

# Wrockwardine Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 Held at Admaston House, Admaston at 7.30p.m

**Present:** Cllr Mrs E Anderson (Chairwoman)  
Cllr Mr P Cooper (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr Mrs E Ballantyne  
Cllr Mr K Ballantyne  
Cllr P Bevis  
Cllr Mrs J Savage  
Cllr Miss K Tonks

**In Attendance:** Borough Cllr Miss J Seymour  
Ms J Hancox (Clerk)  
5 members of the public

**21/151 Welcome by the Chairwoman**  
The Chairwoman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**21/152 Apologies for absence**  
Cllr Eade – work commitments  
Cllr Thomas – no apology received

**21/153 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations**  
Cllr's Mr & Mrs Ballantyne declared an interest in 21/158 Finance, both pecuniary and personal. Given that this would continue each month, it was **RESOLVED** to allow a dispensation for declaring an interest for future meetings given that the accounts were subject to audit.

No other interests were declared.

**21/154 Public Session**  
One member of the public spoke about the traffic issues, in particular large car transporters, along the B5063 Longdon-on-Tern road. Borough Cllr Seymour informed Council that concerned residents attended a recent meeting of Rodington Parish Council. Council determined to put this matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

Members of the Shropshire Beagles Association were present in the public gallery and, at the Chairwoman's request, Council agreed to discuss the later agenda item relating to them at this point.

**21/155 Correspondence**  
(a) Request from Shropshire Beagle Association to use Long Yard Meadow once a month and place a temporary barrier at the entrance  
Members discussed the group's request to use Long Yard Meadow and put up a barrier (a deer fence) at the entrance once a month for one hour. Members raised the following points:

- It is a public space and not specifically for dogs;
- Since the gate was removed for safety purposes it has given better access to all, but others had complained and may not be happy to see temporary barriers;
- How would others access at the same time;

- Complaints have been received about inconsiderate parking on pavements and obstructing driveways;
- Disabled residents need access to pathways;
- Agreement could create a licence with legal implications;
- Issue of clearing up after the dogs;
- There are plans for trees and wild flower planting in the near future;
- No one has previously asked the Parish Council if they can use the space but have used it anyway.

Following a summary of the comments by the Chairwoman, Cllr Mr Ballantyne suggested that the members of the group take away what had been said and formulate a comprehensive proposition to include solutions to meet the concerns. Once received, the request could be reconsidered with a proposal and a resolution. The group were also asked to provide numbers and from which areas members were coming from.

#### 21/156 To confirm and agree the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm and sign the Minutes of the Council Meeting, held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021, as a true record.

[Proposer: Cllr Cooper; Seconder: Cllr Savage; Vote: Unanimous]

#### 21/157 Borough Councillor's Report

Borough Cllr Seymour updated Members on an issue relating to Allscott Meads and a family living in a caravan because they could not access their house; drainage improvement at Charlton and a meeting for residents at Wrockwardine Village Hall on 1/12/21 regarding plans to extend Leaton Quarry. Cllr Seymour also offered an additional £500 of ward funding to the Council and Member's agreed to submit another application for restoring the bus shelters once the full costs were known.

#### 21/158 Planning

##### 1. Permissions & Refusals

Members noted the following permissions and refusals:

<b>TWC/2021/0819</b>	8 Bratton Road, Bratton	Replacement of 1no. oil tank	Full Granted
<b>TWC/2021/0946</b>	126 Lewis Crescent, Wellington	Erection of a rear detached single garage	Full Granted

##### 2. New Applications

Member's **RESOLVED** to make the following comments:

<b>TWC/2021/10008</b>	Maxwell Amenity Ltd, Units 1-7, Allscott	Change of use of unit 3 from storage and sales area to office and sales area & installation of new shop front	No comment
<b>TWC/2021/1034</b>	59 Dulwich Grange, Bratton	Extension of a timber garden building	No comment
<b>TWC/2021/1061</b>	44 Dulwich Grange, Bratton	Erection of a part single storey, part 2 storey side & rear extension	No comment

#### **TWC/2021/1045 Land adjacent Sunnymead, Walcot**

Members **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** with the following comment:

The Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds that the boundary treatment proposed to supplement the chain link fencing is of laurel which is not a native hedging species to the British Isles, provides a poor natural habitat for wildlife and associated ecology, and introduces an urban feel to this rural location. The Parish Council would seek the proposed laurel planting to be deleted and replaced by a mix of native British evergreen species viz: holly [*Ilex aquifolium*], English yew

[Taxus baccata], and gorse [Ulex europaeus] to meet the points of objection whilst still maintaining an effective and protective evergreen screen.

### 3. Applications received after the agenda was circulated

Member’s **RESOLVED** to make the following comments:

<b>DMMO/2019/0015</b>	Aston Lane, Aston	Restricted byway running east of Aston Farm to join with Wrekin course opposite the shooting range	No comment
<b>TWC/2021/1074</b>	The Old Vicarage, Wrockwardine	Overall reduction by 6 metres to 1no. sycamore tree, felling of 1no. maple tree and removal of a hedgerow of 20no. conifer trees	Support

#### 21/159 Finance

##### a) Accounts for payment in November

An additional payment to E-On was noted and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments.  
[Proposer: Cllr Savage; Seconder: Cllr Tonks; Vote: Unanimous]

##### b) Bank Reconciliation for October

It was **RESOLVED** to accept this.  
(Proposer: Cllr Cooper; Seconder: Cllr Savage; Vote: Unanimous)

##### c) Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2021/22 – It was **RESOLVED** to retain the services of SDH Accounting Services.

