

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 July 2012

Present:

	Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)	
Cllr Pat Antcliff		Cllr Dawn Hart
Cllr Vince Causey		Cllr Chris Hutchings
Cllr Cecilia Harper		Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

87 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Colin Berry, Cllr Lindsey Edwards, Cllr Stuart Ellis and Cllr Peter O'Neill.

88 Variation of Order of Business

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

89 Declarations of Members' Interest

There were two declarations of personal interest – from Cllr Chris Hutchings in respect of agenda item 7.b.5 concerning work to the roof of the score hut at the cricket ground and one from Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj in respect of a request for a donation from the Well Dressing Committee.

90 Public Forum

PCSO Mike Coates provided details from June of five crimes in addition to which there were two reports of anti-social behaviour, both at the Allendale Road sports complex. He informed Members of changes in the Safer Neighbourhood Team which involved alterations (and an enlargement) to the area rather than staffing changes and confirmed that the next meeting of the SNT was at 6.30pm pm 19 September at the Deer Park School.

A member of the public expressed concern about the poor state of many of the grass verges in the village which seemed the result of rushed maintenance with sections missed and some areas shaved to the ground. There was also concern about the large amount of grass cuttings left lying which in one case made for a hazard on a series of steps. There was also a request for more information on progress with the medical centre. The Clerk's understanding was that progress was delayed pending the resolution of a land matter to allow for the wider access road stipulated by Highways.

91 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

92 Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff started by thanking the many Members who had participated in the annual visit to the allotments in June and then spoke of a meeting about the establishment of flower beds on the half island at Adlington that had seemed to go well but which now necessitated another meeting with District Council. The Wildlife Trust had expressed appreciation both for the donation from the Council towards their 24 hour event at The Avenue and for the loan of tables from the Parish Hall for the event. Other meetings included one with the Nursery which included housekeeping and finances and one with Gillian Mitchell, an architect, about the possible reconfiguration of the Parish Hall. Finally she informed Members of the opportunity afforded by a NALC Conference in Sheffield on Thursday 20 September (starting at 9am) about Localism and related matters. Any Members wanting to accompany her should let the Clerk know so that he could make a block booking.

93 Clerk's Report

a) Matters of Information

1. District Council – List of listed buildings in Wingerworth on Derby Road
2. District Council – Clarification on queries about Settlement Development Limits
3. District Council – Response to request for registration of Neighbourhood Plan

4. District Council – The Localism Act 2011 and its impact on standards
5. County Council – Acknowledgement of request for audit of pavements
6. County Council – Details of pavement improvement programme for Wingerworth
7. County Council – Excellence in the Community Awards 2012
8. BCN Consultancy – Property name change – The Retreat to Birch Croft on Bole Hill
9. The Woodland Trust – Acknowledgement of request for Jubilee Tree Pack
10. WRAGE – Newsletter
11. Resident – Concern about behaviour of youths on Deer Park cricket field
12. Residents – Concerns about planning application for new dwelling on Pearce Lane
13. County Council – Proposed “School Keep Clear Restrictions” at Lodge Drive
14. County Council – Cabinet Report on New Youth Offer
15. County Council – Display material for Part Night and Permanent Switch-off of street lights in Wingerworth
16. DALC – Request for help for Carsington & Hopton Parish Council over apparent derisory offer of Section 66/76 community compensation for set of wind turbines
17. DCHC – Letter of thanks for donation
18. Tennis Club and residents – reports of graffiti around the pavilion
19. Resident – report of graffiti on Allendale Road bus shelter
20. Resident – report of damage at Allendale Road bus shelter
21. County Council – Notice of footpath closure extension (no 33 to 10 August 2012)
22. The Wildlife Trust – Letter of thanks for donation towards the 24 hour event at The Avenue

b) Items for Decision

1. Approval for continuation with current agenda format – it was agreed to commit to the current format
2. Adoption of a code of conduct – it was agreed that the Council would focus on the District Council’s recommended template and guidance notes but that these should be circulated with a request for closer scrutiny by those Members on the Standards Committee before considering the matter at the Council’s September meeting with a view to adoption at that time
3. Approval for the Clay Cross Angling Association to complete the netting of fish in the Island Pond in Spring 2013 – the Secretary had been in touch and was due to send details – it was agreed to defer consideration until the details had been received
4. Approval for the replacing of Score Hut roof at the Deer Park cricket ground – there was a detailed discussion about how best to remedy the continuing problems with leaks to the roof and it was agreed to proceed with a new roof with a steeper rake at a cost of £2,800
5. Approval to obtain professional advice on the scope for reconfiguration of Parish Hall – it was agreed to commission an initial scoping of possibilities and implications incorporating various requested features with Jillian Mitchell RIBA of Project Logistics Architecture Ltd at an overall cost of no more than £1,560 excluding VAT
6. Response to the County Council’s Part Night and Permanent Switch-off (of street lights) consultation – it was agreed to continue supporting the scheme to reduce energy consumption on the basis that the County Council would consider carefully any concerns registered by residents
7. Arrangements for Council’s Remembrance Day event given 11 November is a Sunday – it was agreed to proceed with the event on the eleventh day even though this would take place at the same time as church services
8. Request for a donation for the Wingerworth Scouts Annual Fireworks Display – it was agreed to make the same donation as last year by granting the sum of £250 towards the event

