

Wingerworth Parish Council

Minutes of meeting of Council on 5 October 2016

Present:

P	Cllr Diana Ruff (Chair)	P	Cllr Chris Hutchings
P	Cllr Dawn Hart (Vice Chair)	A	Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj
P	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 District Councillor David Hancock and 3 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj, County Councillor Barry Lewis and PCSO Mike Coates.
2. Variation of order of business – no request.
3. Acceptance of Office and Declaration of interests – newly co-opted Members signed the Acceptance Office forms with Register of Registerable Interests to be completed on receipt. There were declarations of interests from Cllr Diana Ruff and Cllr Geoff Ruff on Agenda item 8.4 and from Cllr Pat Antcliff on Agenda Items 10 and 11.
4. Public Forum

The Chair welcomed recently elected District Councillor David Hancock to the meeting. There was a query about a new business plan for the Parish Hall which was not going to be prepared for the October public meeting that was specifically to deal with the queries raised at the earlier public consultation meeting about the costs of renovating the current building.

Concern was raised over the dangers posed by overgrown vegetation extending onto Swathwick Lane on the southern side which caused vehicles exiting Wingerworth to move to the centre of the narrow land risking collisions on bends with sometimes fast moving traffic travelling in the opposite direction.

There was a request for help from the Council in providing signs for a newly proposed nature reserve near the wildflower meadow that would be open to the public. The request would be considered once more details of the signs and costs were available.

The Clerk reported on his understanding of a change in the level of support to the Council from Derbyshire Police which would mean it less likely that an officer would henceforth attend meetings and that crime reports would no longer be supplied with the expectation that the crime and anti-social statistics be drawn down from the Police website. This was noted with regret and the Clerk was asked to do register concern especially as the drawing down of statistics was so complicated and the statistics were so out of date with the latest available being for July. In the light of these developments it was agreed to defer further meetings of the Safer Neighbourhood Team.
5. Confirmation of previous minutes – the previous minutes were approved.

6. Chair's announcements

The Chair reported on a very successful Produce Show and a conversation with the contractors at the new surgery who denied having claimed any special relationship with the Council as had been previously asserted by a member of the public. The walkabouts at Adlington and Allendale revealed few problems for what were very tidy areas other than issues with broken pavements and damaged verges. A DALC training session on employment issues had raised some interesting points and meetings during the past month included ones with the Friends of Wingerworth Parks, the Nursery, the LEADER group and the Standards Committee at NEDDC. Cllr Ruff closed by reminding Members of the Craft Fair at the Parish Hall on 5 November when donations for raffle prizes and items for the cake stall would be welcomed in addition to help on the day.

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

1. External Audit Report for 2015/16 – the Council had received a clean bill of health with an unqualified opinion although there were two minor issues concerning the date alongside two signatures and a too lengthy period for public inspection of the Council's accounts
2. Derbyshire County Council – pilot survey for targeting of funds on roads, pavements and other highway infrastructure which would be distributed to members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
3. Derbyshire County Council – emergency closure of footpath on The Avenue site
4. Resident – further pollution incidents in Wingerworth
5. Wingerworth Bowling Club – notification that still searching for funding for two new shelters and a suggestion that Wall Pond car park be resurfaced with grass-creting
6. Arvato Financial Solutions – threat of legal action over unpaid British Gas Business invoice for electricity supplied to Bolsover District Council
7. Groundwork UK – confirmation of further funding to support Neighbourhood Plan
8. Esure.com – agreement to cover £629.99 costs for new bench and associated costs on Swathwick Lane
9. BCN Consultancy – street naming and numbering for 38 Nethermoor Road
10. Holocaust Memorial Trust Day – information on events in 2017
11. Various consultees – responses to Wingerworth Neighbourhood Development Plan – these were being collated by the Council's consultants in readiness for a meeting of the steering group
12. Derbyshire County Council – agreement for use of a strip of Parish Council land for a pavement to link the bus shelter on Allendale Road to the shops and medical centre – this was being signed off as per the previous agreement of the Council

8. Clerk's report – the following resolutions were made:

1. NEDDC – Request for Locum Clerk for three months to help cover for Clerk at no extra cost to the Council - agreed
2. Commissioning of report to contrast relative costs and benefits of new build Parish Hall as against a major renovation of existing building at cost of £900 plus VAT – approval sought in light of earlier resolution - agreed

3. Derbyshire County Council – invitation to participate in Snow Warden Scheme – approval sought for participation and for two pallets of grit in addition to the free issue – resolved to participate and to order extra grit
4. Wingerworth Bowling Club – request for extra maintenance on green at cost of £1,940 – agreed on the basis that the club would pay half of the cost in line with the agreed arrangement for covering the costs of maintaining the green
5. Independent Playground Inspections Ltd – agreed that the Clerk proceed to implement the recommendations in the latest annual report which were mainly concerned with low-risk issues

9. Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circular 13/2016 – General

Circular 14/2016 – General

Circular 15/2016 – General

The circulars were noted.

10. Planning applications – the applications were noted. It was agreed that the Clerk contact NEDDC Planning about four of the applications.

NED 16/00868 – the Council opposed the removal of the footpath along Longedge Lane as it was felt that this would seriously exacerbate dangers for pedestrians on what was already a difficult route.

NED 16/00891 – concern was expressed about safe access and egress to the site which had been flagged with earlier applications relating to this site and it was queried how a three storey residence could be described as a bungalow – concerns were also expressed on the detrimental impact on the local streetscene given the size of the building - additionally assurances were sought that the application did not pose any risk to the safe use of the adjacent bus shelter.

NED 16/00951 – concern was raised over road safety with the narrow single track serving three residences rather than one dwelling when it exited onto a T-junction that was already difficult for traffic – additionally it appeared that the application was on land outside the Settlement Development Limits and for these reasons the Council opposed the application.

NED 1600933 – there was some uncertainty over the application that appeared to be a notification of change of use – concerns were raised about access and egress to the site as this wasn't clear from the website but it was considered that wherever this was it posed a hazard to passing traffic on such a narrow land – the Clerk was asked to request more detail on this application given it wasn't clear on the website.

11. Planning decisions – the listed decisions were noted.

12. Accounts – receipts and profiled budgets were noted and after queries about a payment on grounds maintenance (which was for mowing Council fields and clearing the Setts Path) and the expenditure to date on other items at the Church (which was due to engaging a contractor to cover for a member of staff on sick leave) the following payments were approved:

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount £	Detail
03-Aug-16	6289	Eurooffice	82.40	Printer ink & stationery
03-Aug-16	6290	Woolley Moor Nurseries	2,520.00	Summer floral display
03-Aug-16	6291	Heron Publications Ltd	156.00	Council pages in Wings
03-Aug-16	6292	Dunston Hall Garden Ctre	27.98	Brushwood killer
03-Aug-16	6293	Currys PC World	322.97	New printer, inks and plan
03-Aug-16	6294	Paul Smart	1,368.00	Grounds maintenance
03-Aug-16	6295	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window cleaning at PH
03-Aug-16	6296	Soft Surfaces Ltd	142.20	Repair kits for play area
19-Aug-16	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	18.59	Bank charges
19-Aug-16	SO	NEDDC	7,550.00	Salaries and staff costs
25-Aug-16	DD	British Gas Business	86.36	Supply of electricity
25-Aug-16	DD	British Gas Business	199.54	Supply of electricity
31-Aug-16	DD	British Gas Business	228.27	Supply of electricity
		Total for month	12,728.35	

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

14. Reports from Council committees and advisory groups

Cllr Colin Berry reported on the recent Produce Show which had been so successful that a similar show had already been provisionally scheduled in for 9 September 2017. The success related both to entries and financial outcome and he wanted to record his appreciation for the support of national bodies and local companies as well as fellow Councillors with a special mention for County Councillor Barry Lewis who had arranged a grant as well as denoting a superb prize.

15. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 2 November 2016

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

16. An exempt item concerning the appointment of a Locum Clerk

There was a brief discussion to explain the background to this appointment which was to support the Clerk during a period when he was being subject to a series of medical tests.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.34pm.