

## WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 December 2014

Present: Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Pat Antcliff

Cllr Kevin Broughton

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Lindsey Edwards

Cllr Stuart Ellis

Cllr Dawn Hart

Cllr Chris Hutchings

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj

Cllr Peter O'Neill

Cllr Pam Robinson

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Cecilia Harper.

#### 2. Variation of Order of Business

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

#### 3. Declarations of Members' Interest

There were two declarations of interest in addition to those already registered with the Elections Office. One was from Cllr Pat Antcliffe in respect of agenda item 9 (planning) and the other from Cllr Chris Hutchings in respect of agenda item 7 (national pay award).

#### 4. Public Forum

Concern was expressed about the amount of litter on roadsides (representations had been made to NEDDC in respect of Langer Lane) and the number of overgrown hedges some of which were causing scratches to cars particularly when trying to pass the increasing number of large heavy goods vehicles driving through the Parish.

There was also concern about the number of these HGVs with reportedly as many as 40 a day using Malthouse Lane and causing damage to verges and in one case the blocking of a drain. Concern was also expressed at what was believed to be an eight chimney biomass incinerator under construction at the far end of the lane.

Representatives of the Bowling Club expressed concern over the poor state of the car park at the Wall Pond as well as the short section of road leading to the park. The damaged surface, which was illustrated with photographs, seemed to be worse because of the extra traffic associated with the daily school run to and from the Deer Park School. The Club representatives stressed the very good working relationship they enjoyed with the Council and were keen to help address the problem and to that end provided some details of a grid system that could be a relatively low cost way of providing a safe and secure surface.

#### 5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 5 November 2014 were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

#### 6. Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff started by expressing thanks to everyone who helped with the recent Food and Craft Fair (which raised £500 towards the new-build fund) and to Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj and Cllr Chris Hutchings for joining her in representing the Council at the Church's Remembrance Service as well as everyone who helped at the Council's Remembrance Day Service. In addition, she thanked Cllr Dawn Hart for working with her on the Council's tree at the Parish Church.

During the past month she had been on two training events – on Chairperson skills and on elections – and had been to meetings of the Hilltop Action Group, the Adlington Focus Group and the District Council's Standards Committee where there was some disappointment at the low numbers responding to a survey sent to all parish and town councils. She had also accepted an invitation as Chairperson of Council to view the Christmas Tree Festival at the Parish Church.

She referred to an article in the Derbyshire Times about progress with The Avenue and her unhappiness at the apparent ignoring of the Parish Council in the consultation process over the future of the remediated site

was echoed amongst Members so that the Clerk was asked to contact the NEDDC's Chief Executive with a copy to the leader and to Natascha Engel MP about what was viewed as a very unsatisfactory state of affairs given that either the whole of at least the vast majority of the large site was in the Parish of Wingerworth.

## 7. Clerk's Report

### a) Items for Information

1. DCC – acknowledgement of support for new footpath – however it was noted that the reinstatement of the long closed path over The Avenue site to Grassmoor was not yet agreed;
2. NEDDC – inspection report on lime tree at Wall Pond – the Clerk reported that an order had been issued for the felling of this tree as covered by an earlier minute;
3. DCC – information on admission to infant/primary schools;
4. Derbyshire Biodiversity News;
5. Hilltop Action Group – thanks for support – the Chair commented on the very good quality of the presentation from the group at a recent public meeting;
6. Wingerworth Allotment Holders' Association – danger posed by tree – the Clerk reported that the landowner had now felled the tree;
7. Parishioner – concerns about HGVs ignoring weight limits on Wingerworth roads – there were grave concerns about the dangers and damage resulting from the much increased HGV traffic through Wingerworth – queries were raised as to whether the new development at Gorse Place was generating more traffic than permitted by a condition in the planning approval and whether general HGV vehicles were using roads in the Parish other than the few designated for through traffic – even where the traffic was permitted there were fears that the speed and style of driving were at times endangering the safety of other road users – the Clerk was asked to write to NEDDC about the use of the roads (whether exceeding the planning condition or more generally whether ignoring weight restriction signs) and to seek help from the Police in monitoring the way in which some of the vehicles travelled through the Parish;
8. Footpath Volunteers – request for a meeting of the Footpaths Committee – Cllr Kevin Broughton had met the volunteers on one occasion recently and stated how impressed he was with their work;
9. Footpath Volunteers – completion of survey of footpaths in the Parish.

