:

W06/0819 Erection of two detached dwellings (outline) Land adjacent Rose Cottage Rushmoor Lane.

06/73 Accounts for Payment

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

b) Statements 155 and 156 were tabled along with the reconciliation and were approved.

c) Internal Audit Report

The Clerk was pleased to report that Council had received a completely satisfactory Internal Audit report with absolutely nothing to note. The Clerk was thanked for his attention to the Audit.

06/74 Press Statement

Cllr. Mrs Savage reported that a number of residents of Wrockwardine had received their electoral registration forms in a brown envelope which also contained the free Borough newspaper Wrekin Insight. It was felt that although this was no doubt done as a cost saving exercise for the outlying rural areas it was not an appropriate move as a number of residents had almost disposed of the electoral form not noticing it had been placed in the envelope as an addition. The Clerk was asked to report the concerns of residents to the Borough and make the matter known to the press.

06/75 Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Wednesday 11th October 2006 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Wrockwardine Parish Hall.

06/76 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Meeting Chairman invited Cllr. Miss Seymour to give her report which was then given.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.06 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____