

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 May 2013

Present:

Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Pat Antcliff (*until minute 67.b*)

Cllr Cecilia Harper

Cllr Colin Berry

Cllr Dawn Hart

Cllr Kevin Broughton

Cllr Chris Hutchings

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Peter O'Neill (*from minute 67.a.3*)

Cllr Lindsey Edwards

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

59 Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Cllr Diana Ruff was elected as Chairperson and Cllr Dawn Hart was elected as Vice Chairperson.

60 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The newly elected Chairperson and Vice Chairperson accepted the posts and signed the Council's Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms.

61 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Stuart Ellis, Cllr Brian Flude and Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj.

62 Variation of Order of Business

There was no variation of order of business.

63 Declarations of Members' Interest

There were no declarations of interest other than those recorded with NEDDC's Elections Office.

64 Public Forum

PCSO Mike Coates reported on Police statistics for the previous month when there had been two reported crimes in the Parish. One was the theft of a motor vehicle and the other was a case of a dog causing injury. There were no reported incidents of anti-social behaviour although he was aware of issues concerning the use of micro scooters and BMX bikes on the new section of Central Drive, damage to vehicle tyres and the daubing of graffiti in Britton Wood and motor cycles in Chartwell Woods.

A query was raised about permissible hours and possible restrictions on shooting when this was causing a noise late at night and in the early hours of the morning and when it could endanger people on nature walks. It appeared that if all licence conditions were being complied with and if proper precautions had been taken that it was not necessarily a matter for the Police but the Clerk offered to contact Environmental Services with regard to any noise nuisance. There was also a query on the conditions applying to the planning approval for the expansion of facilities at Gorsey Place. It was understood that these had not yet been posted on the NEDDC website.

65 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting on 3 April 2013 were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

66 Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on her attendance with the Clerk at a planning information session at District Council and of a meeting with the new trustee of Britton Wood who was keen to manage the wood properly and who would work with appropriate agencies over any activities taking place in the wood. There had also been a meeting of the Finance Committee.

67 Clerk's Report

a) Matters of Information

1. Temporary road closures – Birkin Lane and Swathwick Lane between 29 April and 31 August 2013
2. DCC – Reply to request for restrictions on Malthouse Lane
3. DCC – Copy of reply to CNDRA about Footpath 14
4. CPRE – New transport toolkit
5. NEDDC – Reply to request for withholding access on land to rear of Greenway

The correspondence was noted. It was hoped that the work on the two lanes would not occur simultaneously since this would necessitate very long diversions. Questions were raised about some of the implications of the approval for the expansion of facilities at Gorsey Place in the light of the reply from Highways that they were unable to do anything about applying restrictions to the use of the long, narrow lane by large, heavy vehicles either by weight or by time of travel because this was the only access to the business at Gorsey Place. There was considerable frustration about this state of affairs and the Clerk was requested to enquire about the reasons for the planning approval when there had been objections from Highways and when it was believed that the officer recommendation was to refuse the application. The Clerk was also asked to contact Highways to ask if there was any way of placing a levy or imposing charges on the business or the HGVs to cover the considerable costs that would be incurred to repair damage to the surface of the lane, the verges and the historic ford which otherwise would presumably have to be paid out of public monies.

b) Items for Decision

1. Amendments to descriptions of Seven General Principles in the Members' Code of Conduct – agreed that these be adopted with immediate effect
2. Co-option of a Member – reported that one expression of interest had been received and agreed that a meeting be convened to take the matter forward in line with the Council's own procedure
3. Standing order for £7,000 a month to NEDDC for Payroll Processing – agreed that this be approved with rider that it would start with a double month payment in May to cover the April payroll costs
4. Review of Council policy on lettings for 18th birthday parties – there had been a request for the Council to reconsider the current policy of not allowing such parties to take place due to past experiences when gate-crashers had caused damage and complaints from neighbours – agreed that there be a trial period where 18th birthday parties be permitted subject to the depositing of a £500 bond once the Standards Committee had met and agreed a new and extended proforma for completion by the hirer and the duty caretaker to cover these parties, some of which had caused so many problems and costs in the past
5. Wall Pond car park – consideration of any further work – it was accepted that the continued minor repairs were not the longer term answer and that more major work should be considered even if there was general opposition to the idea of charging for parking on a new surface – it was agreed to defer the decision while the Clerk looked into the comparative prices of differing forms of resurfacing the car park with tarmac or gridding systems and concurrent work with either interceptors or gravelled trenches to prevent any run off of residues into the pond
6. Purchase of flagstones for Lavender Path – it now appeared that the cost would not be a permissible claim under the revised DCC PROW grant scheme so the matter was deferred until there was some idea of the cost of the materials given that the work would then be undertaken by volunteers
7. Adoption of Risk Management Schedule for 2012/13 – to cover a new requirement of audit it was agreed that the schedule previously circulated be adopted
8. Section 1 Statement of Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2013 – the statement had been circulated and was agreed for forwarding to the external auditors
9. Section 2 Annual Governance Statement for Year Ending 31 March 2013 – the statement had been circulated and was agreed for forwarding to the external auditors
10. Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ending 31 March 2013 – the document had been circulated and was agreed
11. Balance Sheet at Year End 2012/13 – the document had been circulated and was agreed
12. Analysis of Significant Variations on Statement of Accounts – noted
13. Explanation of Variation between Box 7 and Box 8 – noted
14. Bank Reconciliation for Year Ending 31 March 2013 – noted
15. Annual Internal Audit Report for Year Ending 31 March 2013 – noted
16. Engagement of extra casual staffing for forthcoming emergency situation – it was agreed that Clerk be given authority to engage another person to work as an assistant caretaker on a casual hourly paid basis

68 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

a) Circulars

1. 08/2013 – HMRC and end of year requirements

The circular was noted.