### b) Items for Decision

1. Draft Business Plan – consideration of way forward – it was agreed that any comments on the document produced by the Chairperson be brought to a special meeting of the Council that would be convened in January;
2. Neighbourhood Plan – consideration of merits – there was still some uncertainty about the value of producing such a plan but Cllr Stuart Ellis had forwarded details of a similar exercise in a neighbouring parish and the Clerk would explore the matter with a view to assessing overall costs and also the extent to which these costs could be covered by supporting grant monies;
3. Setting of budgets for 2015/16 – decision on process – it was confirmed that the process this year would be to have the Finance Committee meeting set draft budgets for consideration by the full Council prior to notifying NEDDC about the level of precept for 2015/16 – agreed also that the Clerk check with NEDDC over the deadlines for submission of the precept as it was felt the later the setting of budgets could be the better since there would be more complete information on the figures for the current financial year;
4. 2014-2016 National Pay Award – it was unanimously agreed (with the exception of one Member who did not register a vote having declared an interest) to implement the recently agreed national pay award which meant an increase for those staff on salary scales of 2.2% which would be effective from 1 January 2015 and cover a two year period from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2016 but without any backdating and to also adopt the nationally recommended one-off non-consolidated payments and also to recognise that as at 1 October 2015 the lowest scale would be Scale 6.

## 8 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

### a) Circulars

Circular 22/2014 – Automatic enrolment

Circular 23/2014 – Internal audit services; training courses

## 9 .Planning Matters

### a) Applications

1401045	CPL Distribution, Mill Lane	Change of use to new HQ for NEDDC
1401079	4 Swathwick Close	Single storey rear extension
1401147	10 Swathwick Close	Side extension over garage + kitchen ext
1401135	108 Davids Drive	Detached bungalow and garage
1401085	27 Deerlands Road	Rear extension nad garage to living space
1401175	The Yews, Wingerworth Hall Estate	New stable and tack room and change use
1401137	Former Garden Centre, Birkin Lane	Retention of coffee shop
1401146 HN	2 Stubbing Court	Single storey rear extension

HN = Householder Neighbour Consultation Scheme

There was a query as to why a planning application for change of use was necessary under 1401045 when the premises which had been used as office accommodation would continue to be used as office accommodation.

There was an understanding of a desire to retain a perfectly good building under 1401137 but there was a concern if the building would subsequently be use as a dwelling. The Clerk was asked to contact planners to say that no objections would be raised to the removal of the condition subject to the future use of the building excluding residential occupation.

The other applications were noted.

### b) Decisions

1400129	CA	5 Deerlands Road	First floor extension and new side window
1401059	CA	37 New Road	Pruning of one oak tree (TPO)
1401029	CA	16 Wheatcroft Close	First floor and rear extensions

CA = Conditionally Approved

The decisions were noted.

## 10 Accounts and Finance

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

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount	Detail
01-Oct-14	5969	Paul Smart	679.20	Grounds maintenance
01-Oct-14	5970	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window cleaning at PH
01-Oct-14	5971	Amazon.co.uk	301.20	Hedge trimmer & battery
01-Oct-14	5972	Blakemore Retail Ltd	20.03	Fuel for Churchyard
01-Oct-14	5973	S Johnson & Son Ltd	24.35	Environment items
01-Oct-14	5974	Poundland	1.00	Disposable cups
01-Oct-14	5975	Talk Talk	128.94	Internet package 5 months
01-Oct-14	5976	Wingerworth All Saints Ch	50.00	Donation
01-Oct-14	5977	Heron Publications Ltd	432.00	Council page in Wings
01-Oct-14	5978	NEDDC	336.44	Trade waste collection
01-Oct-14	5979	DALC	20.00	Training Coure
01-Oct-14	5980	Interserve FS (UK) Ltd	48.31	Watersafe contract
01-Oct-14	5981	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window cleaning at PH
14-Oct-14	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	23.01	Bank charges
15-Oct-14	DD	BT Group	77.83	Phone line at Parish Hall
20-Oct-14	SO	David Robins	440.00	Maint of bowling green
20-Oct-14	SO	NEDDC	7,500.00	Salaries and pensions
		Total for the month	10,134.39	

### b) Profiled Budgets and Current Surplus/(Deficit) as at the end of October 2014

### c) Bank Statements and Reconciliation as at the end of October 2014

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 Anne Knyhynycky reported on continuing good progress with Café WY and was particularly pleased to report that a couple of young people who used to hang around were now participating in the meetings.

Cllr Lindsey Edwards reported on a meeting of the Adlington Focus Group when more concerns had been raised about planning matters including the extra traffic resulting from all of the proposed developments. The overriding concern was that there didn't appear to be a holistic approach as with overall impact assessments as against individual submissions for the many major developments planned. There was a brief update on developments at The Avenue and with the Hilltop Action Group and it was intended to start planting some 800 saplings on the Adlington field on 29 December.

Cllr Kevin Broughton reported on his discussions with the Footpath Volunteers and complemented them on the tremendous amount of work carried out and also on the survey of footpaths which was excellent.

Cllr Stuart Ellis reported on NEDDC's impending move from Saltergate to Mill Lane where the aim was to have made the move by May 2015 and the intention to retain a small office in Chesterfield. He also reported on a much changed cabinet at the County Council.

## 12 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 7 January 2015.

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. Revised drawings and building costs for new Parish Hall.

The Chairperson reported on the recent meeting of the Premises Committee when they had reviewed drawings and considered costings for a possible new build. Various changes had been suggested which had been forwarded to the architect in readiness for another meeting which the Clerk was trying to organise.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm.