

## WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 January 2013

Present: Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Pat Antcliff ( <i>from 7.b.2</i> )	Cllr Cecilia Harper
Cllr Vince Causey	Cllr Dawn Hart.
Cllr Lindsey Edwards	Cllr Chris Hutchings
Cllr Stuart Ellis	Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj
Cllr Brian Flude	Cllr Peter O'Neill ( <i>from 5</i> ) with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

#### 1 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Colin Berry and Cllr Kevin Broughton

#### 2 Variation of Order of Business

It was agreed that Agenda Item 7.b.1 be brought forward to avoid a lengthy wait by Mr Darren Norwood who was in attendance to discuss issues relating to the Tupton Hall School Holiday Activities Programme.

#### 3 Declarations of Members' Interest

There were no declarations of interest other than those already registered on the Interest Forms held at District Council.

#### 4 Public Forum

A parishioner queried the reasons for a delay in acquiring a new section for a footpath sign and it was explained that this was due to the need to await the next batch of signs ordered by the County Council, hopefully in March, to avoid what otherwise would be an excessive set-up charge by the contractors, Gregory's of Tansley.

#### 5 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the previous meetings on 5 December and 12 December 2012 were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meetings.

#### 6 Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff thanked Councillors who attended the Council's Christmas event and Cecilia Harper for the reading at the Parish Church's annual service of lessons and carols. She alerted Members to a possible impact on the Council's precept as a result of changes in the handling of the national Council Tax Benefit Reduction programme. A talk given to the Wingerworth Women's Institute had been well received when the audience had been keen to find out about the work of the Parish Council and when there had been questions about the future of The Avenue and progress with the medical centre. A meeting of The Avenue Community Forum Group had been very informative. The latest progress report from the HCA envisaged 1,100 new houses to be built in phases with the first build expected in 2016. The cleanup work was well under way although there were still no plans to ease the expected impact on traffic with a new bridge over to Grassmoor or with a new railway halt.

#### 7 Clerk's Report

##### a) Matters of Information

1. NEDDC – Details of Parish Liaison Group Meeting on 9 January
2. Rykneld Homes – Issues and feedback following Adlington and Allendale Walkabouts
3. DCC – Problems in producing a replacement signpost finger for Stubbing Pond
4. Parishioner – Disappointment at lack of support for Quiet Lane proposals
5. Parishioner – Concerns about speeding drivers on Swathwick Lane
6. Parishioner – Request for a grit bin at the bottom of Pearce Lane or at Hillhouses

The correspondence was noted. It was agreed that no further grit bins should be purchased now that the Council was offering the Winter Neighbourhood Scheme.

b) Items for Decision

1. Continued support of the Tupton Hall School Holiday Activities Programme – Darren Norwood presented a report on the past year’s programme of holiday activities at Tupton Hall School when Wingerworth had the largest number of children attending out of the nine parishes covered by the programme. After some discussion it was agreed that the Council should make a further allocation of £2,000 towards the cost of the 2013 programme subject to similar arrangements being in force for the year and subject to the programme organisers clarifying that efforts would be made to provide substitution alternatives for children when their first choices were fully booked.
2. Contribution towards the CCAA’s work at the Wall Pond – in the light of the considerable expenditure already committed during the past year to work at the pond it was felt that Council was not in a position to commit more money at this time.
3. Expenditure of £175 on new signpost finger for Stubbing Pond – agreed.
4. Renewal of maintenance contract for bowling green for 2013/14 – agreed to renew the contract with the current contractor on the basis that there was no increase in the fees.
5. Provision of information to Wings for article on Quiet Lanes – understood that John Winter would be writing an article for Wings.
6. Purchase of a lap top/tablet for use of Chairwoman – agreed that the Clerk be authorised to purchase a tablet that would be registered on the Council’s inventory.

