

Wingerworth Parish Council

Minutes of meeting of Council on 1 June 2016

Present:

P	Cllr Diana Ruff (Chair)	P	Cllr Cecilia Harper
P	Cllr Dawn Hart (Vice Chair)	P	Cllr Chris Hutchings
P	Cllr Pat Antcliff	P	Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj
P	Cllr Colin Berry	P	Mike Taylor (Clerk)
P	Cllr Kevin Broughton		and 10 members of the public

Also present were County Councillor Barry Lewis and PCSO Hannah Disney

1. Apologies for absence were received from PCSO Mike Coates.
2. Variation of order of business – no request.
3. Declaration of interests – there were two declaration of interests, one from Cllr Pat Antcliff in respect of agenda item 10 on Planning Applications and one from Cllr Chris Hutchings in respect of agenda item 8 on Staff Salaries.
4. Public forum

PCSO Hannah Disney presented a report for the previous month detailing ten crimes all of which were burglaries including nine classified as non-dwelling. There were no reported incidents of anti-social behaviour. She gave brief details of a continuing successful Speed Awareness campaign run in conjunction with children from Hunloke Park School.

A concern was raised about the inadequate drainage system affecting a large section of Wingerworth including long sections adjacent to New Road and Nethermoor Road. The drainage system combined surface water with sewerage and the system was unable to cope at certain times resulting in the flooding of roads and verges as well as homes and gardens resulting at times in raw sewerage being discharged onto land.

After some discussion it was agreed that:

People should be informed about the danger of contaminated flood water;

People should be encouraged to report the problems to the Environment Agency and in particular any situation where manholes are raised by the pressure of flooding water as this could constitute a criminal offence;

The Council should investigate whether the outlet pipes from the Wall Pond could be closed to lessen the volume of water in the drainage system;

The Council should contact NEDDC to alert them to the scale of the problem and the danger of exacerbating the problem by permitting any planning applications for new houses that would use the drainage system in question;

The Council should test for contamination in the water that periodically floods the long path from Longedge Lane to the Deer Park School.

It was suggested that the problems as reported be incorporated in the Council's Neighbourhood Plan.

Other issues raised by members of the public were the continuing bad state of overgrown vegetation on verges and hedgerows in the Parish which were at times impeding passage for pedestrians and vehicles and sometimes endangering safe passage; the need for repairs to the gate at the Sheepwash and the frustration at developments by a neighbour that were taken without the planning approval that was believed necessary. It was agreed that the Clerk should raise the matter with Planning.

County Cllr Barry Lewis reported on matters at the County Council including worries about the reductions in budgets for some important services such as Aiming High, community transport and home-to-school transport at a time when other budgets were being increased as with investments for some targeted communities.

Cllr Lewis summarised the situation as regards the current round of top dressing of local roads and the problems of potholes and mentioned a new initiative to offer town and parish councils the opportunity to take a degree of control over the control of vegetation on verges and hedgerows.

5. Confirmation of previous minutes – the previous minutes were approved.
6. Chair's announcements
The Chair reported on two training courses she had attended, one of Health and Safety and one on Tree Management and Maintenance. She reported on the Family Fund Day on 14th May when the new multi-use games area was formally opened and proved a popular facility. There was also a meeting with a planning officer about the way forward with the planning application for a new Parish Hall.
7. Clerk's report – the following items of information were noted:
 1. Parishioner – Donation of £10 towards upkeep of footpaths – appreciation expressed
 2. BCN Consultancy – Confirmation of new street name – Cross Road
 3. BCN Consultancy – Confirmation of new address – Curzon House, Wingerworth Hall Estate
 4. DCC – Public Path Diversion Order for Wingerworth FP 4
 5. NEDDC – Reply to Chair's concerns about dilapidated state of old garages on Allendale Road
 6. Macmillan – Letter of thanks for donation
 7. Parishioner – Concerns about a planning application
 8. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust – letter of thanks for donation
 9. NEDDC – Invitation to Members to the Distract, Town and Parish Council Conference on Friday 1 July at 9.30pm at District Council Offices
8. Clerk's report – the following resolutions were made:
 1. Revision to Section 2 of Annual Report – a revised version of Section 2 was tabled correcting a couple of figures that had been wrongly copied in the first version – the revised version was approved for submission to the external auditors
 2. Settlement Development Limits – the map for incorporation in the Neighbourhood Plan had not been received from the consultants and it was agreed that if it was in keeping with the District Council views it should be circulated for approval but that if not in keeping with the District Council views it should be referred to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

