

Wrockwardine Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th July 2025 at Admaston House Community Centre at 7.30p.m

Present:

Cllr P Cooper (Chairman)
Cllr E Ballantyne
Cllr K Ballantyne
Cllr P Bevis
Cllr R Eade
Cllr S Parr
Cllr J Savage
Cllr G Thomas

In Attendance:

J Hancox (Clerk)

25/119 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

25/120 Apologies for absence

Cllr P Davis – Personal
Cllr K Tonks – Personal

25/121 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations

- a) Pecuniary – None declared
- b) Personal – Noe declared

25/122 Public Session

Nothing raised

25/123 Police & PCSO

There was no police representation.

25/124 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 11th June 2025.

[Proposer: Cllr Eade; Seconder: Cllr Parr; Vote: All]

25/125 Borough Councillor's Reports

Borough Cllr Thomas reported on:

- Recent planning appeal
- Fly tipping – the Borough Council are considering erecting cameras to combat

25/126 Planning

1. Permissions & Refusals

The following applications were noted:

TWC/2024/0909	Land adjacent Photovoltaic Solar Farm, Charlton	Erection of ground mounted solar farm, including energy storage, associated	Full Granted
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		infrastructure, access, landscaping & grid connection cable *Environmental Statement Submitted*	
TWC/2025/0331	48 Dulwich Grange, Bratton	Erection of a single storey side & rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory	Full Granted

2. New Applications

None received.

3. Applications received after the agenda was circulated

TWC/2025/0451 30 Bratton Road, Bratton

Erection of 1no. self-build dwelling including 1no. detached pool house, 1no. detached triple garage/annexe & associated landscaping following demolition of existing dwelling & garage.

No comments were made.

4. Delegation of Powers

It was **RESOLVED** to delegate planning decisions to the Clerk following consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman during the Summer recess.

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

25/127 Finance

a) Final Accounts Paid & Bank Reconciliations for June 2025

The details were noted and **RESOLVED**.

[Proposer: Cllr Mrs Ballantyne; Seconder: Cllr Parr; Vote: All]

b) Accounts to Date for Payment July 2025

The accounts were **RESOLVED** for payment.

[Proposer: Cllr Parr; Seconder: Cllr Bevis; Vote: All]

25/128 Traffic Matters

a. Admaston Traffic Calming Response

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council's response to Mr Sargeant's letter had been delayed and would be finalised soon with a copy distributed to Members once completed and sent.

b. Any other updates on outstanding issues – There were none to report.

c. Traffic & Road Safety Engineering Parish Report – The report from T&W was circulated prior to the meeting. Following a discussion it was **RESOLVED** to submit the following response:

The Parish Council can see no point in completing the return form as it has almost completely ignored everything that the Parish Council has been talking about and asking for with and from the Borough. The Parish Council feels that whatever it says it will be ignored and that some items in the 5-year plan are things that have been requested for over 20 years. The Parish Council wanted the Borough to note that on 3rd July 2025 there were two accidents involving numerous vehicles within two hours of each other, one of which completely destroyed the Parish Council's bus shelter on Shawbirch Road.

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

25/129 Community Governance Review - A draft response was circulated prior to the meeting and following a discussion, additional details were added and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write up and submit the document (Appendix 1).

[Proposer: Cllr Mr Ballantyne; Seconder: Cllr Parr; Vote: All]

25/130 Pemberton Road Car Park - Following a discussion it was **RESOLVED** not to support either proposal on the options for temporary anti-social behaviour measures at Pemberton Road carpark as it agreed it was the Borough Council's responsibility.
[Proposer: Cllr Parr; Seconder: Cllr Mr Ballantyne; Vote: All]

25/131 Fly Tipping - Following a discussion and in light of the advice earlier in the meeting that the Borough were considering the same, it was agreed to defer a decision on whether to purchase two wildlife cameras and any required fixings and storage cards to be used to combat illegal fly tipping in the Parish until September's meeting to give time to find the outcome of this.

