

**WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**WORKING GROUP**

**Minutes of the joint Working Group held on Wednesday 6th December 2000  
at Admaston House Community Centre, Admaston at 7.30 p.m.**

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**Present:** Cllr. K.J.S. Ballantyne  
Cllr. Mrs. J. Savage  
Cllr. D.H. Powell  
Mr. D.G. Hayward

Mr. M. Goldstraw - Clerk

**6/00 Appointment of Meeting Chairman**

The meeting elected Cllr. Ballantyne as the Chairman of the Working Group.

**7/00 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. Hargrave who was unable to attend due to pressing work commitments.

**The Chairman thanked Members and the Clerk for attending the meeting and explained that, due to the absence of Cllrs. Hargrave and Brown, the resultant composition of the meeting meant that Cllr. Mrs. Savage was the only attending representative of the Parish Council (exclusively and with no involvement in the Trust). For this reason, it was proposed by the Chairman that the meeting be held, not in the formal manner laid out in the agenda but in a more informal way, as a discussion.**

**This was agreed by all members present.**

Members gave consideration to the points put forward by the Trust .

Cllr. Powell stated that it was the view of the Trust that Telford and Wrekin Council could not be persuaded to maintain the House adequately and that large grants would be needed to bring the house to a suitable state of safety. The Trust held the view that paid management would be required for efficient and professional running of the House.

***7.45p.m. Cllr. Brown joined the meeting.***

Cllr. Mrs. Savage asked if T&WC could be made to put the House in order prior to anyone taking it over.

Cllr. Powell stated that it was the intention of the Trust to press them to do so, but they were not optimistic over the result of such a request given the present financial plight of T&WC.

Mr. Hayward gave details of the present use of the House and its income. It was made clear that the Educational Support Unit was a main source of income for the house and it was hoped that the unit would continue to use the House.

The Clerk reported his recent attendance at a meeting between another parish council and T&WC where it was indicated that T&WC were considering amalgamating the present four E.S.U.'s into one, and bringing them under one roof. It was thought that the new home for the amalgamated E.S.U.'s could be the Phoenix Centre or some other such suitable centre which currently had spare capacity. This was reported in order that the working group did not take the continuance of the E.S.U. occupancy for granted.

Members of the Trust expressed a need to talk to T&WC Education dept. directly on the matter.

Cllr. Brown asked that the meeting focus on the consideration of the proposed survey of the parish and the Chairman ruled that the meeting move on to talk about the approach to be made to T&WC.

Cllr. Brown presented a paper which he had prepared as a basis for discussion and members went on to discuss the possible substance of any questions to be put to the parish.

**It was agreed that any questionnaire should be kept within the boundary of the parish** and that the preparation and content should be decided in consultation with officer of T&WC who had suitable experience. Advice could also be obtained from Mr. Keith Griffith of Shropshire Community Council.

Members moved to the question of content of the survey and the levels of acceptable response. No firm conclusion was arrived at and it was agreed that the matter be discussed further at the next meeting.

The Chairman asked members to consider two points prior to the next meeting. Firstly that of the extent of alternatives offered to the public and secondly, the relationship which would exist between the parish council and the Trustees over the proposed lease (by T&WC) of the land and buildings. The two bodies must work together.

The Clerk was asked to invite a suitably experience officer of T&WC to the next meeting to advise on the logistics and wording of the proposed survey.

Members agreed that the next meeting should be on the 17th January 2001.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.**

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

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

