

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 January 2015

Present: Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Kevin Broughton

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 Pat Antcliff, Cllr Lindsey Edwards and Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj. There were also apologies 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 no declarations of interest other than those already registered with the Elections Office.

4. Public Forum

There was a question about progress with the new medical centre. It was reported that work had taken place with test holes examining the sub soil sections on the site and it was understood that building work could commence during the Spring.

A Police report had been received which listed only three crimes during December – all thefts – and no reports of anti-social behaviour. Inspector Paul Corton had replaced Inspector Hoggard who had moved on.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 3 December 2014 were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

6. Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on a quiet month other than festive events which included the Council's Lighting of the Tree although the annual event was poorly attended this year, probably due in part to other events in the parish taking place at the same time. She expressed her thanks to all the helpers but felt that the future of the event should be discussed with the Community Association to consider whether changes were needed. She reported on a housing strategy consultation at District Council which was disappointingly poor. There had been the termly meeting with the New Road Nursery at which a few issues had been raised including the leaving of a pool car on the Council's car park. Finally, and prior to this Council meeting, she had opened the new outdoor exercise circuit by the Deer Park fields.

7. Clerk's Report

a) Items for Information

1. Parishioner – query about placing of contract for display at the Parish Hall – various issues had been raised including a request for details of the tendering process – the Clerk had replied to the letter pointing out that there was a budget for floral displays and that the expenditure was contained within that budget; also that tendering processes did not apply for such a low level of spend although steps had been taken to ensure that the contractor offered good value for money;
2. Parishioners – requests for more gritting and grit bins – the requests had been answered by offering the chance to participate in the Council's Winter Neighbourhood Scheme given that this had effectively replaced the provision of new grit bins;
3. NEDDC – reply to letter of concern about lack of consultation on The Avenue – a reply had been received from a senior officer of NEDDC who had offered to come to a meeting and it was agreed the Clerk should invite the officer to attend the February meeting of the Council;
4. DCC – Notice of closure of Longedge Lane – 2-28 February 2015

b) Items for Decision

1. Elections – preparations for elections and promotion of interest – there was a brief discussion about the forthcoming elections in May and it was agreed that efforts should be made to encourage parishioners to consider standing for election;
2. Post Office – proposed changes to Swathwick Post Office at Edinburgh Court – it was felt that this was a fait accompli but there was concern at the lessening of privacy with the new arrangements;
3. Severn Trent – setting up of direct debit arrangements – it was agreed;
4. British Gas Business – setting up of direct debit arrangements – it was agreed;
5. Path to Deer Park School – review of ways forward given quote of £10,389.60 – given the cost of the scheme recommended by the NEDDC chief engineer and recognising that this would at best improve the situation without necessarily overcoming the problem it was agreed that the scheme should not be implemented but that a sign be erected to point out that the path flooded from time to time and at such times there was an alternative route round the shops;
6. Renewal of bowling green maintenance contract for 2014/15 – this was agreed.

8 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

a) Circulars

Circular 27/2014 – Pay award; internal audit, spring seminar; training
The circular was noted.

9 .Planning Matters

a) Applications

1401213	32 Meadowside Close	Two storey side extension
1401231	231 Longedge Lane	Single storey rear extension
1401289	Land to South of Pioneer House, Mill Lane	Erection of 159 homes + retail + ...
1401296	Woodthorpe Grange, Ashover Road	80 Photovoltaic ground mounted panels
1401298	Batemans Mill Caravan Park. Mill Lane	Chalet to park warden accommodation

The other applications were noted.

b) Decisions

1400905	CA	Land to rear of 40 to 42 Nethermoor Rd	Detached bungalow, garage and access
1401017	CA	Land between Stable Yd and Lodge Dr	Reserved matters for one dwelling
1401079	CA	4 Swathwick Close	Single storey rear extension
1401146	PD	2 Stubbing Court	Single storey rear extension
1401137	CA	Former Garden Centre, Birkin Lane	Retention of coffee shop
1401202	PD	1 Stubbing Court Cottages, Malthouse Ln	Single storey rear extension
1401205	NO	Grass Verge, NW of Track to Golf Course	Pole for overhead line

CA = Conditionally Approved PD = Permitted Development NO = No Objection

The decisions were noted.

10 Accounts and Finance

a) Receipts and Payments – the payments for November 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 Course
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 November 2014

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

The receipts and payments had been circulated and were approved and the profiled budgets, bank statements and reconciliation were all noted. There was a query about the amount outstanding for the arson compensation awarded by HM Courts.

11 Items for Information

There were no reports from meetings in December but Cllr Stuart Ellis reported on progress with the relocation of NEDDC offices which had now started and was due to be completed by the end of March although the move for Members would be delayed until after the election. Thereafter the Council intended to have some form of continuing presence in Chesterfield. He opened up a discussion on the proposals to form a Derbyshire Combined Authority which would need to include all ten higher local authorities in the county.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 4 February 2015 but Members were reminded of the extra meeting on Monday 12 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 most recent meeting of the Premises Committee when revised plans had been presented taking into account most of the points raised by Members at the previous meeting with the architects. A meeting had been arranged with a planning officer at NEDDC to try and take forward earlier discussions about the various aspects of the evolving plans.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 8.21pm.