

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 July 2013

Present:

Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Pat Antcliff

Cllr Brian Flude

Cllr Colin Berry

Cllr Cecilia Harper

Cllr Kevin Broughton

Cllr Dawn Hart

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Chris Hutchings

Cllr Lindsey Edwards

Cllr Peter O'Neill

Cllr Stuart Ellis

Cllr Pam Robinson

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

89 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj.

90 Variation of Order of Business

There was an agreed variation of order of business to bring forward item 7.a.1 to the start of the meeting.

91 Declarations of Members' Interest

There were no declarations of interest other than those recorded with NEDDC's Elections Office apart from a declaration from Cllr Pat Antcliff in respect of agenda item 9 due to her position on the Planning Committee at NEDDC.

92 Public Forum

PCSO Mike Coates had tendered his apologies for absence and there was no Police report.

County Councillor Barry Lewis was welcomed to the meeting and gave a brief summary of the boundary changes that had resulted in him now representing Wingerworth. He reported that the new administration at county was reviewing various areas of work and that he would be able to report on developments at a later date. Highways was a particular area of interest at present and residents could report pot holes and other problems with local roads to the county council contact centre or to him at barry.lewis@derbyshire.gov.uk

A parishioner sought clarification as to when work would commence on the new medical centre. There was no date of which the Council was aware although it was believed that construction work was likely to start within the next few months.

The proprietor of the nursery business operating at the Parish Hall explained that the article on the nursery in the Derbyshire Times did not appear as she had expected but expressed disappointment at the Council's response to the article. The requirement of the Council in wanting an answer about a booking for the next academic year made things difficult as she wouldn't know numbers until the end of July and she queried the increases in hourly rates over the years. Various concerns were expressed about the impact of the nursery closing by a number of people in a large public gallery.

93 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting on 5 June 2013 were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

94 Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on a series of meetings attended over the past month including the County Council's Liaison Meeting for parish and town councils (with presentations on Health & Well Being and Safer Derbyshire), The Avenue Works Community Group which covered progress with the clean-up and proposals for a new roundabout on Derby Road and a DALC seminar on employment and HR issues. An especially enjoyable occasion had been the invitation to present prizes at the Hunloke Park Primary School. The Premises Group had met to look at ways forward with a new build and she had visited a centre in North Wingfield so see a community building. The annual visit to the allotments had gone well and the plots seemed in excellent condition. She had visited the nursery to see some of the users, visited a resident who had planted up a grass verge to deter parking and had viewed the Council's new wildflower meadow on Chartwell Fields which was looking very nice. Other than the meetings and the visits, she had been looking into funding opportunities for a new build.

95 Clerk's Report

a) Matters of Information

1. DCC – Presentation on eco-build matters by Sarah Morris and Mark Lowe of Derbyshire County Council – they outlined the ethos behind the County Council's design work which was to adopt a holistic approach including conservation of energy rather than simply bolting on green technology and the wider approach included preventing heat loss and the use of good building technology – after answering a few questions they were thanked for the illuminating presentation by the Chair.
2. NEDDC – Draft statement on Licensing Policy for Hackney Carriages etc
3. NEDDC – Reply to queries about progress with Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – there was some disappointment over the time being taken to implement a CIL and some concern over a possible doubt as to whether it would eventually be adopted in the district
4. DCC – Acknowledgement or receipt of PROW Grant application with cautionary notes
5. DCC – Action being taken over problems with Setts Path following gas mains work
6. Parishioners – Requests for change to or removal of floral display by Hunloke Park Primary School – the reasons for the requested changes were detailed by one of the parishioners and it was agreed to take them into consideration when considering any future changes at that site
7. DCC – Notice of temporary closure of Footpath 12 from 19 June to 9 July 2013
8. DCC – Notice of temporary closure of Footpath 12 from 10 July 2013 to 9 January 2014
9. NEDDC – Notice of termination of all Community Partnerships
10. Relative of Parishioner – Concern over withdrawal of Bus Service 95 – Members were unaware of the withdrawal of this service in Wingerworth and acknowledged the resulting problems for some residents – there was a query as to why another service which was believed to enjoy the support of public funding continued even when apparently used much less than the 95 service – the Clerk was asked to inform the Planning Inspector of the withdrawal of service since as this could be pertinent to the final decision on the Rippon Homes application
11. NEDDC – Single Equality Scheme – Consultation document
12. Chesterfield BC – Report on Public Examination of Local Plan – Core Strategy 2011-2031

