

Wrockwardine Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at Admaston House, Admaston at 7.30p.m

Present:

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

In Attendance:

1 Member of the Public
J Hancox (Clerk)

25/01 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished all a Happy New Year.

25/02 Apologies for absence

Cllr E Ballantyne – Family commitments
Cllr K Ballantyne – Family commitments

Absent: Cllr P Davis

25/03 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations

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

25/04 Public Session

One member of the public asked for an update on the Long Lane traffic issue.

25/05 Police & PCSO

There was no police update. Cllr Tonks advised that there had been a spate of break-ins around Bratton and Dothill that the police were dealing with. In addition the company Hello Fresh were sending out sales people at night time which was also causing concern for residents.

25/06 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 December 2024.

[Proposer: Cllr Eade; Seconder: Cllr Tonks; Vote: All that were present previously]

25/07 Borough Councillor's Report

Borough Cllr Tonks reported on:

- Meeting with T&W regarding cutting back of hedge along Wellington Road (past the PC's responsibility)
- Flooding by bus stop outside Admaston House and the culvert in Bratton
- Chasing traffic issues and street lights obscured by trees

Borough Cllr Thomas reported on:

- Complaints from residents regarding the dangerous driving of a particular bus around Wrockwardine and Allscott
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25/08 Planning

1. Permissions & Refusals

Council noted the following:

TWC/2024/0811	30 Bratton Rd, Bratton	Erection of 2 storey front, side & rear extensions, 1no. detached pool house/swimming pool, 1no. detached triple garage/annexe following demolition of existing garage & associated landscaping	Full Granted
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2. New Applications

The following applications were considered:

TWC/2024/0921	84 Station Rd, Admaston	Erection of an attached garage side extension, erection of a rear canopy, renovation to 2no. existing dormers, installation of 1no. rear dormer, rendering of the whole property & installation of timber cladding to rear elevation, replacement of white PVC windows with olive green RAL colour	No Comment
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TWC/2024/0909 Land Adjacent Photovoltaic Solar Farm, Charlton Erection of ground mounted solar farm, including energy storage, associated infrastructure, access, landscaping & grid connection cable
Environmental Statement Submitted

Following a discussion it was **RESOLVED** to **Object** to the application. See Appendix 1 for comments submitted.

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

3. Applications received after the agenda was circulated

None received

25/09 Finance

a) Final Accounts Paid & Bank Reconciliations for December 2024

The details were noted and **RESOLVED**.

[Proposer: Cllr Thomas; Seconder: Cllr Tonks; Vote: All]

b) Accounts to Date for Payment January 2025

The accounts were **RESOLVED** for payment.

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

25/10 Other Meetings

1. Allscott Meads Stakeholder Group 12/12/24

Receipt of the previously circulated notes were noted (Appendix 2). Cllr Cooper pointed out that whilst the date for beginning work on Wrockwardine carpark were confirmed, this would be weather dependent.

25/11 Boundary Review

Cllr Thomas confirmed that a meeting of the Committee considering the boundary review at Telford & Wrekin Council was due to take place on 13th February 2025 therefore an update would hopefully be available after this.

25/12 Parish Update – Members noted the Clerk’s update on various matters (Appendix 3).

25/13 **SID Statistics** - Members noted the data (Appendix 4).

25/14 **Grant Applications**
None received

25/15 **Correspondence**
None received

25/16 **Date of the next meeting**
It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on **Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 7.30p.m** at **Wrockwardine Village Hall, Wrockwardine.**

The meeting closed at 8.00p.m

Signed **P Cooper** Date **12th February 2025**
(Chairman)

Item 25/09

Finance

(a) Final Accounts Paid & Bank Reconciliation December 2024

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Cost
Nobridge Ltd	Grass Cutting	776.16	155.24	931.40
E-On	Lighting Maintenance	1,422.77	284.55	1,707.32
C Hughes Groundcare	Grass Cutting & other work	1,090.00	218.00	1,308.00
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Banking Fee	7.80	00.00	7.80
B Cartwright	SID Management	300.00	00.00	300.00
Hugo Fox	Website Provision	9.99	2.00	11.99
IdVerde	Bin Emptying	266.00	53.20	319.20
Tesco Mobile	Mobile Phone Provision	14.99	00.00	14.99
SLCC	Membership Fees	240.00	00.00	240.00
Various	Office Management	42.98	1.81	44.79
Various	Staffing Costs	2,939.73	00.00	2,939.73
Total payments		7,110.42	714.80	7,825.22

Bank Reconciliation

Unity Current Account	
Current A/C balance 1/12/24	58,506.74
Minus payments made December	7,825.22
Add Receipts December	00.00
Balance 31/12/24	50,681.52
Unity Bank Statement 161	50,681.52

Other Banks	
Unity Instant Access A/C Statement	128,777.29
Nationwide Business A/C Balance 31/3/24	75,005.98

Total Balance all Banks	254,464.79
Minus Earmarked Reserves as shown	93,105.00
Total spend amount as at 31/12/24 (includes budget spend circa £37k gross for 2024/25)	161,359.79

Earmarked Reserves

Traffic Calming Admaston	40,000
Street Light Replacement Admaston	24,000
Playing Fields Maintenance	6,000
Allscott Meads Allotments	5,000
Grant Additional NAL Sockets	3,400
Bus Shelter Walcot	3,303
Football Pitch Wrockwardine	3,000
Community Initiatives	1,500
Ward Fund Grant Bus Shelter Walcot	1,500
Grant towards PCSO Vehicle	2,000
B5063 Contribution	1,000
Grounds Maintenance Urgent Work Fund	1,000
Outdoor Gyms (Commuted Sum)	660
Feasibility Study Admaston Traffic Calming	550
Grant for Bird & Bat Boxes	192
Total	93,105

(b) Accounts to Date for Payment January 2025

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Cost
Nobridge Ltd	Grass Cutting	776.16	155.24	931.40
C Hughes Groundcare	Grass/hedge Cutting	850.00	170.00	1,020.00
Tesco Mobile	Mobile Phone	14.99	00.00	14.99
B Cartwright	SID Management	300.00	00.00	300.00
Hugo Fox	Website Provision	9.99	2.00	11.99
ICO	Data Protection Fee	35.00	00.00	35.00
Cllr E Ballantyne	Councillor Expenses	11.18	0.52	11.70
IdVerde	Bin Emptying	266.00	53.20	319.20
Various	Office Management	26.00	00.00	26.00
Various	Staffing Costs	2,910.63	00.00	2,910.63
Total payments		5,199.95	380.96	5,580.91

Signed: _____ *J Hancox* _____ (Clerk & RFO) Date: 12th February 2025 _____

Signed: _____ *P Cooper* _____ (Chairman) Date: 12th February 2025 _____

Appendix 1

Item 25/08 Planning Response



Wrockwardine Parish Council objects to this planning application on the following grounds:

1. If the application is granted it would mean a loss of almost 20 hectares of agricultural land which has been quoted as grade 3 but is obviously the same quality as adjacent land which produces a good yield.
2. The National Planning Policy Framework states that we should be protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, sites of biodiversity and recognise the character of the countryside and the benefits of farmland.
3. Farm land is disappearing at a fast rate and should be maintained. With current world issues we should promote self-sufficiency on food production. This proposal would mean the loss of potential food capacity for the next 40 years. Solar farms built on farmland; even poor-quality farmland is to put at risk the countries food security.
4. The local habitat will be degraded and polluted with half in permanent shadow and rain water washing out pollutants such as lead. There is already a problem with flooding in the area due to ditches not being maintained adequately and this proposed solar farm will further exacerbate this.
5. There is a lack of strategic planning done by the Borough Council to identify and support land supply specifically around where solar panel and solar farms will be permitted and also where they will not be allowed within the Borough and this needs urgently addressing.
6. Living in proximity to a solar farm could negatively impact health due to electromagnetic radiation.
7. The proposed site access is adjacent to a bridge with a sharp turn which is in a vulnerable position and could cause incidents on an increasingly busy minor road.
8. Solar farms are ugly and clash with the farm land and the natural landscape around them.

Appendix 2

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Allscott Meads Stakeholder Meeting 12/12/24

- Allotments. MS confirmed that all works will be completed prior to the land being transferred to the Parish Council. PC raised the land to north of the allotments and down to the river and MS advised he had been in touch with British Sugar and was awaiting a response. It was noted this may not be forthcoming until after the 2nd draft of the Local Plan had been issued.
- Wrockwardine Play Area Car Park. MS confirmed still looking at end of January/early February 25 for a start on site. Completion anticipated end of March. MS also advised that the appropriate application had been made to TWC with regard to the change of entrance onto a highway. PC and MS discussed the wording of the purchase order. PC to advise the Clerk accordingly.
- Allscott Little Library and notice board will still be provided by SJ Roberts. Location still to agreed. PC suggested that we wait until after the retail units are completed.
- Walcot Bus Shelter. MS provided a detailed drawing from his supplier Lowfield Timber Frames and confirmed that SJR would get the shelter manufactured and the Parish Council would have to cover the cost of assembly and anchor fixing to the existing base plus the felting of the roof. The shelter is timber framed, lined with plywood and clad in waney edged boarding and will have a pitched roof with an over-hang to the front. It will be delivered in panels and should be easy to assemble. MS has a joiner who would do the work. The base will need to be cleaned off so the that manufacturer can do an accurate measure.
- MS reiterated that SJR will still be contributing towards the SID's