25/132 Finials - After viewing the prototype it was **RESOLVED** to order four finials. Council asked the Clerk to find the original wording agreed at a previous meeting and confirm the price with the manufacturer.
[Proposer: Cllr Mr Ballantyne; Seconder: Cllr Parr; Vote: All]

Cllr Mr Ballantyne gave thanks to the Members who had brought this to fruition after 20 years and said that it would improve the look of the signs as well as assisting the public in knowing where they were.

25/133 Allscott Meads

1. Stakeholder Meeting held on 19th June 2025 – Cllr Bevis provided a verbal update.

2. Allotments – The Clerk provided a verbal update on the current legal situation. Council was advised that the members of the Working Group had met, interested residents had been contacted for further details but that another would be required as there had been a fairly low response compared to the initial numbers expressing interest. Following this it was agreed that a meeting with the residents should take place to work together to create an allotment society.

Cllr Eade left the meeting at 8.28p.m and returned at 8.35 p.m.

25/134 Parish Update - The details were noted (Appendix 2). It was agreed to submit a planning application for the pruning of the trees at Pemberton Road Play Area. It was further agreed that the problems with the spinning disc at Wrockwardine needed rectifying, either by replacing the bearings or removal if that were not possible and the Clerk was instructed to advise the contractor of the same.

25/135 SID Statistics

1. To receive data – Details were noted and there were no comments (Appendix 3).

2. To consider the current and future arrangements – Following a discussion it was agreed to investigate the costs of new solar powered SID units and the possibility of permanent fixings in hotspots and bring these back to September's meeting.

25/136 Grant Applications - None received.

25/137 Other Correspondence

1. Wrockwardine resident correspondence – the details were noted.

25/138 Date of the next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on **Wednesday 10th September 2025** at **Wrockwardine Village Hall**.

The meeting closed at 8.54p.m

Signed **P Cooper** Date **10th September 2025**
(Chairman)

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Finance

(a) Final Accounts Paid & Bank Reconciliation June 2025

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Cost
Nobridge Ltd	Grass Cutting	814.98	163.00	977.98
C Hughes Groundcare	Grass Cutting	850.00	170.00	1,020.00
Parish Online	Annual Subscription	161.00	32.20	193.20
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Banking Fee	9.75	00.00	9.75
B Cartwright	SID Management	300.00	00.00	300.00
Zurich Municipal	Insurance	1,585.59	00.00	1,585.59
SASA Wellbeing Hub	Grant Awarded	1,000.00	00.00	1,000.00
E-On	Lighting Maintenance	1,235.96	247.19	1,483.15
Hugo Fox	Website Provision	9.99	2.00	11.99
IdVerde	Bin Emptying	273.45	54.69	328.14
Tomato Energy	Street Lighting Supply	947.69	179.67	1,127.36
E Ballantyne	Councillor Expenses	8.38	0.39	8.77
Various	Office Management	54.32	0.62	54.94
Various	Staffing Costs	3,043.76	00.00	3,043.76
Total Payments		10,294.87	849.76	11,144.63

Bank Reconciliation – June 2025

Unity Current Account	
Current A/C balance 1/6/25	78,098.29
Minus payments made June	11,144.63
Add receipts June	00.00
Balance 30/6/25	66,953.66
Unity Bank Statement 167	66,953.66

Other Banks	
Unity Instant Access A/C Statement 136 Includes Interest £758.00	130,346.06
Nationwide Business A/C Balance 31/3/25	78,142.78

Total Balance all Banks	275,442.50
Minus Earmarked Reserves as shown	96,555.00
Total spend amount Includes budget spend of £115,000 Precept 2 nd payment due Sept 2025	178,887.50

(b) Accounts to Date for Payment July 2025

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Cost
Nobridge Ltd	Grass Cutting	814.98	163.00	977.98
C Hughes Groundcare	Grass Cutting	850.00	170.00	1,020.00
B Cartwright	SID Management	300.00	00.00	300.00
Tomato Energy	Street Lighting Supply	351.22	70.24	421.46
RoSPA	Annual Play Area Inspection	384.00	76.80	460.80
Hugo Fox	Website Provision	9.99	2.00	11.99
Stevenson Carter	Play Area Repairs	3,085	617.00	3,702.00
Unity Trust	Bank Fee	9.30	00.00	9.30
M Bissell Trees	Tree Work	450.00	90.00	540.00
Cllr E Ballantyne	Councillor Expenses	8.38	0.39	8.77
IdVerde	Bin Emptying	273.45	54.69	328.14
Various	Office Management	42.69	00.00	42.69
Various	Staffing Costs	3,043.76	00.00	3,043.76
Total Payments		9,622.77	1,244.12	10,866.89

Signed: J Hancox (Clerk & RFO) Date: 11/9/25

Signed: P Cooper (Chairman) Date: 11/9/25

Appendix 1

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Community Governance Review Submission

Wrockwardine Parish Council does not support the current draft proposals of the Community Governance Review.

The Parish Council met on the 9th July 2025 and determined to make the following comments regarding the proposals.

1. The consultation as a whole has been very poor and appears to be based entirely on the views of a very small minority. The Parish Council cannot understand why, given that there were only 13 responses from Wellington Town Council's residents from a possible 17,231 electors, that a person or persons within their response suggested moving Admaston & Bratton to Wellington and that this change has now been proposed. However, with only 3,886 electors, Wrockwardine Parish Council's residents managed 11 responses none of which suggested moving Admaston & Bratton to Wellington, but in your own words "articulated a similar position to the Parish Council's submission with support for the existing boundary to remain unchanged and that Admaston and Bratton should remain as part of a Parish Council for Wrockwardine". The Parish Council does not consider it is right that the view of a very small number of Wellington residents should take precedent and dictate what happens over the views of its own Wrockwardine Parishioners.
2. The sweeping statements made in the rationale for the change are, in the Parish Council's view, incorrect. You state that the "residents of Admaston and Bratton are an extension of the urban community of Wellington [...] and look to Wellington for the provision of services including schools, medical and dental services and shopping". The Parish Council would argue that within the Parish boundary there is currently a newly built doctor's surgery; convenience stores; post office and two local primary schools. Just over the boundary in Shawburch there is a pharmacy; local shops; a further post office counter; veterinary surgery; dentist; public houses and other ancillary provisions. Indeed, a few steps further and there are even more facilities built around the Shawburch roundabout, including a nursery provision. Rather than "looking to Wellington" the local residents look to what is on their doorstep and if need be, go farther afield to Telford Centre or Shrewsbury. The Parish Council suggests that the local residents couldn't actually be any more disconnected from Wellington and with the continuing growth around Bratton and the surrounding Parish's this will only widen (see your own Local Plan for those details).
3. The Parish Council believes that if Wellington Town Council does take in Admaston and Bratton then it will grow significantly with perhaps over 30,000 residents (rather than the 20,000 electorate) and would still be growing. This would, following investigation, make Wellington Town Council the 45th largest Town Council in England and be substantially bigger than the Wellington Urban Council that was. Such a large increase even with an increase in councillor numbers would mean that local representation would be extremely poor.
4. Residents in Admaston and Bratton would see a marked increase in their council tax and given that none of them actually wanted to be moved (see point 1) the Parish Council suggests that the Borough might want to advise residents of this fact and give them a real opportunity to comment on the real facts of these proposals.

5. The proposal for Wrockwardine Parish Council to merge into a new “rural” Parish Council means that Parish would cover a huge geographical area and, with only 11 seats for councillors, again local representation would be severely weakened and the actual distance councillors and staff would have to travel to serve the Parish would be significant and untenable. The proposal to merge would also result in a loss of precept funding and therefore a loss of services to be provided to its residents.
6. The cost of paying redundancy for long-standing clerk’s would mean that precepts would need to rise to cover the anticipated costs should these proposals go ahead.
7. If an alternative to the current arrangement is sought, the Parish Council suggests that Admaston and Bratton join with Shawbirch to create a Parish that makes more sense than the ones currently proposed.

However, it is the Parish Council’s view that Wrockwardine Parish Council remains as it is for this review.

Appendix 2

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Parish Update July 2025

Siberian Elm

The tree's lower branches were pruned in June. Planning has been granted for further work on the tree after the growing season. A quote will be brought to September's meeting.

Pemberton Road Play Area Trees

Following a request from a councillor at last month's meeting regarding the pruning of the ash and holly trees the contractor has inspected and advised on the cut and quoted £795 + VAT for the work. As these trees have TPO's on them, planning permission will need to be sought for any work to be carried out.

Pemberton Road Play Area Fence

The fence has now been repaired



General Maintenance

Following the agreement to source a quote for ongoing general maintenance work the Clerk is still working on this. Hopefully more information will be brought back to September's meeting.

RoSPA

The RoSPA inspections have been carried out on the play areas. There does not seem to be anything urgent or significant. Full details will be provided at September's meeting.

Bus Shelter, Admaston

As you are aware the shelter was damaged following a car accident. At the time of writing this, the Clerk is still awaiting contact from the insurance company. A verbal update will hopefully be available at the meeting.

J Hancox
Clerk & RFO
July 2025

Appendix 3

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SID Statistics July 2025

Xxxx indicates most recent data

Shawbirch Road, Admaston, South

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
10/12/24 – 22/12/24	13	11,564	882	
17/3/25 – 30/3/25	14	16,269	1,162	80,750 vehicles 85 th percentile 31.1 & 30.9 mph
27/5/25 – 8/6/25	13	13,347	1,027	71,250 vehicles 85 th percentile 31.4mph

Shawbirch Road, Admaston, North

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
4/3/25 - 16/3/25	13	11,861	912	55,000 vehicles 85 th percentile speed 31.9mph
10/6/25 – 22/6/25	13	14,239	1,093	52,300 vehicles. 85 th percentile speed 32.6mph

Wellington Road, Admaston, North

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
15/10/24-27/10/24	13	10,086	775	
27/1/25-2/2/25	13	10,415	801	
1/4/25 – 13/4/25	13	9,854	758	

Wellington Road, Admaston, South

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
7/1/25 – 19/1/25	13	1,887	145	
24/6/25 – 6/7/25	13	4,044	311	

Station Road, Admaston, North

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
17/3/25 – 30/3/25	14	3,950	282	
27/5/25 – 8/6/25	13	5,616	432	
10/6/25 – 22/6/25	13	6,027	463	

Station Road, Admaston, South

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
17/9/24 – 27/9/24	11	4,669	424	85 th percentile speed 32mph
4/3/25 – 16/3/25	13	4,530	348	

Rushmore Lane, Allscott

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
18/2/25-2/3/25	13	1,123	86	North
5/2/25 – 16/5/25	12	1,165	97	South
29/4/25 – 11/5/25	13	1,430	110	North
13/5/25 – 25/5/25	13	1,499	115	South

The Avenue, Wrockwardine, East

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
5/2/25 – 16/2/25	12	3,907	325	7,400 vehicles 85 th percentile 24.5mph
13/5/25 – 25/5/25	13	2,136	164	5,390 vehicles 85 th percentile 23.5mph

The Avenue, Wrockwardine, West

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
17/2/25 – 2/3/25	13	3,167	243	Total vehicles approx. 6,340 85 th percentile 24.1mph
19/4/25 – 11/5/25	13	3,009	221	Total vehicles 6,570, 85 th percentile 23.9mph/average speed 19.33

High Ercall Road, Bratton, South (new location)

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
7/1/25- 19/1/25	13	402	31	25,750 vehicles 85 th percentile 34.9/average speed 30.44
15/4/25- 27/4/25	13	696	53	17,540 vehicles, 85 th percentile 37.7/average speed 32.3
24/6/25 – 6/7/25	13	555	43	18,530 vehicles, 85 th percentile 36.9mph

High Ercall Road, Bratton, North (new location)

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
24/10/23-5/11/23	13	2,855	220	27,640 vehicles
21/1/25-2/2/25	13	3,149	157	29,000 vehicles; 85 th percentile 39.4