

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 April 2014

Present: Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Pat Antcliff

Cllr Dawn Hart

Cllr Kevin Broughton

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Peter O'Neill

Cllr Cecilia Harper

with Mike Taylor

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Lindsey Edwards, Cllr Stuart Ellis, Cllr Chris Hutchings and Cllr Pam Robinson and also from DCC Cllr Barry Lewis.

2. Variation of Order of Business

There was no request for a variation of order of business.

3. Declarations of Members' Interest

There was one declaration of interest from Cllr Pat Antcliff in respect of agenda item 9 in addition to those recorded with NEDDC's Elections Office.

4. Public Forum

A concern was raised about motorbikes going along (and damaging) footpaths in Hardwick Wood during the lighter nights and at weekends.

PCSO Mike Coates reported on four crimes during the last month including one of blackmail, two of burglary and one of a theft from a motor vehicle. He also gave details of forthcoming Safe Drive and Speedwatch days and mentioned a move to secure financial support from local councils to purchase a speed gun for the Clay Cross station. There was a query about who was responsible for dealing with vehicles blocking access by parking across a resident's drive and PCSO Coates detailed the problems faced by both the Police and Civil Enforcement Officers. The Clerk was asked to contact the Police and Crime Commissioner and the North East Derbyshire MP about the many problems with parking generally and to contact the local GP practice about parking problems on roads close to the surgery.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting on 5 March 2013 were confirmed as true and correct record of the meeting.

6. Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported an update meeting for The Avenue where HCA work was well on schedule and where a good response had been received to the tender invitations sent to developers with a start anticipated in 2015. The work on the new roundabout was under way while work continued on the site. A new communications manager had been appointed and the HCA had now moved into the CPL building.

The Chair also reported on a meeting of the Adlington Focus Group, where there was concern over the proposals for a 170 house development behind Adlington Avenue, and a visit to the Derbyshire Digital Event that she had undertaken with the Clerk. She had attended the DALC Spring Seminar with two Members and the Clerk where presentations included insurance, audit, banking and outdoor play schemes. The Wingerworth Festival Group were making good progress and the Council's Standards Committee had met to look at the model standing orders and consider the size and wording for memorial plaques.

7. Clerk's Report

a) Items for Information

1. DCC – 2014/15 Budget Cuts

2. DCC – Digital Derbyshire's broadband transformation

3. CPRE – Charter to Save our Countryside

4. NEDDC – Points regarding proposed access to new property over Council land

5. Consultancy – Opportunities for Neighbourhood Planning

6. Derbyshire Police – Opportunities for Councillors to participate in Speedwatch days in the Parish.

The items were noted.

b) Items for Decision

1. CPRE – agreed to accept the increase in subscription to £36.
2. Internal Auditor – agreed to reappointment Mr B Wood as internal auditor for the Council.
3. Wingerworth Festival Group – agreed to donate £250 towards the Community Festival Fun Day
4. Streetscape – agreed to contact Streetscape with a request that they put together a proposal for a healthy activity area with five or so pieces of equipment as well as possible access to funding
5. Police – agreed to consider a request for donation towards speed gun at next meeting

8. Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

a) Circulars

1. 06/2014 – Repeal of s.150(5) Local Government Act 1972; Ways to pay PAYE/NICs: HMRC Expectations; Accounting for Council Tax Support Grant in Council's Annual Return; Community Infrastructure demystified; HMRC Employment Allowance; Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
2. 07/2014 – DALC Spring Seminar; Openness in Local Government; Annual Meetings; Living Wage

The circulars were noted

b) Other Matters - There were no other matters

9. Planning Matters

a) Applications

1400139	Tymar, Middle Road, Hardwick W	Single storey extension to front
1400138	48 Central Drive	Construction of new two storey dwelling
1400219	32 Greenway	Double garage, paving fencing and gates
1400241	51 Longedge Lane	Detached double garage
CD40214	Deer Park Primary School, New R	Single storey extension for toilets
1400129 R	5 Deerlands Road	First floor extension and new side window
1301063 R	3 Lakelands (land adjacent)	New dwelling

R = Resubmitted

The applications were noted.

b) Decisions

1400071	CA	24 Hockley Lane	Single storey rear extension
1400073	CA	83 Chartwell Avenue	Replace porch, front upper ext, rear ext
1400080	CA	74 Central Drive	Two and single side ext and single rear ext
1400095	CA	15 Hazel Drive	Two storey rear and single storey front exts
1400059	CA	11 Wood Close	Demolish garage - side and rear exts

CA = Conditionally Approved

The decisions were noted.

10 Accounts and Finance

a) Receipts and Payments – the payments for February 2014 were detailed.

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount	Detail
01-Feb-14	5798	Zurich Municipal	7,912.96	Annual Insurance Premium,
05-Feb-14	5799	Heron Publications Ltd	144.00	Council Page in Wings
05-Feb-14	5800	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window Cleaning
24-Feb-14	5801	NEDDC	1,116.29	Servicing of Dog Bins
24-Feb-14	5802	NALC	54.99	Clerk's Handbook
24-Feb-14	5803	Rocom	152.56	Pay Phone for Parish Hall
24-Feb-14	5804	GMS	450.00	Lawnmower
24-Feb-14	5805	DALC	837.97	Annual Subscription
24-Feb-14	5806	PA Wibberley Ltd	75.00	Work on Pavilion Roofs
24-Feb-14	5807	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window Cleaning
24-Feb-14	5808	PA Wibberley Ltd	18.00	Materials for Roofs
24-Feb-14	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	17.04	Bank Charges
24-Feb-14	SO	NEDDC	7,500.00	Staff Salaries and Costs
24-Feb-14	DD	AOL Services	21.72	Internet Services
24-Feb-14	SO	David Robins	406.60	Maint of Bowling Greed
		Total for the Month	18,759.21	

b) Profiled Budgets as at the end of February 2014

There was a query about the large increase against budget for lettings income at the Parish Hall which was due to the decision to set the budget for the current year as net of any revenues from the Nursery given the uncertainty that prevailed about operations when the budget was set in 2012.

c) Capital Reserves as at the end of February 2014

d) Bank Statements and Reconciliation as at the end of February 2014

The receipts and payments had been circulated and were approved. The profiled budgets, bank statements and reconciliation were all noted.

11 Items for Information

The Premises Committee had met with a number of contractors for preliminary discussions about costings both for a renovation of the existing building and for a new building.

There had been query about the ownership of land on the edge of the allotments where the fence was in a state of disrepair and where there was a proposal to plant a hedge along the boundary. The Clerk would contact DCC and NEDDC to query ownership.

Café WY was attracting good numbers and was now able to contribute to the cost of hiring facilities at the Church Centre.

The Floral Group had met and was looking forward to the completion of the second phase of the Adlington planting scheme and looking into having some form of planters at the main entrances to Wingerworth. The winter baskets at the Parish Hall would be replaced with summer displays.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 13 May 2014.

13. 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.

14. Financial Aspects of Building a New Parish Hall

There was discussion on the use of consultants in terms of scope and costs although any decision was deferred.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their contributions, reminded Members of the Annual Meeting of Electors on Friday 25 April (7.45pm for 8pm) and declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm.