

Wingerworth Parish Council

Minutes of meeting of Council on 7 February 2018

Present:

Councillor Diana Ruff (Chair)
Councillor Dawn Hart (Vice Chair)
Councillor Michael Hardman
Councillor Colin Berry
Councillor Nick Knyhynyckyj

Councillor Chris Hutchings
Councillor Kevin Broughton
Councillor Geoff Ruff
Councillor Andy Pashley
Councillor Cecilia Harper
Councillor Anne Knyhynyckyj

Charlotte Taylor (Clerk)

District Councillor David Hancock and 5 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Pat Antcliff.
2. Variation of order of business – there was a request for agenda item 8.3 and 8.5 to be considered as an exempt item at the end of the meeting due to commercial confidentiality.
3. Declaration of interests – there was a declaration of interest from Councillors Diana Ruff and Geoff Ruff in respect of agenda item 8.9.
4. Public Forum

County Councillor David Hancock provided an update on the bus stop at the junction of Derby Road and Nethermoor Road and requested that the Parish Council take this up on behalf of residents.

A couple of residents raised the issue of the state of roads around Wingerworth; vehicles parked on pavements causing obstructions to drivers and pedestrians, and overgrown, narrow pathways, making it dangerous for pedestrians to use. The Clerk will report instances to Highways.

The general state of the village was also raised, in particular the volume of litter. It was requested that larger bins are installed in certain locations, including on Birkin Lane and by the sheep dip, as these are often full/overflowing. It was reported that the handyman had collected 24 sacks of litter from the park, and a further 4 sacks of rubbish along with 67 bottles from Birkin Lane this week.

There was a report of an issue with the heating in the small hall, it was confirmed that a contractor had attended and serviced the unit and this issue is resolved.

Finally there was a request for an update on planning applications across the village. It was confirmed that the Parish Council were considering options for the new hall. The Hill Houses development is on hold pending probate and Rippon Homes have put in an appeal.

5. Minutes of the previous minutes – approved and noted.

6. Chair's announcements

The Chair reported on the five meetings attended during the previous month, including; Two meetings with Yorkshire Water, the first with MP Lee Rowley and 6 representatives from Yorkshire Water. The second with 7 representatives from Yorkshire Water and 6 residents who have had major issues with drainage and flooding. Some options were put forward, both short and long term. Yorkshire Water will report back in June to advise of the next stage they also plan to hold a public drop in session in September.

DALC Finance and General Purposes Committee met to discuss items including GDPR, the Spring Conference and Parish Councils becoming professional bodies. It was confirmed that NALC are still investigating the best ways for Parish Councils to deal with the new GDPR requirements.

The LEADER group met to review applications for bids from local rural businesses. It was reported that grants are available for up to 100% funded playgrounds.

Finally the Friends of Wingerworth Parks met to discuss options for upgrading the parks following the unsuccessful Viridor bid, they are looking at alternative funding streams.

The Chair reported that a commemorative concert will take place on 22 September 2018 to mark the end of World War One. The church and church centre have been booked for the event, along with two choirs and Ashover brass band. There will also be a trip to the National Arboretum, dates to be confirmed.

Remembrance Day falls on Sunday 11 November this year, the Council were asked to consider ideas for marking the centenary year, including the possibility of holding a joint service with the church. To engage youngsters it is planned to hold a short story competition with a theme of "coming home" any other suggestions are welcome.

There was a further mention of the state of the roads around the village, it was confirmed that some work had taken place on the road to the doctor's surgery to fill holes. There had also been concerns raised regarding parking at Deer Park school, following a conversation with the Head an appeal has been put on the school newsletter.

The Chair confirmed that following a conversation with the parent group of the Barley Mow, their intentions are to re-open this as public house following an investigation.

The Chair also reported on the ongoing task of archiving papers, and read out a letter dated March 1919 regarding a proposed Parish Hall on the park. Anyone wanting to assist with sorting through the old papers should contact the Chair.

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

1. Handyman vacancy – Richard Fuller was appointed to the post, commencing from 1 February 2018.
2. Attended a meeting with residents and Yorkshire Water on 23 January to discuss ongoing drainage issues – the importance of reporting all issues of flooding was highlighted, report to both YW and DCC Flood Teams (call Derbyshire).
3. Attended event at Dalbury Lees Village Hall on 24 January to celebrate the first Rural Action for Derbyshire's "Village Hall Week".
4. S56/9 Notices for bikes in Hardwick Wood – PCSO has been contacted to request replacements.
5. Facebook page live; Wingerworth Parish Council

6. Footpath Advisory Group have maps of walks in Wingerworth, Holymoorside and Ashover available to purchase at £3.99.
7. Email from parishioner regarding a vehicle causing an obstruction for vehicles and pedestrians and the state of the grass verges on Hilltop.
8. Footpath Advisory Group have obtained some yellow post caps for footpath signs, these will be installed on ten posts around the village.
9. Woodall Homes advised that around the 11 January the protective fencing around the Hockley House site, and the ground floor windows of Hockley House were smashed. This has been reported to the police and they are assisting their enquiries, they are also taking the necessary steps to make the site safe and minimize the impact to residents.
10. Section set up on website for committee papers, these are now available online.
11. Update on Foundation Status in the Local Council Award Scheme – the Council has completed all actions required for this and has now pending confirmation of award.
12. Winter Neighbourhood Scheme – following a couple of bouts of bad weather we received reports that a couple of the grit bins in the parish needed replenishing. Our contractor has refilled all bins on two occasions – December and early February. We will continue to monitor stock levels.
13. British Gas, electricity at pavilion – British Gas have advised the issue is resolved and the bills are back to a more reasonable amount.
14. Building control have advised of a new dwelling, at address 172 Nethermoor Road.
15. Neighbourhood Plan update – NEDDC have advised that the report from the examiner will not get to February Cabinet, so will go to the March Cabinet (26th) with a referendum as soon as practical following this.
It has also been reported that Rippon Homes have challenged the plan.
16. Community Speedwatch scheme – If anyone wishes to volunteer to take part in this scheme please let me know names and addresses so checks can be completed prior to training.

