

Wingerworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors Held on 5 April 2017

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	A	Cllr Nick Knyhynyckyj
P	Cllr Kevin Broughton	A	Cllr Margaret Millar
P	Cllr Michael Hardman	P	Cllr Geoff Ruff
		P	Mike Taylor (Clerk)

Also District Councillor David Hancock and 22 members of the public

1. The Chair welcomed Councillors and Members of the Public to the Annual Meeting of Electors
2. Apologies for absence were received and noted from County Councillor Barry Lewis, Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj and Cllr Nick Knyhynyckyj

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of Annual Meeting of Electors held on 22 April 2016 were approved and noted.

4. Summary of Accounts

The Clerk commented on recurrent income received which was £180,600 after eleven months of the year against a twelve month budget of £172,600. This £8,000 surplus would be increased by income received in the twelfth month of the year. The recurrent expenditure after eleven months stood at £151,000 against a twelve month budget of £172,000 so even allowing for expenditure incurred in the twelfth month (estimated at £14,000) the total expenditure would be within budget to the tune of about £7,000. This would mean an overall surplus for the year of some £17,000 against what was tantamount to a break-even budget.

Capital expenditure as the end of the eleventh month was £49,300 which included some £37,000 for the MUGA, £12,000 on consultancy fees and about £2,000 on minor items. Against this the Council has received over £39,000 in capital grants by the end of the eleventh month with almost £37,000 for the MUGA and over £3,000 towards consultancy fees. As it stood after eleven months of the year, the capital funds had decreased by about £10,000.

The final accounts would include all transactions during the twelfth month and would also have adjustments for pre-payments and accruals. These final accounts would be subject to internal and external audit and would be presented to the Council as both unaudited and audited versions with the final approved accounts being posted both in the Council's main notice board and on the Council's website as public documents.

5. Chairperson's Report

Cllr Ruff opened what was her seventh report as Chair of the Parish Council by commenting that the past year had been another busy one for the Council. Five Members had been co-opted during the year when there had been one resignation leaving one vacancy currently.

Two major items for the Council during the year had been the development of the Neighbourhood Plan and continuing work over the future of the Parish Hall. At the same time the Standards Committee had been reviewing the Council's Business Plan and a range of Council policies to ensure compliance with new legislation.

The inaugural Produce and Flower Show in September had been a resounding success and she paid tribute to the inspired work of Cllr Colin Berry and the work of everybody involved. The November Craft Fair had again proved to be very popular with crafters and public alike.

The Council continued to work with the Friends of Wingerworth Parks over the second phase of the play area development on the Deer Park and once again supported the Café WY youth group, the annual Family Fun Day, the Scouts' Bonfire and Firework Night and the Christmas Carol Concert, which was the best attended for many years and where thanks were again due to Peter Rhodes and the many business sponsors of the Parish Christmas tree.

Cllrs Geoff Ruff and Nick Knyhynyckj were renovating the memorial bench at the Church Lych Gate and the Council had again organised the Remembrance Day Service at the Parish Hall.

The annual visit to the allotments in June was well supported and the high standards maintained by the Association and plot holders were very much in evidence. There was good work also from the Clay Cross Angling Society at the Wall Pond as well as the various clubs who used the Council's bowling green, tennis courts, cricket field and football pitch, all of which was very much appreciated.

Cllr Ruff also expressed appreciation to Mike Sims and David Selkirk as well as other volunteers who looked after the 42 footpaths in the Parish which afforded so much enjoyment to so many people.

The Council continued to maintain the grit bins throughout the Parish and also organised the voluntary scheme for neighbourhood groups of residents by providing grit for the groups. The Council also organised the rolling arts programme at the Parish Hall which offered an opportunity to local artists to showcase their work.

It was disappointing that PCSO Mike Coates had moved on to other duties which meant that there was no Police attendance at Council meetings and it was also disappointing that the Council was no longer in receipt of monthly reports detailing crimes and anti-social incidents for the Parish. The periodic meetings of the Safer Neighbourhood Team had also been discontinued due to the lack of support.

In drawing to a close Cllr Ruff took the opportunity of thanking her vice chair, Cllr Dawn Ruff, and all of her fellow councillors for their hard work and support throughout the year. She also thanked Charlotte Taylor for her administrative support as well as all of the Council staff who look after the Parish Hall and the recreation facilities and closed by thanking the Clerk for ensuring that the Council ran so smoothly.

6. Reports of the County and District Councillors – there were no reports.
7. Discussions and Questions - there were no questions or comments.
8. Closure

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 7.10pm.