

Wingerworth Parish Council

Minutes of meeting of Council on 2 November 2016

Present:

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

Also 12 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dawn Hart, Cllr Pat Antcliff and Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj, as well as County Councillor Barry Lewis and District Councillor David Hancock.
2. Variation of order of business – no request.
3. Declaration of interests – there were no declarations of interests
4. Public Forum

Concerns were raised about the future of the Parish Hall and the impact of the departure from the Parish Hall of the After School Club and there was a query about the meaning of a re-configuring of the Parish Hall. There was also concern about the reduction in bus services which would mean the ending of a direct service to the hospital. Overgrown hedgerows remained a problem at various points in the Parish and it was suggested that Cllr Barry Lewis may be able to press for more action from Highways. Tree roots were a problem on the pavement by the Barley Mow and on the footpath from Longedge Lane to the school where a new warning sign was needed.

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

The Chair reported on the DALC AGM at Chatsworth when she was elected as Vice Chair and the DALC training session organised for the Council on 12 October. Other events during the past month included a training session on planning, a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, the public meeting held about the costs of renovation of the Parish Hall and a County Council Liaison meeting at Matlock.

7. Clerk's report – the following items of information were noted:
 1. Valuation Office Agency – draft rateable value for 2017/18 of £6,200
 2. DCC Countryside Service – comments on Setts Path where further enquiries were being undertaken with the County Council
 3. YourLocale – new powers for Secretary of State for Joint Local Plans under the Neighbourhood Planning Bill
 4. Chesterfield Borough Council – Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report on emerging Local Plan

5. New Road Nursery and Wingerworth After School Club – two weeks’ notice of relocation of After School Club to Church Centre
6. All Saints Church – invitation to Members for Annual Remembrance Day service at 10.30am on Sunday 13 November
8. Clerk’s report – the following resolutions were made:
 1. Decision of After School Club to move to Church Centre – confirmation of Council’s response which was to charge a retention rate of 25% to hold the session open for a return to the Parish Hall – concerns were expressed at the implications of a sudden and unilateral break in a contractual arrangement with the matter to be considered once a reply had been received from the user
 2. Repairs to loose railing alongside bowling green – agreed to proceed using a contractor if necessary
 3. Confirmation of re-running of co-option process for remaining vacancy on Council – agreed to proceed with a view to filling the one remaining vacancy with consideration given to encouraging expressions of interest from younger parishioners
 4. Offer of cutting back overgrown vegetation restricting safe passage by Footpath Volunteers with donations towards upkeep of footpaths in the Parish with scheme endorsed by the Council – agreed in principle subject to the volunteers complying with conditions laid down by the Council’s insurers
 5. Confirmation of purchase of Christmas tree from Woolley Moor Nurseries – agreed subject to similar arrangements as previous year
9. Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

There were no circulars received during the past month
10. Planning applications – the applications were noted.
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 was a report from the recent meeting of the Churchyard Committee where the Council's efforts to maintain the Churchyard in a difficult year were appreciated and where the Church had arranged for trees to be dead-wooded.

Cllr Colin Berry reported on early preparations for next year's produce show.

15. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 7 December 2016

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

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

It was agreed to pursue one possible acquisition of land and it was agreed that steps be taken to acquire another piece of land subject to conditions relating to the terms of the contract and due diligence with regard to any issues with the land in question.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm.