

## WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 December 2012

Present: Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Colin Berry	Cllr Brian Flude
Cllr Kevin Broughton	Cllr Cecilia Harper
Cllr Vince Causey	Cllr Chris Hutchings
Cllr Lindsey Edwards	Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj
Cllr Stuart Ellis	Cllr Peter O'Neill
	with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

#### 137 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Pat Antcliff and Cllr Dawn Hart.

#### 138 Variation of Order of Business

It was agreed that Agenda Item 7.b.1 be brought forward to avoid a lengthy wait by Mr Simon Tranter of Derbyshire County Council who was in attendance to discuss issues relating to Quiet Lanes.

#### 139 Declarations of Members' Interest

There were no declarations of interest in addition to those already registered on the Interest Forms held at District Council.

#### 140 Public Forum

A parishioner expressed some frustration at the County Council's failure to fully address previously raised concerns about the dangers posed by overgrown vegetation at the point where footpaths joined the road opposite the Barley Mow and on Birkin Lane near Bole Hill. It was understood that an inspector had viewed the sites and had undertaken a little work at the Barley Mow location although the parishioner contended that both sites needed more drastic work. The Clerk was asked to raise the concerns with the County Council and to enquire why there had seemed to be so little in the way of hedge cutting alongside roads in the Parish this past year.

A concern was raised about the hedgerow on Longedge Lane that had been removed to facilitate work to the gas mains but the feeling was that the contractor was reinstating hedgerows on completion of the work.

Concerns were raised by parishioners about planning application 1200925 which was due to be considered under a later agenda item.

A complaint was registered by a parishioner about the alleged failure of the Council to include the KOHIMA Epitaph in the Remembrance Day programme at the Parish Hall. The complaint was rejected on the basis that the epitaph had been arranged with The Royal British Legion and had been highlighted in the printed programme for the event. There had been some doubt as to whether the veteran who usually delivered the epitaph would be able to do so on the day due to reasons of ill health and when it was confirmed, on the day, that a replacement was needed a substitute had been agreed with The Royal British Legion representative. The change of person had been announced on the PA system to the gathered assembly by the Clerk who was then surprised when a third veteran delivered the epitaph. However the epitaph had never been omitted from the programme and arrangements were in place to substitute for the regular reader.

PCSO Mike Coates had tended apologies for absence although he had phoned through a report for the previous month which was free of anti-social behaviour incidents and listed only two crimes – one was a burglary on Longedge Lane and the other a case of criminal damage on Nottingham Drive.

#### 141 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

#### 142 Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on a well attended and successful Remembrance Day service at the Parish Hall and expressed thanks to everyone involved in helping on the day. Arrangements for the Christmas event had been varied slightly this year following discussions with the Community Association. She also expressed

thanks to the Members who had worked with her to decorate one of the small trees in the Parish Church with a Council theme. Along with the Clerk, she had attended a course on Public Rights of Way at the Derbyshire Ecocentre. She had taken part in the Adlington and Allendale walkabouts organised by Rykneld Homes on the day of this meeting. Following a reference to the desirability of revamping the play area at Allendale, she suggested that the best way forward would be for interested local residents to form a group and apply for funding to cover at least a part of the overall costs as had been done so successfully by the Adlington Focus Group because such groups were able to access funds that were not open to the Council.

#### 143 Clerk's Report

##### a) Matters of Information

1. NEDDC – Review of parish partnership arrangements
  2. NEDDC – Acknowledgement of representations on Local Plan
  3. NEDDC – Disagreement with NALC advice on DPIs in connection with precept setting
  4. NEDDC – Offer of a session for Members on the new Codes of Conducts and DPIs
  5. Chesterfield BC – Sites and boundaries issues and options and Staveley and Rother Valley Corridor Area action plan
  6. Derbyshire Police – Acknowledgement of request for stand-alone SNTs
  7. Derbyshire Police – Letter of introduction from newly appointed Inspector of Police, Glenn Hoggard, who expressed a keenness to work closely with parish councils
  8. DCC – Action being taken in connection with ploughed section of Footpath 14
  9. Royal Bank of Scotland – Update on sale of branches and accounts
  10. Parishioner – Disappointment at siting of new dog bin opposite Ivy Farm rather than by Watson Lane
- The correspondence was noted. It was agreed that Mr Steve Lee be invited to a meeting of the Council to discuss ways of replacing the now defunct Community Partnership with the intention of finding something appropriate for Wingerworth and a way of accommodating the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

The offer from NEDDC to hold a session on the Code of Conduct had been accepted and was provisionally arranged for the evening of Wednesday 16 January at the Parish Hall. It was agreed that NEDDC be asked to monitor the use of the new dog bin on Swathwick Lane.

