

Wingerworth Parish Council

Minutes of meeting of Council on 1 February 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	P	Cllr Nick Knyhynyckyj
P	Cllr Kevin Broughton	P	Cllr Margaret Millar
A	Cllr Michael Hardman	P	Cllr Geoff Ruff
		P	Mike Taylor (Clerk)

Also District Councillor David Hancock and 43 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Barry Lewis and Cllr Michael Hardman
2. Variation of order of business – no request for any variation.
3. Declaration of interests – there was one declaration of interest from Cllr Pat Antcliff in respect of agenda item 10 (Planning)
4. Public Forum

Questions were raised about the renovation of the current parish hall (which had not been ruled out by the Council) and the cost on the precept of a loan for a new parish hall (which was explained). There were queries about the funding of café equipment, the amount of space needed for parking and roadways if a new building was constructed off Allendale Road and an alleged decrease in the value of Council assets following a new build off Allendale Road and the sale of the site containing the existing parish hall. Concerns were expressed about the loss of a grassed area if the new building was off Allendale Road and there was a request for the Council to consider holding a non-confrontational forum for discussions with the many who had not for any reason engaged in the debate.

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

The Chair reported on a rescheduled meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, a meeting with the New Road Nursery to discuss an exit strategy and a meeting with residents from the Woodthorpe Ward to listen to a number of problems of which the major one was the withdrawal of a bus service as a result of which another meeting was being arranged to include County Councillor Brian Wright. Everything seemed in good order during the recent walkabouts with Rykneld Homes covering Adlington and Allendale other than some structural problems with a garage block off Oak Crescent. Other meetings included ones to do with the Finances of the Parish and Standards at NEDDC as well as a meeting with Shared Access about the possibility of a new 4G mast on the Deer Park.

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

1. Digital Derbyshire survey – the Clerk had submitted a return based on the discussions at the previous month’s meeting of the Council
  2. Battle’s Over- A Nation’s Tribute and WW1 Beacons of Light
  3. Severn Trent – notification of transfer to Water Plus
  4. Neighbourhood Plan Working Group – report on progress with the plan
  5. DCC Rights of Way Officer – stiles on FP9 are reasonable and acceptable
  6. DCC Cllr Barry Lewis – reply on issues raised with Martins Lane and FP8
  7. Footpath Volunteers – dissatisfaction with responses from DCC Rights of Way
  8. Update on Co-option of a Parish Councillor – the Chair reported on progress in following the receipt of two expressions of interest
  9. DCC Local Government Pension Scheme Draft Results Schedule for Formal Valuation – this was likely to involve a small increase in the contribution rate for the Parish Council’s section of the fund
8. Clerk’s report – the following resolutions were made:
1. Shared Access – there was a brief report of a recent meeting with Shared Access who had been given permission to undertake some tests on the Deer Park and who had agreed to report back on the feasibility of erecting a 4G mast there as well as providing a photomontage of the area with a mast in place and a map indicating coverage of those parts of the Parish who should be able to benefit from a good 4G signal – agreed to continue discussions with Shared Access until such time as a formal proposal was available to be presented to the Council for consideration which even then would be subject to planning approval
  2. Wingerworth Tennis Club – deep clean and chemical treatment at £1,591.50 – agreed that the Clerk could proceed to place an order including one for a three year period to benefit from a 20% discount subject to the work proving to be effective
  3. Wild Flower Field – agreed to the purchase of nursery grown plants and two A4 signs at an estimated cost of £150
  4. Council Committees and Working Groups – agreed as tabled with the addition of Cllr Geoff Ruff to the Footpaths Group and Margaret Millar to the Planning Group
  5. Neighbourhood Plan – agreed that the draft submission document continue to include community assets, settlement development limits and the vista and that the plan be prepared accordingly for submission to NEDDC
9. Derbyshire Association of Local Councils - the two circulars were noted.
10. Planning applications – the applications were noted and concerns were expressed about NED 17/00033/FL – the Clerk was asked to register objections to the application based on the large size of the bungalow in comparison to the immediate streetscene, the damaging impact on the privacy of the houses around the site, the risk of increased run-off of water from the site onto the lower neighbouring properties which were already experiencing waterlogged problems and the adoption of a separate access which ran across an adjacent property. The Chair reported on letters circulated to some residents concerning a consultation by Rippon Homes on a further development through the Kings Meadow site of some 184 houses.

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-Dec-16	6343	NEDDC	1,362.82	Servicing of dog bins
01-Dec-16	6344	Tesco	11.49	Fuel for Footpaths
01-Dec-16	6345	Printshack	63.00	Signs and badges
01-Dec-16	6346	Heron Publications Ltd	624.00	Council pages in Wings
01-Dec-16	6347	Arden Winch & Co Ltd	293.11	Cleaning materials
01-Dec-16	6348	Performing Rights Society	110.56	Licence
01-Dec-16	6349	Paul Smart	120.00	Delivery of grit to homes
01-Dec-16	6350	Canx	0.00	Cancelled cheque
01-Dec-16	6351	Woolley Moor Nurseries	600.00	Christmas Tree
23-Dec-16	6352	Paul Smart	24.00	Delivery of grit to homes
23-Dec-16	6353	Canx	0.00	Cancelled cheque
19-Dec-17	SO	NEDDC	7,550.00	Salaries and staff costs
21-Dec-17	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	20.39	Bank charges
28-Dec-17	DD	British Gas Business	240.07	Supply of electricity
29-Dec-17	DD	British Gas Business	14.05	Supply of electricity
29-Dec-17	DD	British Gas Business	286.48	Supply of electricity
22-Dec-17	DD	Severn Trent Water	340.64	Supply & drainage of water
22-Dec-17	DD	Severn Trent Water	229.81	Supply & drainage of water
			11,890.42	

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

14. Reports from Council committees and advisory groups

Cllr Colin Berry reported on the acquisition of a quantity of seeds for the two primary schools for the purpose of growing items for the 2017 Produce Show. Support was being sought from Morrisons and awards were being obtained from both the Dalia Society and the Gladioli Society and well as the NVS for vegetable awards. Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj reported that the Café WY was under way again.

15. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 1 March 2017

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

16. An exempt item addressing the deficit in the draft budget for 2017/18

There was a detailed discussion on ways of addressing a deficit in the Council's draft budget for 2017/18 including the extent to which charges could be increased and expenditure reduced. Changes in the operation at the Parish Hall now that the Nursery was leaving and changes in operations across the Parish were considered. It was agreed that it was not acceptable to draw from reserves to reach a balanced operating budget although this may be necessary for a short period while plans were being formulated and then implemented with a view to restoring a sustainable balanced budget for future years. It was agreed to review the situation in some detail and bring forward formal proposals to restore the Council to a sound operating position.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.06pm.