

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 October 2014

Present: Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Pat Antcliff

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Stuart Ellis

Cllr Cecilia Harper

Cllr Chris Hutchings

Cllr Peter O'Neill

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Kevin Broughton, Cllr Lindsey Edwards, Cllr Dawn Hart, Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj and Cllr Pam Robinson as well as 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 were two declarations of interest in addition to those already registered with the Elections Office. One was from Cllr Pat Antcliffe in respect of agenda item 9 (planning) and the other was from Cllr Stuart Ellis in respect of agenda item 7.b.2 (political meetings).

4. Public Forum

A resident raised concerns about Japanese Knotweed which had been reported to the County Council who had undertaken to spray the outcrop although the knotweed still appeared to be flourishing. The outcrop was on the grass verge on Swathwick Lane on the village side of the junction with Slack Lane alongside a road sign. It was believed that this should be notified to DEFRA and the Clerk was requested to contact the County Council about treating or extracting the knotweed.

There was a query about progress with the planned medical centre and it was reported that building may well be commencing within a few months. Some concern was expressed about the dangerous state of the old and broken wire fencing around the old hard surface recreational area.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting on 3 September 2014 were confirmed as true and correct record of the meeting.

6. Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on walkabouts at both Adlington and Allendale with Rykneld Homes when the properties seemed in good order but where there were problems in the Adlington area with damaged pavements and potholes in the roads. The seat on the zip wire had been damaged as a result of a dog biting the rubber and needed replacing. She had been to the DALC AGM which had contained some interesting presentations including one on community action at Bamford to provide facilities for the village and she had attended meetings of the Premises Committee and Friends of the Park who had held two open meetings at the schools and as well as a group meeting. Cllr Ruff had participated in a Bolsover/NED action group that was seeking more funding to better engage local communities after a successful operation in Holymoorside. She took the opportunity to give notice of the 2015 Family Fun Day which was due to take place on Saturday 16 May.

7. Clerk's Report

a) Items for Information

1. Stretton Parish Council – update on purchase of speed gun and launch.
2. Speed Awareness Campaign – details of launch – the launch was on the following day at Clay Cross Police Station when Cllr Stuart Ellis and the Clerk would represent the Council.
3. NEDDC – Order of Diversion for Footpath No 5 (part) and No 6 (part).
4. DCC – Reply to concerns about state of hedges in Wingerworth.
5. DCC – Allocation of a Cat 2 Classification for requested action to cut back vegetation and improve visibility where footpath steps descend near Bole Hill junction.

6. Chesterfield BC – consultation on proposed changes to the Community Infrastructure Levy.
7. Rykneld Homes – offer of NIB funds to support the Outdoor Exercise Circuit.
8. aadefib.com – suggestions concerning the purchase of a defibrillator.

b) Items for Decision

1. Request for a donation towards the Christmas Tree Festival – confirmation of £50 donation.
2. Use of Parish Hall for political meetings – clarification of Council policy – it was agreed that the Parish Hall could be used (subject to availability) for a meeting by a candidate standing for election
3. DCC – consideration of application for a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) along Martins Lane – request for relevant evidence – there seemed to be good grounds for hoping that the application would fail but the Clerk was requested to contact the County Council to seek guidance on the criteria for granting a Traffic Regulation Order if needed to preserve the character of the track by avoiding any widening and any erosion of the bed or sides of the track.
4. Chartwell Fields – clarification on restrictions for use by motorised vehicles – it was agreed that the restriction should include all motorised vehicles other than those of approved contractors with the restriction including small children’s motorised mini-bikes.
5. Footpath 8 – contribution to costs of improving the section of the footpath over the Adlington field down to and including the boardwalk – it was agreed that the Council would provide the wire if the landowner was providing the posts and retainers.
6. Offer of a meeting about The Avenue Regeneration Project – the offer was welcomed and the Clerk was asked to liaise over the date..

8 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

a) Circulars

There were no circulars to report

9 .Planning Matters

a) Applications

1400743	10 Adlington Avenue	Proposed change to four units
1400763	Hanging Banks, Derby Road	Erection of 250 dwellings
1400836	Grass Verge, S of Martins Lane jct	Replacement of 12.5m mast
1400851	11 Wood Close	Rear extension
1400855	Estate House, Wingerworth Hall Est	Wooden stable on concrete base
1400905	Land to rear of 40/42 Nethermoor Rd	Detached bungalow, garage and access
1400909	16 Rectory Drive	Pitched roof over garage for living space

There was further discussion about 1400763 with some concerns reported on the position of the site and the access on to Derby Road which was believed to be hazardous when a less hazardous access could be achieved by linking to a new roundabout. Concerns over access had already be registered with the planning authority who had Highways as a statutory consultee to the plans and the Clerk undertook to emphasise these concerns.

The other applications were noted.

b) Decisions

1400725	CA	35 Deerpark Crescent	Single storey extension to rear and side +
	CA	= Conditionally Approved	

The decision was noted.

10 Accounts and Finance

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

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount	Detail
15-Aug-14	5941	Canx	0.00	Cancelled cheque
15-Aug-14	5942	Cllr C E Harper	144.00	Rail expenses for 4 Cllrs
15-Aug-14	5943	NEDDC	39.00	Printing charges
15-Aug-14	5944	GMS Ltd	30.00	Parts for strimmer
15-Aug-14	5945	Heron Publications Ltd	144.00	Council page in Wings
15-Aug-14	5946	Chesterfield Recycling	20.00	Shredding of papers

15-Aug-14	5947	Paul Smart	1,678.80	Grounds maintenance
15-Aug-14	5948	Blakemore Retail Ltd	15.03	Fuel for Churchyard
15-Aug-14	5949	Mr T Watts	5.99	2-stroke oil for Churchyard
15-Aug-14	5950	Safety Signs Ltd	34.98	Signs for Wall Pond
15-Aug-14	5951	NEDDC	1,228.03	Servicing of dog bins
15-Aug-14	5952	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window cleaning at PH
15-Aug-14	5953	Cllr D Ruff	450.00	Chair's Allowance 3 Quarters
15-Aug-14	DD	David Robins	440.00	Maintenance of bowling green
15-Aug-14	SO	NEDDC	7,500.00	Salaries and pensions
15-Aug-14	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	32.77	Bank charges
		Total for the month	11,788.64	

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

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

The receipts and payments had been circulated and were approved.

The profiled budgets, bank statements and reconciliation were all noted.

11 Items for Information

Cllr Vince Causey conveyed concerns about drainage at the allotments and it was agreed that the Clerk inspect the problem and engage a contractor to make good any damage at a cost to the Council.

Cllr Stuart Ellis reported that the County Council was still having to look at cutting expenditure and there were worries about a reduction or even phasing out of funding to support community transport which could well jeopardise some of the schemes that relied on this support.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 5 November 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. Financial Aspects of Building a New Parish Hall

The Chair reported on a very productive meeting of the Premises Committee when an architect had agreed to work on a tighter briefing and report back with a scheme and outline costings. There was a brief discussion of some of the financial implications of both a new build and the operation of facilities and activities.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 8.42pm.