The rest of the correspondence was noted.

b) Items for Decision

1. Scoping of a new build community facility – it was agreed that discussions be opened up with consultancies who had a proven record of managing such projects from concept through design and planning to completed build
2. Fund raising for a new build community facility – it was agreed that discussions be opened up with consultancies who had a proven record with such projects and possibly including a track record with the scoping work in 95.b.1
3. Re-surfacing of Wall Pond car park and short section of Central Drive – a illustrative quotation had been received for the work which was in the order of £19,000 split roughly between £14,500 for an eco friendly gridded car park and £4,500 for the connection road – it was accepted that the cost of the car park may be reduced if a combination of tarmac and gridding was used but it was agreed to defer any commitment to this work in the light of the developing proposals for a new build community facility and in the meantime resort to periodic repairs to the car park area
4. Support for Café WY with increased fees from 1 September 2013 – it was agreed to accept the increased fees (from £30 to £38 per session) for the facility for young people from 1 September and agreed also that a short report on the financial position of the project be provided to the Council for the September meeting
5. Purchase of 20m run of flagstones for Lavender Path – the quotation from a supplier at Newhaven for a 10m run to allow for a narrower 20m run was £700 including delivery – given that this purchase would not qualify for a claim against the County Council's minor works grant it was agreed that Members take the opportunity to view the section of the Lavender Path before making a decision on whether to purchase the flagstones which would then be laid by volunteers
6. Participation in DCC's Snow Warden Scheme for winter of 2013/14 – it was agreed to participate subject to the Clerk mentioning the variation in the way the scheme worked in Wingerworth

7. Consultation on recreational facilities proposed at The Avenue – it was agreed that the Clerk stress the need for a pavilion to accompany sports pitches since the absence of such a facility would mean that it was unlikely that senior football or cricket could be played – it was also suggested that a skate park be included and that the facilities be managed by the Parish Council even if this meant a responsibility for maintaining the facilities

96 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

a) Circulars

1. 12/2013 – Online banking; Training events; Rural Action Derbyshire vacancy; Local councils win new Community Powers

The circular was noted. Requests had been made to RBS about the on-line banking system designed for parish councils and once received the Clerk would contact the external auditors to ensure that they were content with the adoption of the system in which case the matter would be brought back to the Council for consideration.

b) Other Matters - There were no other matters

97 Planning Matters

a) Applications

1300100 A	Belfit Hill Farm, Birkin Lane	Dormer bungalow, basement and garage
1300494	Stubbing Court, Stubbing	Felling of a beech, horse chestnut & lime
1300367	240 Longedge Lane	New driveway, entrance wall, gate posts
1300462	240 Longedge Lane	New driveway, entrance wall, gate posts
1300469	Hunloke Parkk Prmy School, Lodge Dr	New octagonal gazebo type shelter
1300455	Garden Centre, Birkin Lane	Demolition + construction of Gospel Hall
1300460	10 Wheatlands Road	Roof space to living area and rear dormer
1300547	221 Longedge Lane	Two storey side and one storey rear ext
1300556	85 Windsor Drive	One storey rear extension
1300562 N	5 Padock Close	New orangery with parapet walls ...
1300526	Garden Centre, Birkin Lane	Temp change of café to place of worship
1300100 A	Belfit Hill Farm, Birkin Lane	Dormer bungalow, basement and garage
1300534	Birchland Farm, Bottom Road, Hard Wood	Single storey extension
1300567	Pioneer House, Mill Lane	Erection of two steel storage containers
1300576	28 Greenway	Shop to residence with side and rear exts

A = Amended N = Notification under Neighbour Consultation Scheme

The applications were noted.

b) Decisions

1300194	CA	Land to Rear 11-31 Wellspring Close	Ground source heat source
1300348	PR	17 Joseph Fletcher Drive	Single storey ext. to rear and front parking

CA = Conditionally Approved PR = Part Approved Part Refused

The decisions were noted.

