

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th November 2015 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Chairman: S. Rawlings

Cllrs: Ms. Elaine Anderson, Ms. Nadine Evans, T. Kiernan, Mrs. Jo Savage and Sheila Turner.

Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: Mr. A. Orrell.

Borough Councillor Miss J. Seymour.

15/86 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed all present of the death of Cllr. Rory MacDonald. Members conveyed their condolences to the family of Cllr. MacDonald.

The Chairman also announced that he felt it would be appropriate, given that the meeting was being held on Armistice Day, to hold a moments silence as a mark of respect to those who had sacrificed their lives in the service of their country; Members were invited to also give thought to their deceased colleague during the moments silence if they felt it appropriate to do so.

There then followed a moments silence as a mark of respect for the fallen on Armistice Day.

15/87 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Elaine Ballantyne and K. Ballantyne.

15/88 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

The Chairman declared an interest in planning applications TWC/2015/0996 and TWC/2015/0934. Cllr. Ms Nadine Evans agreed to take the Chair for those matters of business.

15/89 Public Session

Cllr. Mrs. Savage reported that the railway bridge at Duncott (Duncott Waste) had been severely damaged in a road traffic accident. Cllr. Kiernan stated that he had reported the matter to Rail Track. The Meeting discussed the state of the bridge and concerns over the road layout and speeding traffic along with the effect of the anticipated increased in traffic due to the proposed Allscott development. The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough traffic officers to ascertain whether anything could be done to improve the bridge or alleviate the problem.

The Meeting discussed commercial activity at Allscott.

15/90 Police Report

There was no report.

15/91 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th October 2015 were confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

15/92 Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor

The Meeting noted that there were now two vacancies.

Admaston & Bratton Ward (Vacancy Section 87(2))

There was nothing to report.

Admaston & Bratton Ward (Vacancy Section 87(2))

Formal notice was given that a casual vacancy had occurred in the office of Councillor for the Parish of Wrockwardine (Admaston & Bratton Ward) due to the death of Cllr. Rory MacDonald. The Clerk agreed to inform the Borough Council and place the appropriate notices.

15/93 Planning Matters

Applications:

The following applications were considered:

TWC/2015/0364 Land to the North of, Haygate Road, Wellington. Outline application for the erection of up to 290 dwellings with associated access, all other matters reserved (amended description). It was RESOLVED to object to the application.

Wrockwardine Parish Council objects to this new application and wishes to remind the Borough Council that it has not changed its view since the initial application, TWC/2013/1033, which opposed the proposed development on the grounds that it conflicts with the existing land allocation, inadequate highways considerations, proposed density and conceptual design and a lack of information in the supporting documentation including the Breeding Birds summary and especially on a site of such importance to Wellington in its setting of a listed building and the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and urges the Borough council to refuse the application.

Cllr. Ms. Nadine Evans took the Chair for the following items of business.

TWC/2015/0996 Land north of Rushmoor Lane, Bratton. Variation of condition 2 of TWC/2015/0560 (Installation of a ground based 4.08mw AC Photovoltaic Solar Farm) to vary the temporary consent of

25 years from the date of the decision notice to 'the date of first export of electricity from the solar farm to the National Grid'.
There were no comments.

TWC/2015/0934 Highway and verges off Rushmoor Lane/B5063, Bratton & Shawbirch Road, Shawbirch. Installation of a buried grid connection cable for photovoltaic solar farm sited on land north of Rushmoor Lane (TWC/2015/0560) to connect to Electricity Sub Station, Shawbirch Road Shawbirch (Part Retrospective). It was noted that the work had actually been completed. There were no comments.

The Chairman resumed the Chair.

TWC/2015/0915 Site of The Mill House, Walcot. Conversion of 2 barns into 1 dwelling with new pitched roof and internal alterations. It was RESOLVED to object to the application.

Wrockwardine Parish Council objects to this application. There is nothing in the design statement to suggest that anything has been done to redress issues with the poor and dangerous access and egress which was the cause of a rejection of the same proposals in two previous applications one of which went to appeal and was lost. The Planning Inspector cited the same dangerous and poor access and egress.

It was noted that an additional application had been published by the Borough Council but that details had arrived too late for consideration at the meeting. The application was:

TWC/2015/1021 Land opposite Holly Tree House/Caridia House/Littleford Cottage, 18/19/Robinswell/The Bungalow, Allscott. Outline application for the erection of 7 dwellings with associated garages and all matters reserved. The Clerk was asked to request that the determination be delayed to allow the Parish Council time to consider the application.

Permissions:

The following permissions were noted:

TWC/2015/0758 Wrockwardine Hall, Station Road, Wrockwardine. Demolition of a wall attached to the house and replacement of porch door with window.

TWC/2015/0880 Wrockwardine Hall, Station Road, Wrockwardine. Amendment to TWC/2014/0301 to increase height of extension to

incorporate stone coping detail to west elevation (Listed building application).

TWC/2015/0846 10 Sutton Road, Admaston. Erection of a two storey side and single storey front extension following removal of existing garage.

15/94 Accounts for Payment

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

Statements 19 & 20 Unity Trust were tabled along with the reconciliations and were approved.

15/95 F&GP Committee Meeting

It was agreed that the next F&GP meeting would be held on Thursday 19th November at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7:30 p.m.

15/96 Traffic Matters

Traffic Calming Admaston

Cllr. Kiernan reported back to the Meeting that he had chased the matter of calming at Admaston with officers of the Borough and it had become apparent that the current year's highways capital programme (April 2015 to March 2016) was already being worked on and priority had to be given to delivering that agreed programme. The Borough had informed Cllr. Kiernan that "as soon as staff resources are available to enable design work to commence on future programme work, including Station Road, we will be in a better position to advise when the necessary consultation on Station Road can commence." The Officer had stated that while he could make no promises, he would do his best to look at the options during the current financial year to enable consultation to take place as soon as possible.

The Meeting was extremely disappointed that consultation was not in hand and the Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council to express that concern.

The Meeting thanked Cllr. Kiernan for pushing the matter on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr. Kiernan informed the Meeting that officers of the Borough had some money available to move towards the provision of providing a parking solution at the Admaston Football Fields but reiterated his statement that there may be a request for some funding from the Parish Council.

Quiet Lanes

The Clerk was asked to provide a list of the proposed lanes to Members of the Council.

15/97 Correspondence

Cllr Ballantyne

Letter asking the Council to thank Mr. P. Kingston, the contractor who fitted the horse troughs to the War Memorial and designed a suitable security system for them. The two horse troughs looked splendid and had served their function well at the recent Remembrance Day service. The Clerk was asked to convey the thanks of the Council to Mr. Kingston.

Vogt Solar Ltd

Response to a request from the Clerk for one of their officers to attend a Council meeting to provide details of their grant scheme – they were considering the request.

T&WC

Revised parish Charter – noted.

Wellington TC

Invitation to Mayor's Carol Service. Noted.

15/98 Press Statement

The Clerk was asked to provide a press statement.

15/99 Chairman's Closing Remarks

Borough Cllr. Miss Seymour reminded all that consideration should be given to an application for Ward Funding; the Meeting discussed possible projects.

A brief discussion was held on Parish Plans and it was agreed that the matter should be placed on the F&GP agenda.

The Chairman thanked all for attending

15/100 Next Meeting

Next meeting to be Wednesday 9th December 2015 at Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:22 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____