

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

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#### **Present:**

Cllr. – S. C. Rawlings – Vice Chairman  
Cllrs. M. Craik, Mrs Nadine Evans, D. Powell, Mrs Jo Savage  
and Mrs Sheila Turner.  
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: CSO S. Coombs  
Twelve members of the public.

Cllr. Rawlings took the Chair.

#### **07/69 Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Vice Chairman welcomed all present and, noting the larger than usual public presence, outlined the rules of the public session.

#### **07/70 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies along with reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. K. J. S. Ballantyne, Mrs. E. Ballantyne and T. Kiernan.  
Courtesy apologies were received from WPC McPherson.

#### **07/71 Police Report**

CSO Suzy Coombs presented the police report. Cllr. Craik asked about the frequency of local speed camera checks. CSO Coombs gave some details but stated that PC McPherson would be able to answer in more detail when she next attended.

The Vice Chairman asked CSO Coombs about traffic volume in Wrockwardine and the numbers of vehicles using the route as a rat run. CSO Coombs gave a view on the matter and agreed to stay for the public session as it was known that some of those present had attended to express concern over traffic in Wrockwardine.

#### **07/72 Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations.

#### **07/73 Minutes**

##### **The Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007**

Members noted that minute number 07/46 incorrectly recorded Cllr. Kiernan as PC Kiernan. The minutes were amended. It was noted that Cllr. Mrs Evans had submitted apologies to the meeting and these had not been recorded. Members agreed to note this and the Clerk apologised for the omission.

#### **Subject to the above amendments:**

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007 were confirmed and**

**signed, by the Vice Chairman, as a true record.**

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2007 were confirmed and signed, by the Vice Chairman, as a true record.**

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. H. Whittingham reported two Borough matter to the meeting – the Clerk agreed to pass them on to the Borough.

Mrs Kidd presented to Council the concerns of the users of St. Christopher's Hall over the impending sale and development of the land at the rear. Mrs Kidd presented a copy of a petition signed by 170 users of the hall which had been sent to the Borough Council.

Mrs J. Watts presented, on behalf of a number of residents of Wrockwardine village, concerns over traffic volume and speed in the village. There was a general request for Council to support a number of suggested traffic calming measures.

***7.50 p.m. Cllr. Miss Seymour (Borough Councillor) joined the meeting.***

Mr. K. Allen of Burcott Row presented the concerns of residents over a number of disturbances caused by the quarry workings.

***7.52 p.m. CSO Coombs left the meeting.***

Mr. Kidd outlined detailed records of late workings of the quarry which he thought was in breach of their planning permission. These findings were endorsed by other residents present at the meeting.

Cllr. Miss Seymour gave details of the Quarry Liaison Group and stated that she would raise the matter with the group at the next opportunity.

The Vice Chairman informed the public that their concerns had been noted by the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated.

### **07/74 Revision of Standing Orders**

#### **Public Participation in Meetings (Public Session)**

It was RESOLVED that the matter be deferred to the next meeting to allow the Chairman and Vice Chairman to review the advice given by the Clerk and NALC and to make a recommendation to Council. Cllr. Powell requested a copy of the guidance.

### **07/75 Risk Assessment**

The Clerk presented to the meeting the Financial Risk Assessment.

Cllr. Mrs Evans asked if the FRA had any external or secondary audit. The Clerk informed the meeting that the FRA was audited by the Internal Auditor. It was agreed that the inspection of the FRA by the Internal Auditor should be noted on the document.

It was RESOLVED to accept the Financial Risk Assessment as presented and with the further note in regard to the Internal auditor's inspection.

**07/76 Admaston House**

a) Report from Parish Representative.

The Vice Chairman had nothing to report but asked Cllr. Powell to comment on any relevant issues.

Cllr. Powell gave a brief report on the progress the Trust had made in its grant applications.

The Vice Chairman reminded members that they would need to have in mind the possible funding requirements of the Trust when the Budget debate was undertaken.

**07/77 F&GP**

There were no minutes to receive. Members set the date of the next meeting.

Cllr. Craik apologised in advance stating that he would be unable to attend on the date set.

**07/78 Budget**

The meeting received a draft budget and it was agreed that it should be presented to the October meeting of Council for decision.

**07/79 Street Lighting**

Members discussed the possible replacement of time clocks with photo electric cells as a cost cutting measure. The Clerk was asked to provide details of the potential savings and costs of replacement for the next meeting.

**07/80 Parish Improvements**

a) Street Signs

There was no progress to report.

b) Gates to Longyard Meadow

The Clerk informed the meeting that the contractors were to start work that very week.

c) Provision of a seat in Wrockwardine

Members agreed to defer the provision of a seat in Wrockwardine indefinitely.

It was RESOLVED to replace the damaged wood in the seat at Sutton Road Admaston with a more suitable composite material.

**07/81 Grants**

The following grant applications were reviewed:

a) Wrockwardine & Admaston Table Tennis Club

It was resolved to refuse the application.

b) Little Chicks Pre-School

It was resolved to defer the decision until a report had been received from Cllr. Mrs Ballantyne.

