

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

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#### **Present:**

Cllr. – S. Rawlings – Chairman  
Cllrs: Mrs. Elaine Ballantyne, K. Ballantyne, E. Dawes, Ms Nadine Evans, Mrs Jo Savage and Mrs Sheila Turner.

Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also Present: Borough Councillor Miss Jacqui Seymour.  
Mr A Orrell.

#### **14/123 Chairman's opening remarks**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for turning out on such a bleak evening.

#### **14/124 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. D. Griffiths and T. Kiernan.

#### **14/125 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests**

There were no declarations of interest or dispensation requests.

#### **14/126 Public Session**

Mr. Orrell asked if the Parish Council were responsible for the recently installed Sutton Road signs and stated that it took three men three hours to erect them when they didn't need to be replaced anyway. Mr Orrell was informed that the signs were a Borough Council matter and had not been installed/replaced by the Parish Council.

Mr. Orrell circulated notes he had made pertaining to the debate held by Members of the Borough Council Planning Committee when it had discussed the proposals for the former sugar beet factory site.

Mr Orrell expressed his concern over the application for development at Maxwell Amenity Ltd, Allscott Park [TWC/2014/1115] and tabled a number of points he felt the Parish Council could use should it choose to object to the proposals. Mr Orrell expressed concern that the Borough Council had made it clear what their plans were for the whole of the area, fearing that such developments could be used to justify the sustainability of the former sugar beet site proposals.

Cllr. Miss Seymour commented with some concern on the Borough Council's business plans for the area.

Cllr. Mrs Savage expressed concerns over the sales of cars taking place at the

Hereford Storage Depot and informed the meeting that the matter had been reported; it was noted that an enforcement action had been registered.

#### **14/127 Police Report**

Apologies were received from PC Ryan Forster.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that PC Forster had been asked to request that the Road Safety Partnership pay some attention to speeding traffic using Shawbirch Road, Admaston and that PC Forster had asked PC Becke to complete some traffic surveys over the next couple of months and had also forwarded the request to Rod Lake (Traffic Management Advisor) for his information.

#### **14/128 Minutes**

**The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

#### **14/129 Planning Matters**

**The following applications were considered:**

TWC/2014/1147 Site of Overley Hall School, Overley. Erection of one dormer bungalow. There were no comments.

TWC/2014/1148 14 Bratton Road, Bratton. Erection of a two storey side and rear extension, front porch and alterations to existing access. There were no comments.

TWC/2014/1115 Maxwell Amenity Ltd, Allscott Park. Erection of a three storey front extension, single storey rear extension and creation of car park. Following discussion it was RESOLVED to object to the proposal. It was agreed that the points set out by Mr Orrell in the public session should be used as a basis for the objection viz:

The application was effectively retrospective; the Parish Council would like to know if planning permission was required for the addition of the existing portacabins. The only reference to HGVs in the application referred to five vehicles currently operating, how many more would operate if the business expanded and what route would they take? The plan showed twenty five existing spaces for cars plus a possible seven others on the map. The application showed forty two existing spaces, a difference of ten. Would these be retained? The application showed forty two plus three disability spaces, with a proposal of one hundred and seven plus three a difference of sixty five whereas the proposed plans shoed eighty four spaces; there was a need for clarification.

The site currently employed seventy one people in a current space of 330 square metres – the proposal added 625 square metres of space making a total of 955 for the same number of employees; this gave a space of 13.5 square metres for each member of staff, leading to a belief that there would be subletting of office space.

The Parish Council was concerned that there would be issues with the septic tank which was on a flood plane. Would there be a bund? What provision would be made for effluent removal (additional vehicle movements).

The Parish Council was concerned that the area was becoming an industrial area to justify the sustainability of the development of the former sugar beet site particularly as regards to employment.

No mention was made [in the application] of any possible section 106 agreement to alleviate traffic calming in Admaston [this would be essential should the plans be approved].

**The following permissions were noted:**

- TWC/2014/0978 Willow House, 10 Admaston Spa, Admaston. Removal of a branch to 1no. Silver Birch and pruning of one Hornbeam.
- TWC/2014/0810 Land adjacent to Tiddiecross, Charlton. Installation of a ground based 9.52MWp-AC photovoltaic solar farm with associated infrastructure, landscaping and access.

**The following withdrawal was noted:**

- TWC/2014/0893 Telford Saddlery & Country Wear, Elephant House, Long Lane. A conversion of ground floor shop unit to two self contained apartments.