98 Accounts and Finance

a) Receipts and Payments – the payments for May 2013 were detailed.

Date	Ref	Payee	Amount £s	Detail
01-May-13	5648	Paul Smart	516.00	Wildflower Meadow
01-May-13	5649	British Gas	3,360.08	Supply of Gas to Parish H
01-May-13	5650	PHS Group plc	575.30	Hygiene Contract
01-May-13	5651	B Wood	87.00	Internal Audit
01-May-13	5652	Fencing Construction Ltd	6,555.65	New Tennis Fencing
01-May-13	5653	J Barnes	98.04	New Controls at Pavilion
01-May-13	5654	NEDDC	96.00	Stationery
29-May-13	5655	Zurich Municipal	314.82	Insurance for Tennis Crts
29-May-13	5656	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window Cleaning at PH
29-May-13	5657	Arden Winch & Co Ltd	359.08	Cleaning Materials
29-May-13	5658	CPRE	29.00	Annual Subscription

29-May-13	5659	Paul Smart	726.00	Fields Maintenance
29-May-13	5659	Paul Smart	1,066.00	Work in Churchyard
29-May-13	5660	TL Killis & Sons Ltd	331.79	Vacuum Cleaner for P Hall
29-May-13	5661	PA Wibberley Ltd	2,860.00	New Roof for Score Hut
29-May-13	SO	NEDDC	14,000.00	Staff Salaries and Costs
29-May-13	5662	Cllr Diana Ruff	150.00	Chairperson's Allowance
30-May-13	DD	AOL Services	22.48	Internet Services
30-May-13	SO	David Robins	406.60	Maint of Bowling Greed
30-May-13	DD	British Gas	204.35	Electricity to Parish Hall
30-May-13	DD	British Gas	23.43	Electricity to Pavilion
30-May-13	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	27.91	Bank Charges
		Total for the Month	31,835.57	

b) Profiled Budgets

c) Capital Reserves

d) Bank Statements and Reconciliation

The receipts and payments for May 2013 had been circulated and were approved. The rest of the profiled budgets were noted as were the reserves and the bank reconciliation.

99 Items for Information

Cllr Colin Berry raised a request from the Angling Association that some silt between pegs 5 and 6 be removed – this appeared to include some sediment washed down from the building site on Allendale Road which could be cleared by the contractors responsible if the work was done under the supervision of the bailiff – the Clerk would look into the matter.

Cllr Chris Hutchings reported on the recent meeting of the Churchyard Committee which had been preceded by a short tour of the Churchyard which was being maintained to a good standard – he commented on the work of Church members in using topsoil to address some of the subsidence and informed Members that the rectory was being let for six months as there was no immediate prospect of the appointment of a new rector.

Cllr Lindsey Edwards reported on a recent meeting of the Adlington Focus Group where appreciation of the work of Rykneld Homes in addressing the problems associated with the work for their houses was in contrast to the worries of many of the owner/occupiers who were not covered by the Rykneld work and for whom efforts were being made to gain better prices from some of the contractors already involved in the work.

Cllr Vince Causey mentioned an event at the Tennis Club on the evening of 10 July when the press had been invited to witness the acknowledgement of funding support from the Parish Council, the County Council and Rykneld Homes towards the major overhaul of the courts with new playing surfaces and new fencing.

100 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 4 September 2013

101 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.” There was a question from a member of the public about why the item was an exempt matter and it was explained that there were elements of commercial and contractual confidentiality in the matter to be discussed.

102 There was a detailed consideration of concerns received about the future of the nursery at the Parish Hall but it was reported that the nursery had indicated a desire to book the facilities at the Parish Hall for the forthcoming academic year and Members agreed to a booking from September subject to the conditions already detailed to the Nursery. It was also agreed that the Council agree to the request from the nursery that repayments of monies outstanding from an earlier error in invoicing be deferred until January 2014 in recognition that the Autumn Term was likely to be the term with the lowest numbers of children attending.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 9.31pm.