

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 April 2015

Present: Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Pat Antcliff

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Stuart Ellis

Cllr Cecilia Harper

Cllr Dawn Hart

Cllr Chris Hutchings

Cllr Peter O'Neill

Cllr Pam Robinson

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Kevin Broughton, Cllr Lindsey Edwards and Cllr Anne Knyhynyckj.as well as from County Councillor Barry Lewis and PCSO Mike Coates.

2. Variation of Order of Business

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

3. Declarations of Members' Interest

There were declarations of interest from Cllr Pat Antcliff in respect of agenda item 9 on planning matters and from Cllr Stuart Ellis in connection with agenda items 7.b.10 (the Derbyshire Law Centre) and 7.b.4 in connection with the WASP residents' group.

4. Public Forum

A member of the public raised various concerns about traffic on Nethermoor Road from the A61 roundabout all the way to the Smithy Pond. She was speaking on behalf of many of the residents living in the area who were becoming increasingly frustrated at the apparent lack of any action to lessen the dangers from speeding traffic to walkers, joggers, dog walkers, horse riders, cyclists and other vehicles. Concerns included the decision not to install a speed restrictor that was on the plans for the current scheme and the situation at the junction of Nethermoor Road with Deerlands Road. A camera photograph of a recent incident of a car ploughing off the road was circulated when it appeared that someone cutting a hedge was saved by the car crashing into a lamppost which seemed beyond repair. A petition was being produced requesting action from Highways but it was felt that a letter of support from the Parish Council would be helpful. The Chair agreed that the matter would be discussed under the section on decisions later in the meeting and thanked the member of the public for attending the meeting and expressing the concerns so clearly.

PCSO Mike Coates had forwarded a report covering the previous month when there had been no reported incidents of anti-social behaviour and only three reported crimes, two of which were thefts from motor vehicles with the other being a minor assault. The report provided details of the Derbyshire Safe Place Scheme which was coming to Chesterfield and advice on ways to improve garden security. .

5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 4 March were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

6. Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on a meeting of the Council's Standards Committee when there had been some recommended changes to the lettings regulations and the draft Business Plan. She had also attended a meeting of the Friends of Wingerworth Parks where good progress was being made with obtaining quotes in advance of an expected report to the Council. Cllr Ruff had attended a DALC Executive Meeting and also the DALC Spring Conference when she had been accompanied by Cllr Cecilia Harper and the Clerk. Finally there had been a meeting about the Wingerworth Neighbourhood Plan.

As this was the final monthly meeting of the Council prior to the elections on 7 May she took the opportunity of thanking everyone for all their work and support. She wished those not standing well and expressed good luck to those who were standing for the new Council.

7. Clerk's Report

a) Items for Information

1. NEDDC – Advance notice of arrangements for elections
2. NEDDC – Notice of elections
3. NEDDC – Guidance on standing for election as a Parish Councillor
4. Parishioner – complaint about damage to grass verge caused by vehicles – the matter had been reported to Highways but it appeared that they were unable to take any action
5. DCC – Campaign for Fairer Funding
6. Lisa Pritchard – Campaign to Save Derbyshire's School Crossing Patrols – it was reported that both the crossing patrols in Wingerworth were continuing but there was nonetheless concern that so many patrols were under threat across the county and it was agreed to place a link on the Council's website to make it easier for people to add their name to the online petition
7. Parishioner – Request about representation made by Parish Council concerning the dangerous state of Stoneycroft Lane – the Clerk had taken pictures of the potholes and loose gravel on the road and reported the matter to Highways
8. National Plant Monitoring Scheme
9. DCC/NEDDC – Information on Smithybrook View at Clay Cross
10. Derbyshire Law Centre – Invitation to join in membership – agreed that the new Council may want to consider becoming an organisation category member
11. NEDDC – Designation of Wingerworth Neighbourhood Area
12. Post Office – Changes to Swathwick Post Office – these were going ahead in line with the proposals in the recent consultation exercise

