

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 October 2012

Present: Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)
Cllr Vince Causey Cllr Brian Flude
Cllr Lindsey Edwards Cllr Dawn Hart
Cllr Stuart Ellis Cllr Chris Hutchings
with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

111 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Pat Antcliff, Cllr Colin Berry, Cllr Cecilia Harper, Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj and Cllr Peter O'Neill.

112 Variation of Order of Business

It was agreed that agenda item 7.b.1 be brought forward to avoid a lengthy wait for the visiting architect.

113 Declarations of Members' Interest

There were no declarations of interest other than those already registered on the Interest Forms held at District Council.

114 Public Forum

PCSO Mike Coates had tendered apologies for being absent from the meeting and for being unable to supply a report.

Two parishioners raised concerns about the increasing untidiness of the village over recent years including a lack of care with grassed areas and hedges. There was also concern about situations where a business was carried out from a residence and where this led to an unsightly scene.. The concerns over the general untidiness were echoed by another parishioner who referred to overgrown vegetation alongside footpaths.

115 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

116 Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on the one-day NALC Conference at Sheffield which covered a number of contemporary matters including neighbourhood plans, the community right to buy, the community right to challenge and standards. One presentation covered the work behind the Upper Eden Neighbourhood Development Plan 2012-25 which could well provide a template for a Wingerworth plan. There was reference to external funding available to councils who were intending to produce a neighbourhood plan.

Other meetings in the past month included a meeting with the New Road Nursery and with the Mother and Toddler Group who had suffered with a serious leakage of rainwater into a store area. There had been some concern about changes to the land near the sheepwash which could restrict access to a hedge, but it appeared that a new wall had planning permission. Finally, Shirland and Higham Parish Council had been in touch about a merger with Wingerworth Parish Council although it seemed certain that this was confused with changes to Derbyshire County Council seats which had been the subject of extensive consultations.

117 Clerk's Report

a) Matters of Information

1. Interim report on the scoping exercise for the Parish Hall by Jillian Mitchell RIBA of Project Logistics Architecture Ltd – a report was presented offering a range of solutions to a series of restrictions at the Parish Hall with options including refurbishing, re-modeling and a re-build – the report was welcomed and it was agreed that the contents be considered in more detail by the Premises Committee who would develop a premises strategy for consideration by the Council with such further involvement by the architect as agreed by the Council
2. Audit Commission – Appointment of External Auditors from 2012/13 – Grant Thornton was the Council's external auditors following appointment by the Audit Commission.
3. Woodland Trust – Successful application for Community Tree Pack

4. Parishioner – Concern about damage to trees by gas contractors
5. Parishioner – Concern about overgrown grassed area alongside Longedge Lane
6. District Council – Explanation of sudden cancellation of Wingerworth Community Partnership meeting (and Safer Neighbourhood Team) on 19 September – there was considerable dissatisfaction over both the sudden cancellation and the reasons given for the cancellation and it was agreed that the Clerk should no longer advertise these meeting and that a request be forwarded to the effect that the Safer Neighbourhood Team meetings should be re-established as stand-alone meetings
7. District Council – Notification of cancellation of The Avenue Community Representatives Group on 17 September
8. County Council – Temporary road closure of Longedge Lane 17-31 October
9. BCN Consultancy – Name change – Branlee House to Kumando, Hardwick Wood
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11. BCN Consultancy – New name – Barker Cottage, Barker Lane
12. Wingerworth Horticultural Society – Concern about ending of floral display
13. Wingerworth Horticultural Society – Request for information about involving local societies in new floral displays – the interest was welcomed and it was agreed that the Chairwoman advise the group
14. County Council – YMCA's New2U recycling scheme for household electrical items with free collection on 29 September (with 10 mile radius of Chesterfield)
15. County Council – Young Achievers Awards 2012
16. Graysons, Solicitors – Claim on behalf of client for personal injuries and consequential damages in connection with a tripping accident – the documentation had been forwarded on to the Council's insurers although the failure of the solicitors to include the photographs referred to in their letter meant that there was some doubt over the precise location of the alleged incident

b) Items for Decision

1. Signing of agreement with District Council for a Licence for Floral Display at Adlington's half circle – it was agreed that the Council sign the licence
2. Membership of Parish Snow Warden Scheme 2012/13 – it was agreed that the Council participate in the scheme subject to the County Council accepting the Council's neighbourhood group scheme
3. Appointment of representative and substitute from Council on the newly constituted The Avenue Community Representatives Group – it was agreed that the Chairwoman be the Council's representative on this group with the Vice Chairwoman acting as substitute as and when needed – it was hoped that the Adlington Focus Group would warrant representation on the group – there was some concern about who determined the nature of the group and who established its constitution as well as the reporting mechanism and the Clerk was asked to seek answers to these queries
4. Engagement of District Council or private contractor for the planting of 105 trees divided Adlington field, Allendale field and Chartwell field – it was noted that there was a possibility of volunteers organising the planting of these trees and a probability that the Footpath Volunteers would be willing to do at least some of the work – in the meantime there was a meeting with District Council about the way forward and it was agreed that if necessary the Clerk be authorised to place an order for some or all of the work with the District Council or an appropriate contractor if necessary
5. Development of proposals to create a wild flower meadow on Chartwell field – it was agreed that the matter be investigated with a report back to Council
6. Consideration of investing funds in a fixed term higher rate account – the matter was referred on to the Finance Committee with a request that the matter be considered and that recommendations be submitted to the Council at a later date.

