

Wingerworth Parish Council

Minutes of meeting of Council on 3 February 2016

Present:

P	Cllr Diana Ruff (Chair)	P	Cllr Cecilia Harper
P	Cllr Dawn Hart (Vice Chair)	P	Cllr Chris Hutchings
P	Cllr Pat Antcliff	A	Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj
P	Cllr Colin Berry	A	Cllr Linda Myronko
P	Cllr Kevin Broughton	P	Mike Taylor (Clerk)
P	Cllr Stuart Ellis		and 10 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence were received from two Members as above and from Cllr Barry Lewis (DCC).
2. Variation of order of business – it was agreed to bring forward a statement from the Chair’s announcements (agenda item 6).
3. Declaration of interests – there was one declaration of interest from Cllr Pat Antcliff in respect of agenda item 10.

4. Public forum

PCSO Mike Coates reported on incidents over the past month when there were six crimes of which five related to vehicles and one was possession of an illegal substance but when there were no reports of anti-social behaviour. He informed the meeting that PCSO Hannah Disney was due to join the team and that they would jointly be covering Wingerworth. A query was raised about any apparent increase in the levels of crime in areas which had switched to part-time street lighting and it was agreed to raise this at the next meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

A parishioner expressed appreciation about the cleaning of the paths on the Deer Park, raised concern about an apparently abandoned car behind the Allendale Road shops and complained about the state of the deeply rutted grass verges on Oak Crescent. There was a query about responsibility for the state of the heritage memorial bench at the Parish Church. Queries were raised about the planning application for the proposed new parish hall and the scope for alterations to the plans. Concern was raised about the badly overgrown vegetation on the left hand side of Longedge Lane leading up to the Church which so restricted the already narrow section of the road as to make it hazardous for passing traffic. There was a query about how the Council was intending to deal with the comments made at the consultation event in connection with the proposed new parish hall on the Deer Park and a request that the Council keep both clubs and the community informed of developments.

5. Confirmation of previous minutes – the previous minutes were approved.
6. Chair’s announcements
Cllr Diana Ruff corrected a number of comments made at a recent public meeting with particular regard to the responsibilities of a parish council and also clarified the situation on hiring rates, all of which were publicised on the Council’s website. She pointed out that, contrary to some assertions, none of the Councillors were co-opted as all had stood for election and she regretted some of the factually incorrect comments posted on

social media. The Council was in the process of preparing a statement correcting or refuting various allegations made recently regarding proposals for a new parish hall.

Cllr Ruff reported on various meeting during the past month including two walkabouts with Rykneld Homes, at Adlington and Allendale, a Neighbourhood Planning meeting, a meeting with New Road Nursery and the public consultation event at the Parish Hall. She had also been to various meetings to do with boundaries and planning matters on the Deer Park as well as the NEDDC Parish Liaison Meeting.

7. Clerk's report – the following items of information were noted:
 1. Parishioner – request to have street lighting restored to full night to combat crime
 2. Rippon Homes – reply to concerns of residents over boundary lines
 3. Chesterfield BC – Land Availability Assessment – call for sites
 4. NEDDC – link to Members' Register of Interests forms
 5. DCC – temporary road closure – Nottingham Drive – 6-14 February
 6. DCC – temporary road closure – Mill Lane – 14 February-4 March
 7. BCN Consultancy – confirmation of adoption of Council's suggested street names for Bellway development off Mill Lane
 8. The Pensions Regulator – notification of change to workplace pension
 9. HMRC – notice of dispensation for expenses and benefits.
8. Clerk's report – the following resolutions were made:
 1. Appointment of internal auditor for 2015/16 – agreed that Mr B Wood be reappointed as internal auditor
 2. Insurance policy for the Council – agreed to continue with Zurich Insurance but that the Clerk negotiate the three year fixed price option at the lower price quoted for the five year option which was £6,601 against £6,950
 3. Neighbourhood Plan for Wingerworth – agreed to defer consideration of the draft Neighbourhood Plan pending receipt of the document from YourLocale but that the public consultation event on 17 February proceeds by which time the draft should be available
 4. Future of Parish Hall – agreed to ask the Premises Committee to assess the various forms of feedback on the new build proposals with a report back to the March meeting of the Council and that the Clerk obtain quotes for a full structural survey of the current building
 5. New surgery – agreed to permit the developers to construct a pavement connecting the new surgery to the bus stop using a strip of the Council's land subject to maintenance of the pavement being taking over by Highways
 6. DJ Atkinson Construction Limited – agreed to seek more details on the invitation to a tree planting event on completion of new surgery at Allendale Road
 7. Wingerworth Festival Committee – it was agreed that the sum of £250 be given to the organisers of the 2016 Wingerworth Festival as a donation towards the costs of staging the event
 8. Retirement of Wall Pond Bailiff – agreed to present the retiring bailiff with a cheque for £50 on his retirement by way of acknowledgement and appreciation for his valued stewarding of the Wall Pond and to liaise with the Angling Association over a replacement bailiff

