

Wingerworth Parish Council

Minutes of meeting of Council on 9 May 2017

Present:

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| 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            | A | Cllr Margaret Millar  |
| P | Cllr Kevin Broughton        | P | Cllr Andy Pashley     |
| P | Cllr Michael Hardman        | P | Cllr Geoff Ruff       |
| P | Cllr Cecilia Harper         | P | Mike Taylor (Clerk)   |

and 13 members of the public

1. Election of Office of Chair of the Council

Cllr Diana Ruff was voted in as Chair for the succeeding year.

2. Election of Office of Vice Chair of the Council

Cllr Dawn Hart was voted in as Vice Chair for the succeeding year.

3. Apologies for absence were received and noted from Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj, Cllr Margaret Millar as well as County Council Barry Lewis and District Councillor David Hancock

4. Variation of order of business – it was agreed to defer agenda item 10.15 to the end of the meeting and treat it as an exempt item for reasons of commercial confidentiality.

5. Declaration of interests – here was one declaration of interest from Cllr Pat Antcliff in respect of agenda item 10 (Planning).

6. Public Forum

Following recent concerns expressed about the public forum section of the meeting, the Chair issued a short statement emphasising that the meeting was to conduct Council business and that although members of the public were entitled to attend for all but exempt items of business there was no entitlement for members of the public to be involved in the meeting. This Council, like many others, did offer an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions or comments in a designated period which was limited in the standing orders to ten minutes but this period was not for debating the matters raised.

Matters raised by members of the public concerned the alleged failure to spend any money on the Parish Hall for the past 30 years, water running off the roof which may be from an overflow pipe, a request for a forum about the future of the Parish Hall and the situation concerning meetings of the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team.

7. Minutes of the previous minutes – approved and noted

8. Chair's announcements

Cllr Ruff reported on a meeting of the District Standards Committee, the DALC Spring Seminar, discussions with residents followed by a meeting concerning the unfinished road and pavements leading to the new surgery and walkabouts with Rykneld Homes.

She also reported on plans for a Celebration Concert to commemorate the ending of the Great War which was due to take place at the Parish Church on Saturday 22 September 2018.

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

1. Parishioners – letters of complaint and concern over issues concerning the 4G mast
2. Footpaths Volunteers – concerns over non-reinstatement of footpaths
3. Parishioner – request to inspect the deeds relating to the Parish Hall
4. Successful litter pick – appreciation was expressed to the organiser and the volunteers for the work on the day and to NEDDC for the loan of equipment

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

1. Section 1 Statement of Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2017 – approved
2. Section 2 Annual Governance Statement for Year Ending 31 March 2017 – approved
3. Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ending 31 March 2017 – noted
4. Balance Sheet at Year End 2016/17 – approved
5. Analysis of Significant Variations on Statement of Accounts – noted
6. Explanation of Variation between Box 7 and Box 8 – noted
7. Bank Reconciliation for Year Ending 31 March 2017 – noted
8. Annual Internal Audit Report for Year Ending 31 March 2017 – noted
9. Request for help and support to prevent footballs flying into the new surgery – this related to casual kick-about and it was agreed to discuss the problem with the practice
10. Request for a non-animal circus on the Deer Park – request denied
11. Authorisation for expenditure of up to £2,500 on legal fees with Banner Jones to deal with all legal issues relating to the erection of a 4G mast on the Deer Park – agreed
12. Application for Wayleave Consent off Allendale Road – agreed although it was noted that the application may vary in the event of a re-location of the mast
13. Authorisation for registration of land with the Land Registry - agreed
14. Submission of comments on the draft proposals of the Boundary Commission's Electoral Review of North East Derbyshire – deferred until the June meeting of the Council
15. Clerking Arrangements – this was dealt with as an exempt item at the end of the meeting when the Clerk informed Members of his intention to relinquish the post due to health problems which could mean a lengthy period away from work. The Chair had previously been made aware of the potentially serious situation and had obtained a template for a contract for a temporary appointment of a Locum Clerk. The Council approved the appointment of the current Assistant Clerk to a temporary Locum Clerk contract for a six month period on the same conditions as the retiring clerk to allow for continuity in the running of the Council's affairs and to allow time for the advertising and appointment of a new Clerk later in the year. The Clerk was thanked for his lengthy period of service and given best wishes for the future.
16. Wingerworth Bowling Club – agreed to increase the number of cuts on the green by four subject to being undertaken at the agreed rate with the current contractor with the proviso that the club make a contribution towards the extra costs

11. Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circular 2017/05 – General – noted

Circular 2017/06 – General – noted

12. Planning applications – the applications were noted.

13. Planning decisions – the listed decisions were noted.

14. Reports from Council committees and advisory groups

Cllr Kevin Broughton reported on the intention to move forward with business for the Health and Safety Committee and Cllr Colin Berry reported on continuing good progress with arrangements for the annual Flower and Produce Show.

15. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 7 June 2017

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

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.32pm.