9. Consultation of Local Government Pension Fund (Derbyshire Pension Fund) – it was agreed to support the LGPS 2014 Proposals on the basis of information from the County Council that it was unlikely to result in greater costs to the Council
10. Extension to grounds maintenance contract with NEDDC – it was agreed to double the number of cuts to the ground around the Wall Pond at an extra cost of just over £200 a year
11. Registration for CiLCA qualification for Clerk – it was agreed that the Council pay the £150 fee to register the Clerk for the qualification that was a prerequisite for any application for quality status for the Council under the Localism Act
12. Request for a donation from the Wingerworth Well Dressing Committee – it was agreed to grant the sum of £250 to the committee to help defray the costs of the 2012 event which is due to take place from Saturday 4 August and it was understood that the committee intended to make the event self-financing in future

94 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

a) Circulars

1. 27/2012 – New Standard Regime; Code of conduct for parish councils
2. 28/2013 – New DALC chief officer; Improvements to the policy and legal framework for public rights of way; Plan for audit procurement; Failure to submit audit returns; Membership of DALC; Groundwork Derby & Derbyshire – summer special offers; Employer’s first aid obligations
3. 29/2012 – Election of President and Vice President
4. 30/2012 – Right to Build Funding available to parish and town councils; Provision of ipads for councillors; East Midlands Allotment Officers’ Forum; Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy; Community Directory Derbyshire
5. 31/2012 – Template Code of Conduct; Disposal Pecuniary Interests

b) Other Matters

Members were reminded on the special training session being organised by DALC for the Council on Thursday 12 July at the Parish Hall.

95 Planning Matters

a) Applications

1200491	33 Nottingham Drive	Erection of detached bungalow
1200430	Pearce Lane Farm, Pearce Lane	Erection on new dwelling
1200440	Land to Rear of 11-31 Wellspring Close	Construction of New Dwelling
1200497	241 Longedge Lane	Single storey garden room plus ...
1200572	12 Setts Way	Second floor extension to rear

b) Decisions

1200001	R	Lothlorian, Hillhouses Lane	Retention of Entrance Wall and Gates
1200125	CA	25 Nottingham Drive	Conv of Garage and New Double Garage
1100992	CA	44 Nethermoor Road	Amended retention of garage and access
1200283	CA	34 Greenway	Construction of New Dwelling (land adj)

CA = Conditional Agreement R = Refused

The Clerk reported that the Planning Department had said that application 1200430 had been refused but the concerns forwarded to the Parish Council would be held on record in case there was a revised application in the future. Concern was raised about one aspect of application 1200440 and this related to a worry that there would be encroachment onto the path that went alongside the property and which was well used by the public. The Clerk was asked to raise this concern with the planners. The rest of the applications and decisions were noted.

c) Other Matters – the Clerk reported on clarifications from the planners about responses to EIA Screening and EIA Scoping applications and confirmed the position regarding delays with the development of a new medical centre as understood by the planners. The Clerk was asked to seek clarification from DCC Estates and NEDDC estates about the reasons for the delay in the transfer of land and the date by which the transfer would be completed.

96 Accounts and Finance

a) Receipts and Payments

The schedule of payments for the month was detailed:

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount (£s)	Detail
14-May-12	5404	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window Cleaning
14-May-12	5405	PHS Group plc	523.61	Sanitary Disposal Contract
14-May-12	5406	B Wood	87.00	Internal Audit Fees
14-May-12	5407	Eurooffice	61.18	Black Laser Toner
14-May-12	5408	Arden Winch & Co Ltd	174.06	Cleaning Materials
14-May-12	5409	WPCC Church Centre	360.00	Café WY Facilities
14-May-12	5410	JTE Plant Hire	50.00	Floral Display
14-May-12	5411-6	Staff	4,580.93	Salary and Expenses
14-May-12	5417	HM Revenue & Custom	1,563.36	NI and Tax
14-May-12	5418	Derbyshire CC	1,070.34	LGPS Payments
14-May-12	5419	Alfred Jones Ltd	20.00	Fuel and Oil for Churchyard
14-May-12	5420	Cllr D Ruff	150.00	Chairperson's Allowance
14-May-12	5421	Canx Cheque	0.00	Replacement for 5412
14-May-12	5422	Paul Smart	396.00	Work on Wall Pond Car Park
14-May-12	5423	Severn Trent Water Ltd	133.98	Water Suply and Drainage
14-May-12	DD	AOL Services	23.19	Internet Services
14-May-12	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	27.31	Bank Charges
14-May-12	DD	David Robins	813.20	Bowling Green Maintenance
14-May-12			10,060.20	Total for the Month

b) Profiled Budgets

c) Capital Reserves

d) Bank Statements and Reconciliation

The receipts and payments for May 2012 had been circulated and were approved. The profiled budgets were noted. The bank statements and bank reconciliation were also noted.

97 Items for Information

Cllr Chris Hutchings reported on the most recent meeting of the Churchyard Committee which had included plans to import topsoil to dress the unevenness of some of the grassed surface and the intention to treat the paths in the Autumn. It was noted that Cllr Diana Ruff was switching one of her committee roles from the Churchyard Committee to the Footpaths Committee and it was also agreed to circulate a listing of the current committees and membership.

98 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 5 September 2012 although Members were reminded on the Localism seminar on Thursday 12 July at 7pm in the Committee Room.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.