8 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

9 Planning Matters

a) Applications

1201010	Land betw’n Stoneycroft Lane and HH	Retention of green netted tunnel for hort'e
1201094	5 Lakelands	Removal of trees covered by TPO
1201096	5 Lakelands	Pruning of trees covered by TPO
1201004	5 Deerlands Road	First floor extension and new side window
1201087	Substitute house types for Two Plots	Junct of Oak Crescent and Allendale Road

The Clerk was asked to raise concerns with planners about 1201087 if the implication was that the houses would be larger than on the original plans or if the changes in any way worsened access or increased the likelihood of more on-street parking, both of which had been registered previously as concerns of the Council.

b) Decisions

1200906	W	Belfit Hill Farm, Birkin Lane	Construction of new dwelling
1200925	R	The Retreat, Bole Hill	Change use and stable block and menege
1201011	W	The Old Stables, 4 Birdholme House	Listed consent for balanced flue

CW = Withdrawn R = Refused

The decisions were noted.

c) Other Matters

There were no other matters.

10 Accounts and Finance

a) Receipts and Payments – the payments for November 2012 were detailed.

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount (£s)	Detail
07-Nov-12	5536	British Gas	504.74	Supply of Gas to Parish H
07-Nov-12	5537	PRS for Music	102.14	Annual Licence

07-Nov-12	5538	Eurooffice	126.04	Stationery
07-Nov-12	5539	British Gas	84.00	Emergency Call Out
13-Nov-12	5540	NEDDC	946.37	Servicing of Dog Bins
13-Nov-12	5541	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window Cleaning
14-Nov-12	542-47	Staff	4,850.63	Salary and Expenses
14-Nov-12	5548	HM Revenue & Custom	1,684.72	NI and Tax
14-Nov-12	5549	Derbyshire CC	753.65	LGPS Payments
14-Nov-12	5550	Alfred Jones Ltd	10.00	Fuel for Churchyard
14-Nov-12	5551	Birdholme SS	6.00	Fuel for Footpaths
14-Nov-12	5552	Links CVS	30.00	Annual Subscription
14-Nov-12	5553	Spar Store	5.00	Remembrance Day Items
14-Nov-12	5554	Wingerworth PCC Ch C	300.00	Café WY Facilities
14-Nov-12	5555	Derbyshire Aggregates	92.00	Floral Display
21-Nov-12	5556	GMS Ltd	41.81	Repairs to Strimmer
21-Nov-12	5557	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window Cleaning
25-Nov-12	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	31.96	Bank Charges
25-Nov-12	DD	David Robins	406.60	Bowling Green Maintenance
25-Nov-12	DD	AOL Services	22.40	Internet Services
25-Nov-12	DD	British Gas Business	25.40	Supply of Electricity
			10,075.54	Total for the Month

- b) Profiled Budgets
- c) Capital Reserves
- d) Bank Statements and Reconciliation
- e) Recurrent Budgets for 2013/14

The receipts and payments for September 2012 had been circulated and were approved. The rest of the profiled budgets were noted as were the bank statements and bank reconciliation as well as the recurrent budgets that had been set for the forthcoming financial year.

#### 11 Items for Information

Cllr Colin Berry had submitted information on the successful repair of the boardwalk at the Wall Pond where the only issue was the difficulty of applying paint to metal due to the cold weather which would be made good in due course.

Cllr Stuart Ellis reported on the County Council decision to join the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme (LAMS) which could help families and the housing market generally by underwriting deposits for first time borrowers on properties other than new houses. He also reported on a new energy supply scheme for residents being developed by the County Council. He referred to continuing work at the District Council with the joint strategic alliance with Bolsover and the possible impact of the Council Tax Benefit Reduction exercise which was likely to have little implications for the Parish Council.

#### 12 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 6 February 2013.

13 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."

14 Members were updated on the latest position regarding the financial arrangements with the New Road Nursery over the letting arrangements at the Parish Hall. The Clerk reported that the payments made during the term together with the £1,000 payment in August meant that the fees at the reduced level for the Autumn term had now been paid in full and that in addition that there had been a part repayment on an older outstanding amount resulting from a confusion over invoicing. The reduced payments would continue for the Spring term subject to prompt payments and the Council was due to receive a report by the end of February on the future sustainability of the business.

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