b) Items for Decision

1. Booking conditions for regular users of Parish Hall – proposed revisions from Standards Committee were agreed with a minor qualification in the final point about enforcement of no overnight parking relating to vehicles associated with the hirer
2. Business Plan 2015/2019 – approved and adopted – the Chair thanked everyone for their input
3. Variation of standing order in favour of NEDDC for payment of salaries from £7,500 a month to £7,650 - agreed
4. Consultation on Local Government Ombudsman's jurisdiction – it was agreed to submit comments that any extension of the jurisdiction to town and parish councils should be limited to such councils with both a population of 35,000 or more and a budget of £1,000,000 or more
5. DCC consultation of solar panel proposals – there was a discussion on the county council proposals which, it was understood, would not include a site in Wingerworth – it was suggested that renewable energy installations be included in the Council's Neighbourhood Plan
6. Action to be taken over concerns about speeding traffic on Nethermoor Road – it was acknowledged that traffic along Nethermoor Road and on to New Road needed some form of management and enforcement and various ideas were suggested – it was agreed that the Clerk inform Highways of the Council's concerns and the Council's support for the residents plea for action to improve the situation – it was also suggested that the newly elected Council give consideration to the re-establishment of a Road Safety Committee

8 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

a) Circulars

- 1 Circular 06/2015 – Spring Seminar; legal and finance briefing notes
2. Circular 07/2015 – Elections 2015; Subscription rates and training delivery
3. Circular 08/2015 – Guidance on Purdah; audit changes; council websites

The circulars were noted.

9 .Planning Matters

a) Applications

1500229	19 Heathfield Close	First floor extension and garage conversion
1500219	604 Derby Road	Detached garage to front
1500152	Land to rear of 59 Adlington Avenue	Discharging of conditions

1500183	588 Derby Road	Two storey side and single rear extension
1500211	Land rear Nethermoor/Deerlands Rds	Revised dwelling types
1500247	13 Hockley Lane	Two storey side ext for dependent relative
1500222	25 Longedge Rise	Retention of boundary fence
1500298	NC 10 Wheatlands Road	Rear single storey extension

NC = Neighbour Consultation

The applications were noted and there was some concern about 1500211 which appeared to increase by one the number of dwellings on the site at that point. The Clerk was asked to seek clarification from Planning whether this was the case and if so whether an extra dwelling meant more parking but less parking space on the site. He was also asked to seek clarification on the extent to which residents' vehicles were expected to park on the new development site rather than spilling over to park on Deerlands Road.

b) Decisions

1500055	CA	Pendolva, Millfield Park, Old Tupton	Single storey rear extension, front porch +
1500106	CA	Yew Tree Bungalow, Bottom Rd, HW	Single storey side extension
1500129	CA	Land to rear of Nethermoor/Deerlands Rds	Non-material amendment to Plots 21, 22

CA = Conditionally Approved

The decisions were noted.

10 Accounts and Finance

a) Receipts and Payments – the payments for February 2015 were detailed.

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount	Detail
04-Feb-15	6038	NEDDC	1,133.57	Servicing of dog bins
04-Feb-15	6039	Arden Winch & Co Ltd	371.15	Cleaning materials
04-Feb-15	6040	Zurich Municipal	8,092.40	Annual insurance policy
04-Feb-15	6041	Heron Publications Ltd	288.00	Council page in Wings
11-Feb-15	6042	Derbyshire County Council	132.00	Repairs to bus shelter
11-Feb-15	6043	NEDDC	149.54	Payroll services
11-Feb-15	6044	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window cleaning at PH
11-Feb-15	6045	PA Wibberley	60.00	Repairs to toilet at PH
11-Feb-15	6046	Bits 'n' PC's Ltd	400.00	IT and website servicing
25-Feb-15	6047	Torne Valley Limited	7.85	Spring for wicket gate
25-Feb-15	6048	Woolley Moor Nurseries	2,376.00	Planters
25-Feb-15	DD	British Gas Business	1,113.54	Supply of electricity to PH
25-Feb-15	DD	British Gas Business	91.04	Supply of electricity Pavilion
25-Feb-15	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	18.29	Bank charges
25-Feb-15	SO	David Robins	440.00	Maintenance of bowling green
25-Feb-15	SO	NEDDC	7,500.00	Salaries and pensions
			22,199.42	

b) Profiled Budgets and Current Surplus/(Deficit) as at the end of February 2015

c) Bank Statements and Reconciliation as at the end of February 2015

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

11 Items for Information

Cllr Vince Causey had been to a meeting of the Allotment Holders but had nothing of importance to report and there were no other reports.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 12 May 2015 which would be the first meeting of the newly elected Council.

Prior to that there was a Neighbourhood Plan meeting on 20 April and the Annual Meeting of Electors on 24 April.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 8.29pm.