

## WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 November 2014

Present: Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Pat Antcliff

Cllr Kevin Broughton

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Lindsey Edwards

Cllr Stuart Ellis

Cllr Cecilia Harper

Cllr Dawn Hart

Cllr Chris Hutchings

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj

Cllr Peter O'Neill

Cllr Pam Robinson

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from DCC Cllr Barry Lewis.

#### 2. Variation of Order of Business

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

#### 3. Declarations of Members' Interest

There was one declaration of interest in addition to those already registered with the Elections Office. This was from Cllr Pat Antcliffe in respect of agenda item 9 (planning).

#### 4. Public Forum

There was a request from a member of the Hilltop Action Group requesting support in their attempt to oppose a proposed open cast operation at Clay Cross which was very close to a large number of homes. It was agreed to consider the matter on receipt of the latest planning application when circulated for consultation.

#### 5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meetings on 1 October and 22 October 2014 and were confirmed as true and correct records of the meetings.

#### 6. Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on a productive meeting of the Premises Committee and a meeting at Allendale Road to consider options for pieces of play equipment and a possible small MUGA. She had attended a service at the Church to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the restoration of the building and had been at the Council meeting about The Avenue which was both interesting and useful and which had opened a new line for liaison on developments on the site. A meeting of the District Council's Parish and Town Councils' Liaison Group had been poorly attended and there had also been meetings with the Wingerworth Barley Mow Football Club about concerns they were raising and with Streetscene about the layout of the stations for the outdoor exercise circuit adjacent to Allendale Road. Finally, the Chair relayed some of the comments and views from the NALC National Conference at Harrogate in connection with the desirability of having a mission statement or business plan and she circulated a draft business plan to Members which would be considered at the next meeting of the Council and thereafter could be delegated to the Standards Committee for consideration.

#### 7. Clerk's Report

##### a) Items for Information

1. Derbyshire Law Centre – AGM on Wednesday 12 November
2. Parishioner – request for details of activities for housebound elderly
3. NDVA – promotion of Winter Warm Packs
4. All Saints' Church – acceptance of offer to participate in Festival of Christmas Trees
5. Table Tennis Club – relationships with Council
6. Chesterfield Gospel Hall Trust – contribution of £150 towards purchase of speed gun
7. All Saints' Church – thank you card for donation towards the Festival of Christmas Trees
8. All Saints' Church – invitation to Chair to the Festival of Christmas Tress

Appreciation was expressed to the Chesterfield Gospel Hall Trust for the donation and the rest of the information was noted.

#### b) Items for Decision

1. Request Repairs to footpath alongside tennis courts – it was agreed that the Clerk look to remedy the problem given that the path was at times impassable and given also the damage resulting to the tennis courts when dirty water lapped onto the surface – in the event that it was likely to be expensive the matter would come back to the Council and the Clerk should meanwhile investigate some form of temporary improvement
2. Making safe tree on Wall Pond car park – the Clerk was authorised to act on the results of an inspection due to assess the state of the tree and any dangers posed to people and vehicles on the Council's car park as well as to the neighbouring house – NEDDC has been requested to inspect the tree and to check on its status as regards a possible TPO
3. Removal of reeds, weeds and other vegetation at Wall Pond – it was agreed the Clerk be authorised to commit up to £700 on much needed work at the pond which would be done in close consultation with the Angling Association – in the event that further expenditure was needed the Clerk would seek additional approval from Members
4. Wingerworth Community Festival 2015 – request for donation – it was agreed to donate £250 towards the Festival although the payment would be deferred until nearer the date of the Festival
5. DCC – request for comments on a claim to add a footpath in the Parish – there were no objections to this claim which was welcomed and the Clerk was asked to register support for the claim with the County Council

#### 8 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

##### a) Circulars

There were no circulars to report

#### 9 .Planning Matters

##### a) Applications

|         |  |                                      |
|---------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1401059 | 37 New Road                              | Pruning of one oak tree (TPO)        |
| 1401029 | 16 Wheatcroft Close                      | First floor and rear extensions      |
| 1400905 | A Land to rear of 40 to 42 Nethermoor Rd | Detached bungalow, garage and access |
| 1401055 | 8 Meadowside Close                       | External lift for disabled access    |
| 1401017 | Land between Stable Yard and Lodge Dr    | Reserved matters for one dwelling    |

A = amended application

The applications were noted.

##### b) Decisions

|         |    |                                       |   |
|---------|----|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1400688 | CA | Birch Croft, Bole Hill                | Alteration of alignment of driveway ...   |
| 1400743 | CA | 10 Adlington Avenue                   | Four semi- and one detached dwelling      |
| 1400851 | CA | 11 Wood Close                         | Rear extension                            |
| 1400855 | CA | Estate House, Wingerworth Hall Estate | Wooden stable on concrete base            |
| 1400909 | CA | 16 Rectory Drive                      | Pitched roof over garage for living space |

CA = Conditionally Approved

The decisions were noted.

#### 10 Accounts and Finance

##### a) Receipts and Payments – the payments for September 2014 were detailed.

| Date      | Reference | Payee                   | Amount | Detail                      |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| 01-Sep-14 | 5954      | British Gas             | 484.30 | Annual maintenance          |
| 01-Sep-14 | 5955      | PA Wibberley            | 75.00  | Repairs to cricket pavilion |
| 01-Sep-14 | 5956      | Rural Action Derbyshire | 40.00  | Playground course           |
| 01-Sep-14 | 5957      | Abel Alarm Company Ltd  | 72.42  | Service visit               |
| 08-Sep-14 | 5958      | Paul Smart              | 889.20 | Grounds maintenance         |
| 08-Sep-14 | 5959      | Woolley Moor Nurseries  | 300.00 | Floral display at Parish H  |
| 08-Sep-14 | 5960      | Abel Alarm Company Ltd  | 758.10 | Annual contract             |

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| 08-Sep-14 | 5961 | S Johnson & Son Ltd    | 22.91     | Environment items       |
| 08-Sep-14 | 5962 | Tesco Ltd              | 6.00      | Petrol for footpaths    |
| 29-Sep-14 | 5963 | Morrisons plc          | 2.58      | Plastic beakers         |
| 29-Sep-14 | 5964 | Blakemore Retail Ltd   | 15.01     | Fuel for Churchyard     |
| 29-Sep-14 | 5965 | PHS Group plc          | 83.94     | Annual waste trs notice |
| 29-Sep-14 | 5966 | Interserve FS (UK) Ltd | 355.78    | Watersafe contract      |
| 29-Sep-14 | 5967 | Canx                   | 0.00      | Cancelled cheque        |
| 29-Sep-14 | 5968 | Arden Winch & Co Ltd   | 78.32     | Cleaning materials      |
| 29-Sep-14 | DD   | David Robins           | 440.00    | Maint of bowling green  |
| 29-Sep-14 | SO   | NEDDC                  | 7,500.00  | Salaries and pensions   |
| 29-Sep-14 | CHG  | Royal Bank of Scotland | 15.18     | Bank charges            |
|           |      | Total for the month    | 11,138.74 |                         |

b) Profiled Budgets and Current Surplus/(Deficit) as at the end of September 2014

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

The receipts and payments had been circulated and were approved and the profiled budgets, bank statements and reconciliation were all noted after some queries about the high figure against profile for other costs in administration (which was largely the result of expenditure on the World War 1 Concert and which was more than offset by income which was similarly higher than the profiled figure) and a clarification on the overall net surplus for the year to date (which was made up of the total of the net surpluses on the recurrent and capital accounts).

#### 11 Items for Information

Cllr Chris Hutchings reported on the recent meeting of the Churchyard Committee when it had been decided to continue using skips to dispose of spoil.

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckj reported that NEDDC had requested a visit to see the operation at the Café WY.

Cllr Stuart Ellis reported on continuing work at the County Council to address budget matters which could have severe implications for areas such as Community Transport and the employment of street crossing staff. He referred to a petition being mounted to try and force a debate at the County Council about taking a stance on the many BOAT applications across the county. He also reported on what seemed to be good progress with Digital Derbyshire expanding internet connectivity across the county and good progress with the major Markham Vale development. There was not a lot to report on from NEDDC although there had been another meeting of the Joint Strategic Alliance the previous day and budgets for the next year would have to be set soon. He did feel that the Council was maintaining a close control on finances.

#### 12 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 3 December 2014.

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. Neighbourhood Plans and the acquisition and use of land.

Cllr Stuart Ellis summarised the work of Holymoorside & Walton Parish Council in going ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan and engaging a consultant. One reason was that if such a plan was in place before the Local Plan it might influence the Local Plan and another reason was that it may help in the event that the Council wanted to change the use of some of its land. When Members had previously considered the merits of producing a Neighbourhood Plan it had been decided not to do so because of the high cost and little perceived value which had been reinforced at the Harrogate Conference. However the Holymoorside initiative was believed to be almost totally funded with grant monies leaving the Parish Council with a residual cost in the order of £1,000. It was agreed to place the matter on the agenda for the next meeting by which time we would have more details on the cost (and funding opportunities) and some idea of the extent to which it would influence the Local Plan as well as clarifying what the Council wants from the plan.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 8.16pm.