- b) Other Matters - There were no other matters

69 Planning Matters

a) Applications

1300265	32 Deerlands Road	Single storey side and rear extension
1300100 A	Belfit Hill Farm, Birkin Lane	New dormer bungalow+garage+basement
1300174 A	78 Longedge Lane (land adjacent)	Erection of new house & access + ...
1300194 A	Land to Rear of 11-31 Wellspring Close	Ground source heat source
1300279	2 Central Drive	Rear and side extensions and front balcony
1300305	Land adjacent to 87 Longedge Lane	New dwelling
1300339	Land to rear of 608 Derby Road	New dwelling
1300279 A	2 Central Drive	Rear and side extensions and front balcony

A = Amended

The applications were noted. The Clerk was requested to register a concern in connection with 1300305 given that the access arrangements were felt to endanger safety for passing traffic.

b) Decisions

1300099 CA	221 Nethermoor Road	Living accom in roof and rear extension
1300062 CA	Field opp Mulberry Farm, Martins Lane	Retention of horse training pen
1300003 CA	8 Davids Drive	Two Storey Side Extension
1300099 CA	221 Nethermoor Road	Living accom in roof and rear extension
1300062 CA	Field opp Mulberry Farm, Martins Lane	Retention of horse training pen

CA = Conditionally Approved

The decisions were noted.

c) Appeal

13/00002 REF	Land to rear of 61 to 119 Nethermoor Road and 15 to 21 Deerlands Road	From 10am on Tuesday 25 June in the Fabrick Room at Ashover Village Hall on Milken Lane and running for three days
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70 Accounts and Finance

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

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount (£s)	Detail
14-Mar-13	5615	Zurich Municipal	7,177.67	Annual Insurance
14-Mar-13	5616	Initial Facilities Water S	159.00	Watersafe Parish Hall
14-Mar-13	5617	Initial Facilities Water S	273.10	Watersafe Pavilion
14-Mar-13	5618	Fencing Construction Ltd	6,555.65	Tennis Courts Fence 1/3
14-Mar-13	5619-24	Staff	4,563.77	Salary and Expenses
14-Mar-13	5625	HM Revenue & Custom	1,510.27	NI and Tax
14-Mar-13	5626	Derbyshire CC	753.65	LGPS Payments
14-Mar-13	5627	NEDDC	377.17	New Dog Bin
26-Mar-13	5628	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window Cleaning
26-Mar-13	5629	NEDDC	995.98	Servicing of Dog Bins
26-Mar-13	5630	DALC	829.67	Annual Subscription
26-Mar-13	5631	Zurich Municipal	70.60	Inspections
26-Mar-13	5632	Rentokil Initial	1,706.20	Watersafe Work
26-Mar-13	5633	Buildbase	193.20	Limestone Chippings
26-Mar-13	5634	Arden Winch & Co Ltd	168.51	Cleaning Materials
26-Mar-13	5635	Paul Smart	333.60	Restocking Grit Bins
26-Mar-13	DD	AOL Services	21.99	Internet Services

26-Mar-13	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	21.41	Bank Charges
26-Mar-13	DD	David Robins	406.60	Bowling Green Maint
28-Mar-13	DD	British Gas Business	237.17	Supply of Electricity
28-Mar-13	DD	British Gas Business	25.01	Supply of Electricity
			36,007.91	Total for the Month

- b) Profiled Budgets
- c) Capital Reserves
- d) Bank Statements and Reconciliation

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

71 Items for Information

Cllr Lindsey Edwards reported on the recent meeting of the Adlington Focus Group where much of the meeting had been taken up with a discussion with the Director of Housing from Rykneld Homes since when the work to their homes had gone ahead right across the estate with resulting problems for residents over access and safe passage. Many residents were very unhappy and it was agreed that the Chairwoman and the Clerk should seek a meeting with the Director of Housing to see if there was any way of alleviation the problems.

Cllr Colin Berry reported the sad news of the recent death of a founder member and driving force of the Angling Association and said that if possible he would represent the Council at the funeral service. He relayed a request from the Association for the barrier to be raised at the car park to allow for extra cars for a forthcoming competition which was agreed by the Council. He also reported that the paint work on the ironwork at the boardwalk had now been completed and that anglers were being requested to make sure that their nets were kept clean due to a virus that was causing problems for fish.

72 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 5 June 2013.

73 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."

74 The Chairwoman reported on a meeting of the Finance Committee with the proprietor of the New Road Nursery. It was agreed that the previously stated decision be repeated together with detailed conditions.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 8.59 pm.