**The following refusal was noted:**

- TWC/2014/0804 Land adjacent The Moorings, Long Lane. Change use of land to siting of 10 residential mobile homes.

**The following appeal against refusal was noted:**

- TWC/2014/0665 27 Donnerville Gardens, Admaston. Erection of a 1.94m high timber fence (Retrospective).

**14/130 Accounts for Payment**

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

**Statements (9) Unity Trust** were tabled along with the reconciliations and were approved.

**The following additional payment was approved:**

Madeley Print Shop – Newsletter Cheque 300097 £300.00

**14/131 Quiet Lanes**

There was nothing to report.

**14/132 War Memorial**

**Damage to War Memorial**

The Clerk reported that at some time during the previous month the war memorial had been hit by a blue car and had sustained damage to brickwork. An estimate for the repair of the wall was tabled in the sum of £110 for labour and £25 for materials [P. Kingston]. Following discussion it was RESOLVED to accept the estimate and the Clerk was instructed to request that the contractor carry out the work.

**Alteration to the War Memorial to facilitate the planting of Small Crosses**

The Meeting was informed that grant funding in the sum of £1'268.00 had been secured from the Borough Councillor's Ward Funding to support the purchase and installation of two antique stone troughs at the War Memorial site. The Meeting gave an unanimous vote of thanks to Borough Cllrs. Miss Jacqui Seymour and Terry Kiernan for supporting the application and in particular to Cllr. Miss Seymour for ensuring that the application from the Parish Council was placed in a timely manner.

The Meeting heard that the Cllrs Ballantyne had secured two suitable troughs, that the troughs had been delivered to the Chairman's home and that the Chairman, Clerk and Cllr. Ballantyne had met on site with a contractor in order to discuss the siting of the troughs and to request an estimate of the cost of the siting. Council was awaiting receipt of an estimate of the cost.

The Cllrs Ballantyne were thanked for finding and arranging the purchase of the troughs on behalf of the Council.

**14/133 Admaston Community Orchard and Bellamy Wood**

**Community Orchard**

The Clerk reported that the Loss Adjuster had confirmed that the insurers would pay out in the sum of £1,931.80 however, the Clerk had felt that the form which had been sent requesting that the Parish Council accepted the payment had been unsuitable in that there had been a clause releasing the Parish Council from liability; the Parish Council had never had any liability in the matter. It was noted that Cllr. Ballantyne had kindly lent his assistance and provided the Clerk with a suitable replacement deed which had been sent back to the loss adjuster. It was hoped that the matter would shortly be resolved and that the Parish Council would soon be in receipt of the £1,931.80 now owed to it by the contractor's insurers.

The Chairman reported that suitable trees had been ordered via the offices of Mr Rob Jevons or Telford & Wrekin Council and that Mr Jevons had agreed that his workforce would undertake the planting and that the Parish Council would be invoiced in due course for the trees and labour.

### **Bellamy Wood**

The Chairman informed the Meeting that the remedial coppicing work had been completed and thanks were extended to the two Borough Councillors who had facilitated the grant funding out of the previous year's ward Funding. The Chairman informed the Meeting that the work had highlighted the fact that the wood was badly in need of a litter pick to clean it up. The Meeting agreed that, as of routine maintenance, a clean up should be paid for.

### **Bench Seat**

The Meeting was informed that the bench seat, purchased some time ago, was due to be installed at the top of the orchard and the contractor had been instructed.

## **14/134 Correspondence**

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

Veolia  
Details of the new recycling service provided on behalf of the Borough Council along with an offer for a Veolia officer to talk to the parish council about its facilities. It was agreed to look at the offer as a possible speaker at the Annual Parish meeting.

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

T&WC  
Cost of election to the Parish Council: Contested election £1797.00. Cost of an uncontested election £140 per Parish Ward. Noted.

## **14/135 Press Statement**

The Clerk was asked to provide a press statement.

## **14/136 Chairman's Closing Remarks**

Cllr. Miss Seymour gave details of her presence at a residents meeting which had discussed the Borough's plans for a possible planning application adjacent to Haig House and Holly House. The Meeting noted that the residents may attempt to have the land listed as a "Village Green" and it was agreed that if that was the case, the Parish would place the matter on the next agenda in order that the PC might be of some assistance.

Cllr. Miss Seymour spoke of the Borough Council's decision not to pass on the Council Tax Support grant to all Parishes and the fact that the rural parishes had completely lost out.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Miss Seymour on behalf of the Council.

The Chairman thanked all for their attendance.

**14/137 Next Meeting**

Next meeting to be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:28 p.m.

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

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