## **07/82 Correspondence**

### **1. Correspondence requiring a decision**

T&WC	Sports & Leisure Framework Consultation – Cllr. Craik agreed to respond.
Transforming Telford	Transforming Telford launch. Cllr. Mrs. Evans agreed to respond.
T&WC	LDF Housing land allocation – Cllr. Rawlings gave a report on his attendance of the meeting. Cllr. Miss Seymour commented on the included proposals for affordable housing in rural areas.

### **2. Correspondence not requiring a decision**

CPRE	Landscapes Newsletter
CPRE	Fieldwork Magazine.
T&WC	Bus Users Group Minutes and Agenda.
T&WC	Advertisement - adoption of Code of Conduct. The Clerk informed the meeting that notice of council's adoption of the code of conduct had been included in an all embracing advert placed by the Borough in the local press.
SPF	Playing Fields Magazine – Cllr. Rawlings.

## **07/83 Planning Matters**

### **Applications**

The following applications were considered:

W07/1030	Change of use from rifle range to stationing of holiday lodges Former rifle range The Wrekin. There were no objections.
W07/1138	Erection of a single storey rear extension, extension to existing garage and erection of rear boundary wall 14 Wrockwardine. There were no objections.
W07/1139	Demolition of outbuildings 14 Wrockwardine. There were no objections.
W07/1078	Erection of detached garage with office over Overley Hill Cottage Overley. There were no objections.
W07/0994	Erection of first floor extension 19 Aldermead Close Admaston. There were no objections.
W07/1004	Erection of single storey front extension Laurel Cottage the Avenue Wrockwardine. The Clerk reported that this had been one of the applications dealt with during the summer recess and a response expressing concern over the further development of this site had been sent to the Borough.

- W07/0949           Erection of two detached dwellings with detached single garages and construction of vehicular/ pedestrian access; land adjacent to the Bungalow Allscott. There were no objections.
- W07/1182           Erection of detached dwelling Ferniehurst Bratton Road Admaston. There were no objections.
- W07/1190           Reduction in height of one Field Maple and pruning of one Oak; 11 Burnell Road, Admaston. There were no objections.
- W07/1172           Erection of five detached two storey dwellings Land at rear of St. Christopher's Hall Admaston.  
Members expressed a number of concerns over the proposed development of this site. There was a general concern that the proposals represented a general loss of amenity land within the parish. In addition there were a number of planning issues. Cllr. Craik expressed concern that the plans set out provision for four car parking spaces but the plans did not appear to reflect this provision. There was a concern over the intensity of the development for the size of plot. Cllr. Craik also expressed a concern over lack of any obvious provision for disabled people. Cllr. Mrs Evans pointed out that parking in and around the existing Hall causes problems already so any additional car parking in the area, which would be inevitable as a result of any development, would certainly exacerbate those problems. It was RESOLVED to object to the proposals.

### **Permissions**

The following permissions were noted:

- W07/0744           Erection of single storey rear extension and front/side extension to existing bungalow The Cherry Trees 2 Charlton.
- W07/0800           Erection of an attached single garage; 5 Donnerville Drive Wellington.
- W07/0844           Conversion of barns to three dwellings - Burcott Barns Wrockwardine
- W07/0845           Conversion of barns to two dwellings - Burcott Barns Wrockwardine.

### **Refusals**

The following refusal was noted:

- W07/0935           Erection of a wall, railings, pillars, gates and lion

sculptures (retrospective) 19 Aldermead Close  
Admaston.

It was noted that the applicants for W06/1541 erection of a two storey side extension 40 Station Road had lodged an appeal against the refusal of permission.

It was noted that the applicants for W06/0265 erection of one retirement home (outline permission) Land at rear of 9 Bratton Road had lodged an appeal against the refusal of permission.

Tree Preservation Order – Trees on land adjacent to 1 Walton Cottages, Bratton Road, Admaston.

**07/84 Accounts for Payment**

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

Members approved an additional payment of £300 to Leon Kingston for hedge cutting at Admaston Green.

b) **Statements 6 & 7 [Bank of Scotland]** were tabled along with the reconciliation and were approved.

c) **Internal Auditor's Report**

The Internal Auditor's report was received. It was noted that the only comment requiring attention was in regard to recording of the office equipment purchased from Tops Typewriter Services in the Assets Register. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had explained to the Internal Auditor that there was no requirement to include the equipment referred to in the Assets Register as it had been purchased by the Chairman out of his personal Chairman's allowance and therefore belonged to the Chairman and not to the Council; this explanation had been accepted by the Internal Auditor and a note appended to explain to the External Auditor.

d) **External Auditor's Report**

The Clerk drew to the attention of the meeting a note received from the External Auditor stating that an error in reconciling the assets as recorded on the audit form against the assets recorded in the register had occurred; the difference being £3. It was requested that the audit form be amended, signed by the Chairman (of the meeting) and returned. This was done.

**07/85 Press Statement**

There was no press release.

**07/86 Chairman's Closing Remarks**

The Vice Chairman invited Cllr. Miss Seymour to present a report. Cllr. Miss Seymour gave a report and answered questions. Members were informed that Miss Seymour had been appointed Deputy Leader of the

Borough Council; Cllr. Miss Seymour received the congratulations of the meeting.

**07/87 Next Meeting**

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was to be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2007 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.24 p.m.

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

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