[Proposer: Cllr Mr Ballantyne; Seconder: Cllr Mrs Ballantyne; Vote: Unanimous]

The Clerk asked Council to note that a request had been made by St Peter’s Church to cut back some trees and shrubs in the closed church yard which the Parish Council maintains. Following consultation with T&W Council and Telford Tree Services, a Notification of Proposed Works to Trees in Conservation Areas would now be submitted following a quote for the work of £400. Council **RESOLVED** to accept this quote and asked the Clerk to proceed with the process.

[Proposer: Cllr Mr Ballantyne; Seconder: Cllr Bevis; Vote: Unanimous]

#### 21/160 January 2022 Council meeting

Following a discussion, Member’s **RESOLVED** to cancel the meeting scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and further **RESOLVED** that no committee meetings would take place that month either. It was noted that this was not setting a precedent and it would be reviewed next year.

[Proposer: Cllr Cooper; Seconder: Cllr Mrs Ballantyne; Vote: Unanimous]

It was then **RESOLVED** that delegated powers for planning and finance during January would be given to the Clerk, after consultation with the Chairwoman.

{Proposer: Cllr Mrs Ballantyne; Seconder: Cllr Cooper; Vote: Unanimous]

#### 21/161 Council Committees

##### 1. Finance & General Purposes Committee

1.1 Members acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and there were no comments.

1.2 Members acknowledged receipt of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and there were no comments.

1.3 The draft budget was circulated prior to the meeting. Members were asked to note that the overall figure for the budget was roughly the same as 2021/22. Members were also asked to note that the street lighting in Admaston was coming to “end of life” and, the F&GP Committee were carrying out an assessment for replacing the existing lights with solar lights, to tie in with

the end of the E-on contract. No additional comments or suggestions were made. It was confirmed the final budget would be presented at December's meeting where the precept would also be set. The Chairwoman thanked Cllr Ballantyne for preparing the budget proposals.

- 1.4 Following a discussion Members **RESOLVED** to approve the setting up of a working party (to include councillors & members of the public) to draft and implement a Climate Change Strategy to consist of 3 councillors and 2 members of the public. The administrative function of the group was delegated to them and reporting would be to the Finance & General Purposes Committee. [Proposer: Cllr Anderson; Seconder: Cllr Cooper; Vote: Unanimous]

**21/162 Meetings Update**

1. Allscott Meads Stakeholder Group – Council noted receipt of the details circulated previously
2. Haygate Road Liaison Group – Council noted receipt of the minutes of the meeting held on 12/10/21.

**21/163 SID Statistics** – Members noted the data (Appendix 1)

**21/164 Armed Forces Covenant**

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Anderson as the Defence Point of Contact. [Proposer: Cllr Cooper; Seconder: Cllr Mr Ballantyne; Vote: Unanimous]

Cllr Mr Ballantyne asked Council to thank Cllr Bevis and volunteer Mr Cartwright for the fantastic and stunning Tommy figures and poppies displayed throughout the Parish to commemorate Remembrance Sunday.

**21/165 Grant Applications**

None received

**21/166 Correspondence**

- (b) Request from Shropshire Beagle Association to use Long Yard Meadow once a month and place a temporary barrier at the entrance – dealt with after the Public Session, Item 21/155.
- (c) Long Lane Traffic- Council noted the contents of the response from the Traffic management Advisor for West Mercia Police. Following a discussion, Member's agreed to invite representatives from T&W Highways and West Mercia Police, along with the concerned residents, to a future meeting.

**21/167 Date of the next meeting**

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30p.m** at **Admaston House, (Bratton Room)**

*The meeting closed at 9.01p.m*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ *E Anderson* \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman)

Date 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021

## Wrockwardine Parish Council

### Item 21/158

#### Finance

##### a) Accounts for Payment November 2021

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Cost
Tesco Mobile	Mobile Phone	7.50	00	7.50
CIlr	Expenses	17.84	0.83	18.67
BC	SID Management	200.00	00	200.00
Barclaycard	Safepoint/RBL -Poppies	46.90	5.98	35.88
Various	Staff Costs	2,215.67	0.52	2,215.67
E-On	Lighting Supply	391.13	78.23	469.36
IdVerde	Grass Cutting	585.55	117.11	702.66
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>3,464.07</b>	<b>202.67</b>	<b>3,666.74</b>

##### b) Bank Reconciliation October 2021

Unity Current A/C Balance 2/10/21	91,795.08
Payments made in October	5,107.00
Receipts September 2021 – 2 x Grants	4,280.00
Balance 1/11/21	<b>90,968.08</b>
Current Account Bank Statement 112	<b>90,968.08</b>

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ *J Hancox* \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ *8<sup>th</sup> December 2021* \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

**Appendix 1**  
**Item 21/162**  
**SID Statistics Nov 2021**

Location/Direction	From	To	No. over speed limit	Days at location	Daily Average vehicles over speed limit	Notes
Shawbirch Road, Admaston, North east	8/6/21	15/6/21	14,324	7	2,046	
Shawbirch Road, Admaston, South West	16/6/21	1/7/21	15,714	15	1,046	
The Avenue, Wrockwardine, West Bound	2/7/21	12/7/21	116	12	9	
The Avenue, Wrockwardine, East Bound	13/7/21	9/8/21	615	25	25	Road closed at Alscott
Shawbirch Rd, Admaston, South West	10/8/21	23/8/21	16,173	13	1,242	
Shawbirch Rd, Admaston, North east	24/8/21	6/9/21	7,690	13	513	Contractors traffic lights by SID calmed traffic
Wellington Rd, Admaston, North West	7/9/21	20/9/21	13,070	13	1,006	
Wellington Road, Admaston, South East	21/9/21	4/10/21	4,851	13	372	Road re-opened at Walcott
Station Road, Admaston, South East	5/10/21	19/10/21	6,815	14	429	
Station Road, Admaston, North West	20/10/21	31/10/21	6,421	11	583	