##### b) Items for Decision

1. Recommendations on Quiet Lanes proposals with Simon Tranter, Head of Traffic and Safety Service, Derbyshire County Council – Mr Tranter outline some of the features and functions of Quiet Lanes in a discussion that covered signs, maintenance, speed regulations, costs and past experience in Norfolk and Kent – the discussion moved on to a possible decluttering of signs in the Parish which was generally supported although a decision on the designation of Quiet Lanes was deferred pending further consideration and possible consultations.
2. Purchase of PSMA Parish Online subscription – agreed that the Council subscribe to the online mapping service that was expected to be about £70 a year and which allowed for the better registering of Parish Assets – agreed that the Clerk should enquire about the extent to which access, even if limited, could be open to Members and others in the community as well as the possibility of posting some form of mapping on the Council's website.
3. Extension of Watersafe contract at Parish Hall and Pavilion – agreed that risk assessments be undertaken at the Parish Hall (£380) and at the cricket pavilion (£280) and that the cold water tanks and connections be cleaned and chlorinated (£600) with similar work at the cricket pavilion (£180), all with the proviso that there were the possibility of lower prices if a more competitive quote could be obtained.

#### 144 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

##### a) Circulars

1. 45/2012 – Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Dispensations and Precept Setting
2. 46/2012 – What next for Localism; New PAYE arrangements; Improving local government transparency; Technical reforms of planning appeals; Funding

The circulars were noted.

##### b) Other Matters

There were no other matters

## 145 Planning Matters

### a) Applications

1200972		12 Mulberry Close	Single storey rear extension
1200815	A	74 Davids Drive	Replace rear ext and garage with new ...
1200882	A	2 Welbeck Drive	New attached garage to side
1200982	R	27 Central Drive	Side extension and side/rear orangery
1201007		Hunloke Arms, Derby Road	Front and side extensions and more
1201008		Hunloke Arms, Derby Road	Listed building consent for 1201007
1200947		34 Greenway (rear of)	New dwelling
1201011	R	The Old Stables, 4 Birdholme Hse	Listed consent for balanced flue
1200925		The Retreat, Bole Hill	Change use and stable block and menege
1201004		5 Deerlands Road	First floor extension and new side
1201049		50 Nethermoor Road	Change of aged relatives accom to dwelling

A = Amended R = Revised

The Clerk was asked to raise concern with planners about 120095 which was felt to be of such an extensive nature as to significantly damage the rural aspect of what is such a highly valued area in the Parish. This concern relates to the proposal as it stands but the concern is accentuated by the fact that any approval given to the current application would open up opportunities for further developments including change of usage with the prospect of a new residential dwelling. In summary the Council is opposed to this application and would request that it is rejected on the grounds of being completely out of character with the locality and causing an unacceptable urbanisation of an area that warrants a high degree of protection to retain the special rural nature of the immediate vicinity.

Concerns had been received from parishioners about the original 1200882 and it appeared that there were further concerns about the revised application although it was announced from the public gallery that the application had now been approved. Concerns were raised about 1201049 both in terms of the general street and rural scenes and possible access issues. Concerns were raised about 1200947 about access and the dangers posed if access was via the open land to the rear. The Clerk was asked to register these concerns with planning officers.

### b) Decisions

1200466	CA	Garden Centre, Birkin Lane	New Gospel Hall, access and parking Variation for lights to 10pm 20 times/year
1200858	R	Parkhouse FC, Coupe Lane	

CA = Conditional Agreement R = Refused

The decisions were noted.

### c) Other Matters

There were no other matters.

## 146 Accounts and Finance

### a) Receipts and Payments – the payments for the previous month were detailed.

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount (£s)	Detail
03-Oct-12	5502	CS Heath	26.04	Window Cleaning
03-Oct-12	5503	Initial Facilities Water S	159.00	Watersafe Certification
03-Oct-12	5504	P Wibberley	243.00	Repairs at Cricket Pavilion
03-Oct-12	5505	3rd Wingerworth Scouts	100.00	Donation
03-Oct-12	5506	NEDDC Chair's Charity	50.00	Donation
03-Oct-12	5507	Allotment Holders' Assn	50.00	Part Payment for Mower
03-Oct-12	5508	Cllr D Ruff	150.00	Chairperson's Allowance
03-Oct-12	5509	Wingerworth Garden Cent	311.77	Floral Display
15-Oct-12	5510	British Gas Business	9.66	Boiler Repair Parts
15-Oct-12	5511	Canx Cheque	0.00	Cancelled Cheque
15-Oct-12	5512	British Gas Business	419.28	Annual Service Contract