Other items to note:

- 305 no. houses are occupied
- One Stop is looking likely to be the Anchor Tenant and are due to sign the lease. MS advised that he anticipates the other units to be occupied by the end of April 25
- Next meeting 6th March 25

Paul Cooper

Appendix 3

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Parish Update January 2025

Website

The website address is now www.wrockwardineparishcouncil.gov.uk

We will keep the old server up and running for 12 months as it automatically redirects from the old address and, renewal of it is due at the beginning of February and this is too soon to embed the new address. The .gov.uk emails will be set up soon and councillors will be notified of these when they are available and, what the process is for setting them up.

Wrockwardine Car Park

Purchase order submitted to SJ Roberts and work should commence at the end of January/beginning of February. Still awaiting payment of £10k from Leaton Quarry.

Traffic Matters

No update yet for the traffic enquiry. However, a councillor has raised the issue of the bridge on Station Road, Admaston which, due to the increase in traffic along that route, is becoming even more treacherous and wonders is there any action that can be taken by the Parish Council to put pressure on whomever the responsibility lies with.

Allscott Meads Allotments

The Council's solicitor has received correspondence from the solicitor for SJ Roberts advising that they will not be carrying out any of the allotment works until such time as the transfer deed of the allotments is in an agreed form. They have advised that the works will take approximately 8 to 10 weeks to complete after this. Completion is not therefore anticipated until early Spring now. Residents continue to enquire and the Clerk will therefore send out another update to those on the waiting list to advise on the up-to-date position.

General

No update on either bus shelters or finials. Play area maintenance work continues. One of the non-Council benches at Walcot Play Area is broken and, this will now have to be removed as it is not useable.

J Hancox
Clerk & RFO
January 2025

Appendix 4

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SID Statistics January 2025

Xxxx indicates most recent data

Shawbirch Road, Admaston, South

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
6/8/24-18/8/24	13	14,392	1,107	
2/10/24-13/10/24	12	11,053	921	64,250 vehicles 85 th Percentile 20.6mph & 30.8mph/average speed 26.32mph & 26.45mph
10/12/24 – 22/12/24	13	11,564	882	

Shawbirch Road, Admaston, North

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
26/6/24 – 5/7/24	11	17,323	1,732	
17/9/24 – 29/9/24	13	10,764	828	44,100 vehicles 85 th percentile speed 32.2mph

Wellington Road, Admaston, North

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
5/2/24 – 11/2/24	13	12,919	994	
9/4/24 – 21/4/24	13	12,534	964	
15/10/24-27/10/24	13	10,086	775	

Wellington Road, Admaston, South

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
16/1/24 - 28/1/24	13	2,934	226	
23/4/24 – 6/5/24	14	2,904	207	
29/10/24-10/11/24	13	3,104	239	

Station Road, Admaston, North

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
26/3/24 – 7/4/24	14	4,551	325	26,250 vehicles
11/6/24 – 24/6/24	14	5,947	425	38,450 vehicles
10/12/24 – 22/12/24	13	4,157	318	32,900 vehicles 85 th percentile speed 29.7mph

Station Road, Admaston, South

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
25/6/24 – 5/7/24	11	4,382	398	31,450 vehicles
6/8/24 – 18/8/24	13	4,977	383	35,800 vehicles
17/9/24 – 27/9/24	11	4,669	424	85 th percentile speed 32mph

Rushmore Lane, Allscott

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
20/8/24 – 1/9/24	13	1,311	101	South
3/9/24 – 15/9/24	13	1,199	92	North
26/11/24-8/12/24	14	1,556	111	South

The Avenue, Wrockwardine, East

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
24/5/24 – 9/6/24	17	3,741	220	Approx 7,130 vehicles total
20/8/24 – 1/9/24	13	3,560	274	6,050 vehicles
26/11/24-8/12/24	14	3,805	292	7,415 vehicles 85 th percentile speed 24.6mph

The Avenue, Wrockwardine, West

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
27/2/24 – 10/3/24	13	3,187	245	Total vehicles approx. 6,850
3/9/24 -15/9/24	13	2,631	204	Total vehicles approx. 6,660

High Ercall Road, Bratton, South (new location)

Date	Days there	No vehicles exceeding	Daily average	Additional Comments
16/1/24-28/1/24	13	683	52	24,200 vehicles
23/4/24 – 6/5/24	14	1,047	75	21,745
29/10/24-10/11/24	13	732	56	27,300 vehicles 85 th Percentile 36.9mph & 36.4mph/average speed 31.78 & 31.39mph

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