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

1. It was agreed to approve a request from residents for a grit bin at Spindle Drive.
2. It was approved for Clerk to attend HR and Appraisal Training, taking place on 13 February 2018 at DALC.
3. Churchyard maintenance tender – reviewed under exempt items.
4. Litter picking at Edinburgh Court – it was agreed that this has improved since the initial reports and to monitor the situation.
5. Insurance – reviewed under exempt items.
6. Request from Kier Living for street name suggestions for the first phase of The Avenue – it was agreed to submit the following suggestions;
Mike Sims for work on footpaths around the village
Geoff Lord for work with the youth football team
Peter Rhodes for supporting and providing services to the community
John Winter for community effort in preparing Wings
Mike Taylor for services to the Council
Betty Hill for work towards the clean up on site
Dawn Hart for work towards the clean up on site

7. Parish Hall hiring charges from September 2018 – following a discussion it was agreed that the Finance & General Purposes Committee hold a meeting to review charges and bring back recommendations to the next meeting.

8. Health and Safety – window damaged in main hall, costs for repair approved and quotes obtained for play area repairs.

9. Request from Bowls Club – following the unsuccessful bid for funding to repair the gullies at the bowls green, and to install two new shelters, the club are requesting a 50% contribution from the Council for the works.

Refurbishment work to supply and fit new gully boards - £2,643

Cost per shelter - £1,333

It was agreed that the Council would pay half towards the maintenance costs and seek clarification regarding the request for the shelters.

9. Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

01/2018 circulated.

Index of most important elements of 2017 DALC circulars.

02/2018 circulated.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

GDPR

HR and Appraisal Training.

10. Planning applications – the listed applications were noted.

Rippon Homes appeal – 17/00268

All representations must be received by 6 weeks of the start date – 19.01.2018. The appeal documents are available for inspection at the Council's offices at District Council Offices.

11. Planning decisions – the listed decisions were noted.

12. Accounts - receipts noted and the payments below were approved. Profiled budgets were noted.

Receipts and Payments for December 2017

Receipts

Date	Ref	Payer	Amount (£s)	Detail
01-Dec-17	BAC	NEDDC	1,422.58	Refund for football pitch maint.
04-Dec-17	BAC	W Table Tennis	207.61	Lettings
04-Dec-17	BAC	Mother & Toddler	46.40	Lettings
21-Dec-17	BAC	P Sloane	298.96	Lettings
27-Dec-17	BAC	W Table Tennis	153.68	Lettings
28-Dec-17	BAC	J Gascoigne	216.00	Lettings
28-Dec-17	INT	Interest	58.95	Interest
		Total for the month	2,404.18	

Payments

Date	Ref	Payee	Amount (£s)	Detail
11-Dec-17	6526	Heron Publications Ltd	624.00	4 page advertisement
11-Dec-17	6527	Eurogarages	5.00	Petrol for strimmer
11-Dec-17	6528	Ashover Brass Band	75.00	Christmas light switch on
11-Dec-17	6529	L Hammond	200.00	Refund of letting bond
11-Dec-17	6530	Amazon	21.99	Toner
11-Dec-17	6530	Amazon	29.85	Cleaning consumables for P Hall
13-Dec-17	6531	Wingerworth Comm Festival	250.00	Donation for 2018 fun day
14-Dec-17	6532	British Gas	467.01	Electricity for pavilion
14-Dec-17	6533	British Gas	203.50	Electricity for P Hall
19-Dec-17	6534	Interserve FS (UK)	575.82	Watersafe contract
19-Dec-17	6535	PRS for music	113.87	Annual licence fees
19-Dec-17	SO	NEDDC	7,550.00	Salaries and expenses
21-Dec-17	CHG	RBS	24.60	Bank charges
21-Dec-17	SO	Mr D Robins	450.00	Bowling green maintenance
22-Dec-17	SO	Personnel Advice	120.00	HR services
29-Dec-17	DD	Water Plus	5.34	Water rates
		Total for month	10,715.98	

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

14. Reports from Council committees and advisory groups.

Councillor Colin Berry reported on the Produce Show, the Parish Council are affiliated to the National Vegetable Society magazine who have just given a gold medal to one of the Produce Show judges; Geoff Butterworth.

The Council thanked Mr and Mrs Rhodes for their sponsorship of the school competition, trophies have been purchased for the next 3 years.

The Allotment Association are due to meet with the Health and Safety Committee on Thursday 8 February to review actions from the health and safety audit.

Councillor Kevin Broughton reported on the Footpath Advisory Group meeting, the group have received a donation of £1,600 and 10 plastic tops to mark and preserve posts. The group are selling footpath maps, and hope to launch these at with a family walk at Easter to raise awareness of footpaths around the village.

It was reported that the issue with the stile at footpath 9 is ongoing with support from the County Council.

Thanks were offered to Mike and the team of volunteers for the work they do.

15. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 7 March 2018 at 7:00pm.

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

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:24pm.

8. It was resolved that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw from the meeting.

8.3 Cemetery tender documents were reviewed with a few minor amendments to be made.

8.5 Insurance decision is pending a draft policy from insurers.