9. Anti-social behaviour – adopted with the rider that all Council policy statements would be subject to annual review and open to third party advice wherever this was felt prudent
10. Bullying – adopted
11. Equality – adopted
12. Internal financial controls – adopted
13. Retention of documents – adopted
14. Memorials – adopted
15. New Multi-use Games Area – following confirmation that planning approval was not necessary and that there seemed a good prospect of securing extra funding it was agreed that the order be placed for the installation on the Deer Park subject to the Clerk detailing the amount that the Council would have to consider funding.

9. Derbyshire Association of Local Councils – the following items were noted:

1. Circular 1 – Index for 27 Circulars issued during 2015
2. Circular 2 – General

10. Planning applications – the listed applications were noted.

The Council had received late notice of the planning site visit to 15/01146/FL at 40 Nethermoor Road and had not been informed on any recent amendments. Queries were raised about 16/00022/OL at 174 Nethermoor Road in respect of road safety but it was accepted that this would be a matter for Highways.

11. Planning decisions – the listed decisions were noted.

12. Accounts – receipts and profiled budgets were noted and the following payments were approved in the knowledge that there were queries over the direct debits taken by British Gas which the Clerk was investigating:

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount	Detail
02-Dec-15	6177	Troway Hall Nursery	10.00	Trees for Festival of Trees
02-Dec-15	6178	Screwfix Ltd	6.99	Colour dye for footpaths
02-Dec-15	6179	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window cleaning at PH
02-Dec-15	6180	Paul Smart	198.00	Grit distribution
02-Dec-15	6180	Paul Smart	972.00	Footpaths & allotments
11-Dec-15	6181	Blakemore Retail Ltd	6.99	Fuel for Churchyard
11-Dec-15	6182	Royal British Legion	15.00	Bugler Fees
11-Dec-15	6183	Heron Publications Ltd	624.00	Council pages in Wings
11-Dec-15	6184	Disability Assistance	50.00	Donation
11-Dec-15	6185	PA Wibberley	120.00	Repairs to cricket pavilion
11-Dec-15	6186	Performing Rights Society	108.38	Annual licence fee
11-Dec-15	6187	Ashover Brass Band	75.00	Christmas event
11-Dec-15	6188	Jacksons the Bakers	37.80	Christmas event
11-Dec-15	6189	Canx	0.00	Cancelled cheque
04-Dec-15	DD	British Gas Business	183.10	Supply of energy
04-Dec-15	DD	British Gas Business	27.98	Supply of energy

17-Dec-15	DD	British Gas Business	27.61	Supply of energy
17-Dec-15	DD	British Gas Business	39.94	Supply of energy
29-Dec-15	DD	British Gas Business	199.57	Supply of energy
29-Dec-15	DD	British Gas Business	29.11	Supply of energy
29-Dec-15	DD	British Gas Business	138.44	Supply of energy
31-Dec-15	DD	British Gas Business	58.11	Supply of energy
31-Dec-15	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	17.09	Supply of energy
31-Dec-15	SO	NEDDC	7,650.00	Salaries and expenses

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

14. Reports from Council committee and advisory groups.

Cllr Colin Berry reported on continuing progress with the Horticultural Society and the Allotments Association over an annual show.

Cllr Kevin Broughton reported on a useful meeting on footpaths issues at the County Council convened by County Cllr Barry Davis. The anticipated reduction in the number of inspectors would not improve matters but it had been agreed that letters to landowners from the Parish Council should be copied to DCC PROW which would then count as the commencement of notice, should this be necessary.

Cllr Stuart Ellis reported on above inflation increases to both the County Council and Police elements of the 2016/17 Council Tax.

15. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 2 March 2016 starting with a meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

The Chair thanked members of the public who attended the meeting and reminded everyone about the public consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan on 17 February. The meeting closed at 8.30pm.