3. Planning application for new Parish Hall – following a meeting with Planning it had been suggested that the best way forward was to withdraw the current application pending some alterations requested by Planning and then resubmit the application given that no extra planning fees would be incurred – it was agreed that the Clerk agree this approach with NEDDC
 4. Schedule of works for existing Parish Hall – estimates on the cost of a new roof, as opposed to the repair of the current roof as mentioned in the schedule of works, were in the range £180-200k while the rest of the items in the schedule were costed in the range £220-250k making the total cost in the range £400-450k although this did not allow for any reconfiguration some of which may be legally necessary and did not allow for unforeseen issues to do with the likes of asbestos – the opinion was that it was impractical to stage such a major renovation for both cost reasons and because the overall disruption could be more damaging than a single lengthy closure
 5. Revision to financial regulations – mandatory changes relating to procurement as made necessary by recent national legislation were tabled and agreed
 6. Replacement of Parish computer system – it was agreed that the current computer, believed to be some 16 years old, be replaced with a new computer for £850
 7. Salary award – agreed to implement the new NJC National Award for council staff of 1% with effect from 1 April 2016 and 1% from 1 April 2017
 8. 3rd Wingerworth Scout Group – agreed to donate £350 towards the 2016 Community Bonfire and Firework Display
 9. Incorporation of Safer Neighbourhood Team meetings in Parish Council meetings – agreed to incorporate starting with the next meeting
 10. DCC – agreed to participate in the rights of way minor awards scheme 2016/17
 11. Request for dog bin on Swathwick Lane – agreed to investigate
 12. Action plan for 2016/17 – an action plan was tabled including a number of items extracted from the Council’s Business Plan and other expressed intentions – the plan was agreed subject to an additional item concerned with whole Council training
 13. Request for a donation to the NEDDC Chair’s Appeal 2016/17 – agreed to donate £50
9. Derbyshire Association of Local Councils
Circular 09/2016 - General
10. Planning applications – the applications were noted and the Clerk was asked to forward the following comments to NEDDC Planning:
 - 16/00481/FL Concerns over the impact on the overloaded drainage system serving the area and on the much used path running alongside the border of the development area which was much used by many including for access to the primary school and which was prone to flooding and was at times impassable.
 - 16/00495/FL Concerns raised about exacerbating the already serious drainage problems affecting the immediate area.
 - 16/00474/FLH Concerns over the possible impact on the local streetscene.

16/00097/FL Concerns about the scale of the extensions running on three sides of the property which would be out of proportion to neighbouring houses and would have a detrimental impact on the local streetscene; also about the absence of sufficient offstreet parking for what was believed to be a multiple occupancy property in an area where parking is a major problem for residents, service vehicles including refuse collection and for emergency services.

16/00537/FL Objection to the removal of the condition to require a retail unit as felt it was a necessary facility to lessen the extra vehicular movements associated with the absence of local shopping.

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-Apr-16	6230	NEDDC	149.54	Payroll services
06-Apr-16	6231	NEDDC	400.00	Election charges
06-Apr-16	6232	Wingerworth Church Centre	0.00	Replacement for 6216
06-Apr-16	6233	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window cleaning at PH
06-Apr-16	6234	Heron Publications Ltd	312.00	Council pages in Wings
06-Apr-16	6235	Blackmore Retail	10.00	Fuel for Churchyard
06-Apr-16	6236	NEDDC	1,246.75	Servicing of dog bins
06-Apr-16	6237	DALC	95.00	Spring Seminar
14-Apr-16	6238	NEDDC	317.72	Trade waste collection CH
14-Apr-16	6239	NEDDC	460.20	Trade waste collection PH
14-Apr-16	6240	Eurooffice	133.39	Printer ink & stationery
28-Apr-16	6241	J Barnes	1,370.88	Bowling club installation
28-Apr-16	6242	J Barnes	326.04	Electrical work PH
28-Apr-16	6243	NEDDC	12,338.34	Grounds maintenance
28-Apr-16	6244	Interserve	484.65	Watersafe contract
28-Apr-16	6245	Printshack	48.00	Signs
28-Apr-16	SO	NEDDC	7,550.00	Salaries and staff costs
28-Apr-16	DD	BT Group plc	82.33	Phone services
28-Apr-16	DD	NEDDC	50.03	Business rates
28-Apr-16	DD	Interserve	484.65	Watersafe contract
28-Apr-16	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	20.12	Bank charges
		Total for month	25,905.68	

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

14. Reports from Council committees and advisory groups

Cllr Colin Berry reported on progress in preparing for the Produce Show including the receipt of grant funding for £593 from the County Council through Cllr Barry Lewis,

15. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 6 July 2016

The Chair thanked members of the public who attended the meeting and closed the meeting at 8.40pm.