15-Oct-12	5513	Heron Publications Ltd	432.00	Council Page and Article
15-Oct-12	5514	NEDDC	260.78	Trade Waste Collection
15-Oct-12	5515-20	Staff	4,722.09	Salary and Expenses
15-Oct-12	5521	HM Revenue & Custom	1,568.86	NI and Tax
15-Oct-12	5522	Derbyshire CC	753.65	LGPS Payments
15-Oct-12	5523	Alfred Jones Ltd	22.51	Fuel for Churchyard
15-Oct-12	5524	Project Logistics Architect	1,512.00	Scoping of Parish Hall
15-Oct-12	5525	Cllr D Ruff	7.70	Train Fare for Training
15-Oct-12	5526	Cllr C Harper	7.70	Train Fare for Training
15-Oct-12	5527	Cross Trade	50.40	Replacement window
15-Oct-12	5528	J&E Plant Hire	40.00	Floral Display
15-Oct-12	5529	NEDDC	113.72	Kwik Cricket Pitches
15-Oct-12	5530	J Barnes	1,457.74	Annual Electrical Work
15-Oct-12	5531	Derbyshire CC	31.00	Training Course
15-Oct-12	5532	Derbyshire Aggregates	231.01	Floral Display
22-Oct-12	DD	AOL Services	22.14	Internet Services
22-Oct-12	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	21.88	Bank Charges
22-Oct-12	DD	David Robins	406.60	Bowling Green Maintenance
22-Oct-12	DD	British Gas Business	169.30	Supply of Electricity
22-Oct-12	DD	BT Services	71.74	Phone Connections
22-Oct-12	DD	British Gas Business	4.83	Service Contact
25-Oct-12	5533	Mrs G Land	200.00	Refund of Deposit
25-Oct-12	5534	P Wibberley	269.00	Building Work
25-Oct-12	5535	Paul Smart	204.00	Grit Transporting
			14,099.40	Total for the Month

- b) Profiled Budgets
- c) Capital Reserves
- d) Bank Statements and Reconciliation

The receipts and payments for September 2012 had been circulated and were approved. There was a query as to why the expenditure on trade refuse for the Parish Hall was so far ahead of the profiled figure which was due to District Council invoicing more promptly so that the figures would come into line next month. There was also a query about the reason for the expenditure on other costs at the Parish Hall being so far ahead of the profiled figure. *[It was subsequently confirmed that this was due to the expenditure associated with architect fees on the scoping exercise.]* The rest of the profiled budgets were noted as were the bank statements and bank reconciliation.

#### 147 Items for Information

Cllr Colin Berry gave details of the Clay Cross Angling Association's plans for restocking the Wall Pond and for the netting and removal of pike with respective costs of about £700 and £350. The possibility of the Council contributing to these costs was raised. Work on peg 9 had been completed and the work to remedy the dip on the boardwalk was under way. There had been a request that the surrounding grassed areas be cut back more frequently next year and a further request that an apparent leakage at the Lido be investigated. The Clerk offered to contact District Council about the Lido as it was one of their facilities.

Cllr Vince Causey conveyed appreciation from the Allotment Holders' Association for the Council's £50 contribution to the cost of purchasing a new mower.

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on the work of the Floral Group's planting programme where the Hunloke Park School feature had now been completed and would in due course flourish. The Adlington display had been delayed until Spring due to the current ground conditions. Ideas being considered included displays by village signs and a village in bloom competition.

Cllr Lindsey Edwards reported on a meeting of the Adlington Focus Group which covered the work associated with the Trusteel problems and looked at the possibility of using the garage land for a community building.

Cllr Stuart Ellis reported on continuing progress at the District Council through the joint strategic alliance with Bolsover, He also reported on good progress at the County Council with Health and Wellbeing and with the Markham Vale development which was attracting companies and thereby creating new jobs. He

also reported that Adult Care had now signed contracts for new build units while the County Council as a whole was doubling the size of its apprenticeship scheme.

148 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 2 January 2013.

The Chairwoman reminded Members that the annual Budget Meeting would take place on Wednesday 12 December and that the annual switching on of the Christmas Tree lights would be on Friday 7 December. She extended good wishes to everyone for Christmas.

149 The following resolution was moved: “That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.”

150 There was a report to Members of discussions that had taken place with the New Road Nursery over the letting arrangements at the Parish Hall and of the subsequent discussion at the Finance Committee related to the concerns of the business that a combination of factors were resulting in financial pressure on the operation. It was agreed that the nursery be offered a new lower rate from the beginning of the current academic year and that this should continue until Easter subject to a full settlement of the Autumn term fees by the end of December as well as a significant payment towards the outstanding fees due from an earlier error in invoicing. The nursery would be asked to submit a report on its business operation by the end of February for the Council to consider at its March meeting.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.