

# **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MINUTES** of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at the Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood at 7pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllr's K.R. Watkins – Chair, J. Thompson – Vice Chair, L.T. Brayne, K. Hanmer, M. Hanmer, F. Peaceful, N.L. Pickering, C.F. Smith and S.A. Watkins.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** CSO G. Strong, T & W Councillor Bob Groom and 4 members of the public.

## **07/1427 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr. D. Pearce (on holiday) and Cllr. H. Smith (no babysitter).

## **07/1428 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in any item specified on the agenda.

**07/1429 The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007** were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **07/1430 PUBLIC SESSION**

- a) A resident asked for our views on an application for planning permission to make permanent an entrance road to the Railfreight Depot. Cllr. C.F. Smith answered and said that we have received no planning application, although he has seen a letter to residents informing them that the Borough Council will be submitting such an application. Cllr. Bob Groom said that originally the road was to be temporary, but now an application will be made to make it permanent subject to surveys being undertaken. Cllr. Groom said that surveys carried out to date are superficial and he is going to request that more detailed surveys are carried out. Cllr. Groom asked for the Parish Councils support in fighting new plans for a scrap yard and minerals facility at the Depot and it was agreed to write to the Borough Council to question this latest development.
- b) A resident asked if we have received any further correspondence from Nick Kitchen of Telford & Wrekin Council regarding traffic problems on Church Road. The Chair informed the resident that there has been no further communication to date.
- c) Cllr. Brayne informed members that a resident who is unable to attend the meeting because of illness has asked that the Council considers the following matter: Two properties in Mafeking Terrace have had their front gardens paved and are using the existing footpath as a road. Cllr. Brayne has approached the owner of the properties and asked if he has planning permission to which he replied that he does not need it. Cllr Brayne said that the footpath has been there for over 70 years to his knowledge and is well used by school children and other walkers. It was AGREED to write to Planning Enforcement about this matter.
- d) A resident requested name signs in the parish to differentiate between Wrockwardine Wood & Trench. It was AGREED to look into this.

## **07/1431 CORRESPONDENCE**

The following listed correspondence was copied to members:

- a) A survey was received from Telford & Wrekin Council regarding Open Space, Sport and Recreation Needs, for completion by 15<sup>th</sup> June.
- b) A letter was received from Telford & Wrekin Council asking for Councillors vote on suggested options for the Telford Town Park Lottery Bid.

- c) An invitation was received from Wellington Town Council to their Civic Service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July at All Saints Parish Church, Wellington at 10.30am
- d) A letter was received from Shropshire Association of Parish & Town Council's asking if we wish to nominate a representative to the Associations Policy Committee.
- e) Minutes of the Telford & Wrekin Sports Advisory Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March were received.
- f) Letters of thanks for grants were received from the County Air Ambulance and No Panic.
- g) Notice of Temporary Prohibition of Driving was received from Telford & Wrekin Council relating to A442 Queensway between Trench Lock and Wombridge Interchange on 25-26<sup>th</sup> June.
- h) An agenda was received for the SALC Wrekin Area Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at The Old Ketley Junior School at 7.15pm.

**Correspondence placed on the table**

Parish Pump, Wrekin Insight Newsletter and Leaflets & Brochures..

**07/1432      PAYMENTS TO BE ISSUED**

**Payments issued outside the meeting to be confirmed**

010297	Cancelled Cheque		
010298	SALC	71.00	Cllr. Training

**Payments to be issued**

010301	Inland Revenue	716.63	Tax & NI
010302	Lockley Security	39.95	Keyholding 16/04 – 13/05
010303	Telford Pest Control	55.00	Remove Wasps Nest at Church
010304	British Gas	158.64	Gas Supply
010305	Severn Trent	199.57	Water Rates PC Centre
010306	Severn Trent	76.08	Water Rates Allotments

**RESOLVED** – that all the above payments be approved.

**07/1433      TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE A BALANCE SHEET FOR JUNE 2007**

The balance sheet for June was tabled (copy attached to office Minutes.) **RESOLVED** – to approve and accept the balance sheet for June 2007.

**07/1434      NEW CODE OF CONDUCT**

**RESOLVED** – to adopt The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 and to include the optional Paragraph 12(2). (Copy attached to office Minutes)

**07/1435      ARRIVA BUS COMPANY**

Cllr. Brayne informed members that a resident waited for Service No. 481 which was an hour late and then failed to stop at the Lamb Corner. Cllr. Brayne pointed out that previous complaints to Arriva regarding this service have failed to elicit a response. It was AGREED to write to the Traffic Commissioner requesting that they look into this matter. The Clerk was instructed to send a copy of the letter to the Bus User Group.

Cllr. Brayne said that a bus shelter is needed at this stop for people to stand in when the weather is bad. Cllr. Anne Watkins who is a member of the Bus User Group said that Arriva will not consider another shelter at this location as there are already shelters provided in this area.

**07/1436      WROCKWARDINE WOOD METHODIST CHAPEL**

Cllr. Pickering informed members that the Chapel building is now redundant and is to be developed as a residential facility. Cllr. Pickering said that Rev. Sherman has requested that we take over the grounds. It was AGREED to seek advice from Michael Barker, Head of Planning at Telford & Wrekin Council. It was pointed out that the war memorial driveway would be our responsibility and the grounds should be in good condition before we take them over.

**07/1437      ANY ITEMS OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Cllr. C.F. Smith informed members that he has been approached by Rev. Stafford with a request to make the churchyard a no smoking area. It was AGREED to place this item on the next Agenda.

**07/1438      DATE & VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007 in the Meeting Room at 7pm.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date.....