

Wingerworth Parish Council

Minutes of meeting of Council on 5 April 2017

Present:

P	Cllr Diana Ruff (Chair)	P	Cllr Chris Hutchings
P	Cllr Dawn Hart (Vice Chair)	A	Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj
P	Cllr Pat Antcliff	A	Cllr Nick Knyhynyckyj
P	Cllr Colin Berry	P	Cllr Margaret Millar
P	Cllr Kevin Broughton	P	Cllr Andy Pashley <i>(from agenda item 4)</i>
P	Cllr Michael Hardman	P	Cllr Geoff Ruff
P	Cllr Cecilia Harper	P	Mike Taylor (Clerk)

Also County Council Barry Lewis, District Councillor David Hancock and 20 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence were received and noted from Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj and Cllr Nick Knyhynyckyj
2. Variation of order of business – it was agreed to defer agenda item 8.6 to the end of the meeting and treat it as an exempt item for reasons of commercial confidentiality.
3. Declaration of Acceptance of Office from Andy Pashley who thereupon joined the meeting as a co-opted Member. There was one declaration of interest from Cllr Pat Antcliff in respect of agenda item 10 (Planning)

4. Public Forum

District Councillor David Hancock informed the meeting that the Police and Crime Commissioner was due to be answering questions at the meeting of the Tupton Parish Council on 23 May at 7pm when visitors were welcome.

Concerns were raised about the poor state of the unfinished pavement from the bus stop to the shops on Allendale Road. The Clerk was asked to raise this with NEDDC.

Concerns were expressed on behalf of the Table Tennis Club over the three Friday nights in the Autumn when the Main Hall was unavailable due to other community events when there was pressure from the league to play matches on a regular basis. It was agreed to look into the matter and also consider the question raised by the club as to the availability of the hall throughout 2017/18.

Comments were made about the absence of elections for the Parish Council but it was confirmed that although elections were required by law they were only possible where there were more candidates than places and unfortunately this was not normally the case in Wingerworth over the past decade.

There was a question on the Council's planning application for a new Parish Hall. This remained dormant with the original application having been withdrawn and the fees retained pending any further application.

Questions and concerns were raised over the 4G mast in the copse at the Deer Park on Council Land following the Council's decision to allow the development to go ahead subject to planning and other conditions.

5. Minutes of the previous minutes – approved and noted

6. Chair's announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on a meeting which she chaired at the Holmegate Community Centre concerning the absence of bus services for the many residents living locally and a meeting with NEDDC on their Draft Local Plan which was poorly attended by town and parish councils. Along with other Members and the Clerk she had attended the opening of the new doctors' surgery in Wingerworth and visited the Parish Hall in Ashover for a meeting with the trustees of the hall. Other meetings in the month included a BNED LEADER Forum, the Neighbourhood Plan Group, the DALC Executive, the NEDDC Liaison Meeting for town and parish councils and the Friends of Wingerworth Parks.

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

1. Shared Access – confirmation of a modifications to contract
2. Residents – two letters of objection to the installation of a 4G mast on the Deer Park
3. Hulleys of Baslow – reply to request for a re-routed service
4. Derbyshire County Council – footpath closure extension of FP35
5. DCC Cllr Barry Lewis – progress with concerns raised over stile height
6. Wingerworth Community Festival Committee – thanks for donation
7. BNED LEADER programme – offer to promote opportunities in the Parish
8. NEDDC – Small Business Rate Relief concession
9. Wingerworth Tennis Club – letters of appreciation for work on the courts

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

1. NEDDC – authority to increase monthly standing order for salaries, employment costs and expenses to £7,800 a month with effect from April 2017 - agreed
2. British Gas – authority to issue direct debit mandates for accounts relating to Parish Hall and Deer Park Pavilion - agreed
3. Bank mandate – authority to update and include new signatories for Council account – resolved that Cllrs Pat Ancliff, Margaret Millar and Colin Berry be added to the mandate as approved signatories for the Council's account at the Royal Bank of Scotland
4. Standing orders – reversion to DALC recommended version – agreed with suitable modifications where permitted in line with established practice of the Council
5. Financial regulations – adoption of NALC model financial regulations – agreed in principle with the tailored version to be considered at the May meeting of the Council
6. Negotiations on purchase or lease of land in Parish – discussed as an exempt item and agreed that the Clerk continue to negotiate on the acquisition and use of land in the Parish
7. Volunteering Policy – consideration with a view to adoption – deferred to next meeting
8. Complaints Policy – consideration of an updated policy with a view to adoption – deferred to next meeting
9. Derbyshire County Council – surface coal mining scheme at Hilltop Farm, Clay Cross – noted

- 10. Derbyshire Children’s Holiday Centre – agreed not to make a donation this year as no beneficiaries in the Parish
  - 11. Watersafe arrangements – agreed the Clerk investigate alternative service providers
  - 12. Neighbourhood Plan – agreed that the draft plan go forward for submission given that there were no further changes following response from NEDDC
  - 13. Furniture at Parish Hall – agreed to purchase ten tables for use at the hall
9. Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circular 2017/04 – General – noted

The Chair commented on the sharp increase in fees levied on the Derbyshire Association by the National Association (of the order of 18%) in spite of which the Derbyshire Association intended to hold any increases to no more than 2%.

- 10. Planning applications – the applications were noted including NED00227/OL where the Council objected to a large housing development off Mill Lane on a greenfield site that was understood to be a buffer zone for the wildlife reserve and NED00268/OL where the Council had registered a range of concerns in connection with the proposal to build 184 new homes off Deerlands Road including the increased demand on local services, the increase in traffic movements so close to a difficult junction, the extra demand on a drainage system that was already causing flooding, and the fact that Council policy was to oppose any major development on greenfield land which in this case was understood to be outside the established Settlement Development Limits for Wingerworth.
- 11. Planning decisions – the listed decisions were noted.
- 12. Accounts – receipts and profiled budgets noted and the payments below approved:

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount (£s)	Detail
01-Feb-17	6362	Paul Smart	576.00	Footpaths and new sign
01-Feb-17	6363	Cllr Diana Ruff	200.00	Chair's allowance
01-Feb-17	6364	Derbyshire County Council	36.74	Hunloke Sch room hire
01-Feb-17	6365	DALC	325.00	Training course
10-Feb-17	6366	Heron Publications Ltd	468.00	Council pages in Wings
14-Feb-17	6367	Post Office Ltd	119.00	Postage stamps
15-Feb-17	6368	NEDDC	53.11	Bird deterrence
21-Feb-17	6369	Zurich Municipal	6,753.19	Annual insurance
21-Feb-17	6370	DALC	871.94	Annual subscription
20-Feb-17	SO	NEDDC	7,550.00	Salaries and staff costs
21-Feb-17	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	22.33	Bank charges
		Total for the month	16,975.31	

- 13. Finance – the bank reconciliation and balances were noted.
- 14. Reports from Council committees and advisory groups

Cllr Colin Berry reported on proposed work at the allotments for a hard standing area for vehicles entering the site and for work to some trees and conveyed the good news that Morrisons had agreed once again to support the Flower and Produce Show in September.

15. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 9 May 2017

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

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.29pm.