

## Wingerworth Parish Council

### Minutes of meeting of Council on 7 December 2016

#### Present:

P	Cllr Diana Ruff (Chair)	A	Cllr Chris Hutchings
P	Cllr Dawn Hart (Vice Chair)	P	Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj ( <i>from 6</i> )
P	Cllr Pat Antcliff	A	Cllr Nick Knyhynyckyj
P	Cllr Colin Berry ( <i>until 16</i> )	P	Cllr Margaret Millar
P	Cllr Kevin Broughton	P	Cllr Geoff Ruff
P	Cllr Michael Hardman	P	Cllr John Windle
A	Cllr Cecilia Harper	P	Mike Taylor (Clerk)

Also District Councillor David Hancock and 13 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cecilia Harper, Cllr Chris Hutchings and Cllr Nick Knyhynyckyj, as well as County Councillor Barry Lewis.
2. Variation of order of business – no request.
3. Declaration of interests – there was one declaration of interest from Cllr Pat Antcliff in respect of agenda item 10 (Planning)

#### 4. Public Forum

Concerns were raised about the future of the Parish Hall with an assertion that the extra cost of a new building was not justified, questions about why the current building was in such a poor state of repair and whether the Council was pre-disposed to opt for a new building. There were also questions about the estimates over the renovation costs of the current building, the changes in plans for any new building since the initial draft plans, the extent to which revenues from a Parish Hall would cover costs and the extent to which current users were being considered in any changes going forward.

Concerns were also expressed about overgrown vegetation with disappointment that Highways were unable to remedy the problems where these made passage difficult with attendant safety issues.

5. Confirmation of previous minutes – the previous minutes were approved
6. Chair's announcements

The Chair reported on a series of cancelled meetings during the past month although other events had been successful including the Craft Fair, the Remembrance Day Commemoration Service and the Remembrance Service at the Parish Church. She expressed thanks to the many Members who had helped at the first two and attended the third.

#### 7. Clerk's report – the following items of information were noted:

1. BCN Consultancy – 6 & 8 Adlington Avenue
2. BCN Consultancy – Wingerworth Medical Centre, Allendale Road
3. Derby and Derbyshire Modern Slavery Partnership Newsletter
4. Resident – concern over connectivity and broadband speed – a representative from Digital Derbyshire had offered to attend the January meeting of the Council to make a short presentation on issues to do with connectivity

5. Atkinson Construction – tree planting ceremony for new surgery – the Chair and Clerk attended a site meeting which was abandoned as the contractor failed to attend
  6. Wingerworth Barley Mow B FC – letter of thanks for new footballs
  7. Derbyshire County Council – summary of blocks with licences for hydraulic fracturing in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire
  8. North Derbyshire District Council – Position Statement on Local Plan
  9. Footpath Volunteers – appreciation was expressed for the work of the volunteers in producing the detailed footpaths survey as well as their work over the past year which maintained the footpaths in such a good state
  10. Ramblers Association – Pride in Parish Paths Award
  11. DALC – concerns over increases in Business Rates for 2017/18
8. Clerk’s report – the following resolutions were made:
1. New Road Nursery – agreed to take new bookings to replace the Nursery who had informed the Council that they would be breaking their letting agreement
  2. Wingerworth Parish Church – request for contribution to transport service – suggested that the Church meet with CT4TC about the provision of community transport
  3. Precept for 2017/18 – agreed to have the same precept total as current year inflated by 2.5% to cover anticipated rate of inflation and increased by 1.83% to allow for the growth in the size of the Parish
  4. Shared Access – proposal to improve digital connectivity – agreed that the Chair and Clerk meet with Shared Access
  5. Confirmation of Quality Submission to include Register of Assets, Staff Contracts, New Staff Induction, New Councillor Induction, Training Records for Staff and Councillors and Register of CPD Points for Clerk – agreed
  6. Future of public payphones in North East Derbyshire – consultation on BT plans to remove 45 public payphones – on the basis that none of the three payphones in the Parish were the traditional red boxes it was agreed that no comments be submitted unless there were found to be residents disadvantaged by the removals
  7. Allotment Holders’ Association – request for two commemorative brass plaques on seats near the entrance gate – agreed
  8. Allotment Holders’ Association – request for permanent road surface at entrance with appropriate drainage – Clerk asked to seek more details on what is envisaged
  9. Wingerworth Tennis Club – it was agreed that the club should investigate grant funding towards the cost a major refurbishment of the courts but that the Council consider contributing to the deep cleaning element of the work given that there may be safety issues
  10. Revitalise – request for a donation – in the absence of any further information as had been requested by the Clerk it was agreed not to make a donation
9. Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

The two circulars received during the past month were notes.

10. Planning applications – the applications were noted and the Clerk was asked to contact planning about NED 16/00891/FL where it was understood that a site visit had been requested to stress the importance of retaining the nearby bus shelter and about NED 16/01088/FLH with a request that light readings be taken on site rather than being assessed off plan given the staggered configuration of the houses and the fears of a major loss of light to a neighbouring dwelling.

11. Planning decisions – the listed decisions were noted.

12. Accounts – receipts and profiled budgets were noted and the following payments were approved:

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount £	Detail
06-Sep-16	6297	Blakemoor Retail	20.01	Fuel for Churchyard
06-Sep-16	6298	Paul Smart	1,518.00	Grounds maintenance
06-Sep-16	6299	S Johnson & Son Ltd	35.51	Environment items
06-Sep-16	6300	Canx	0.00	Cancelled cheque
06-Sep-16	6301	Abel Alarm Company Ltd	804.84	Annual alarm contract
06-Sep-16	6302	EuroGarages	10.99	Fuel for Footpaths
06-Sep-16	6302	GMS	25.00	Strimmer head
06-Sep-16	6302	B&Q	12.57	Woodstain for Sheepwash
06-Sep-16	6302	B&Q	16.20	Strimmer line for F'paths
06-Sep-16	6303	Blakemoor Retail	26.99	Fuel for Churchyard
06-Sep-16	6304	Printshack	30.00	Dog fouling signs
06-Sep-16	6305	British Gas	513.78	Annual service contract
06-Sep-16	6306	Post Office Ltd	119.00	Postage stamps
06-Sep-16	6307	Garden Furniture Centre Ltd	349.99	Seat for Swathwick Lane
06-Sep-16	6308	Produce Show (CB)	426.00	Prize money
06-Sep-16	6309	Cllr Diana Ruff	300.00	Chair's allowance
06-Sep-16	6310	Chesterfield BC	60.00	Removal of wasps' nest
13-Sep-16	6311	Grant Thornton	480.00	External audit fees
19-Sep-16	SO	NEDDC	7,550.00	Salaries and staff costs
27-Sep-16	DD	PHI Ltd	88.08	Sanitary disposal contract
27-Sep-16	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	18.57	Bank charges
27-Sep-16	DD	British Gas Business	88.65	Supply of electricity
27-Sep-16	DD	British Gas Business	71.02	Supply of electricity
27-Sep-16	DD	British Gas Business	226.70	Supply of electricity
			12,791.90	

13. Finance – the bank reconciliation and balances were noted.

14. Reports from Council committees and advisory groups - there were no reports.

15. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 4 January 2017

The Chair thanked members of the public for their attendance at the meeting.

16. An exempt item concerning negotiations over the transfer of land

There was an update on discussions over the transfer of land.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.17pm.