118 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

a) Circulars

1. 40/2012 – Community Right to Challenge; Cash boost for Neighbourhood Planning;
2. PAYE changes; Consultation of DCC's PROW Improvement Plan; Future of Section 106; CiCLA General Power of Competence training
3. 41/2012 – Auditor appointments; English Heritage's Local Plan guidance; Cumbria Neighbourhood Plan approved; Lottery Small Grants; Planting the need for community grown food

4. 41/2012 – Standing Orders; Quality Council status; Electoral Review of Derbyshire – final recommendations; Council Tax base and funding for precepting authorities

The circulars were noted.

b) Other Matters

There were no other matters

119 Planning Matters

a) Applications

1200675	78 Longedge Lane (land adjacent)	Erection of new house & access + ...
1200646	The Old Stables, 4 Birdholme House	Listed Building Consent for new flue
1200821	7 Ridd Way	Dormer window to rear sloped roof Variation for lights to 10pm 20 times/year
1200858	Parkhouse FC, Coupe Lane	
1200815	74 Davids Drive	Replace rear ext and garage with new ...

The Clerk was asked raise concerns with planners about access issues in connection with application 1200675. It was felt that the new access which involved digging into a bank on a narrow road close to a junction would significantly worsen the local streetscene by the removal of such a large amount of bank which was an attractive and characteristic feature of the lane

b) Decisions

1200693	CA 52 Davids Drive	Raised pitched roof and garage to front
1200344	CA Land at Jnct Oak C, Central D, Adale	5 New Houses
1200657	CA 9 New Road	Replace of conservatory with extension
1200663	CA 27 Central Drive	Side estension and side/rear orangery

CA = Conditional Agreement A = Agreement W = Withdrawn R = Refused

The decision was noted.

c) Other Matters

There were no other matters.

120 Accounts and Finance

a) Receipts and Payments – the payments for the previous month were detailed.

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount (£s)	Detail
16-Aug-12	5464	Graffiti Away	54.00	Removal of Graffiti
16-Aug-12	5465	Heron Publications Ltd	576.00	Council Pages & Report
16-Aug-12	5466	GMS Ltd	289.01	Strimmer for Churchyard
16-Aug-12	5467	Arden Winch & Co Ltd	340.06	Cleaning Materials
16-Aug-12	5468	D&P Garden Services	425.00	Work at Wall Pond
16-Aug-12	5469	British Gas Business	470.79	Supply of Gas to Parish H
16-Aug-12	5470	Abel Alarm Company Ltd	37.20	Service of Fire Alarm
16-Aug-12	5471-76	Staff	4,754.99	Salary and Expenses
16-Aug-12	5477	HM Revenue & Custom	1,553.62	NI and Tax
16-Aug-12	5478	Derbyshire CC	753.65	LGPS Payments
16-Aug-12	5479	Canx Cheque	0.00	Cancelled Cheque
16-Aug-12	5480	Birdholme SS	16.25	Fuel and Oil for Churchyd
16-Aug-12	5481	Canx Cheque	0.00	Cancelled Cheque
16-Aug-12	5482	NALC	348.00	Sheffield Conference
16-Aug-12	5483	Wingerworth Garden Cent	186.00	Pallet of Bagged Grit
16-Aug-12	5484	P Wibberley	138.00	Repairs to Roof and Bench
16-Aug-12	5485	Wingerworth S Cricket C	200.00	Refund of Deposit
16-Aug-12	5486	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window Cleaning
16-Aug-12	5487	NEDDC	377.17	New Dog Bin
16-Aug-12	5488	Bitz 'n' Pc'z	405.00	Annual Service + Repairs
16-Aug-12	DD	AOL Services	22.96	Internet Services
16-Aug-12	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	27.83	Bank Charges
16-Aug-12	DD	David Robins	406.60	Bowling Green Maintenance
16-Aug-12	DD	British Gas Business	171.17	Supply of Electricity

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

The receipts and payments for August 2012 had been circulated and were approved. The profiled budgets were noted as were the bank statements and bank reconciliation. It was confirmed that the profiled line for expenditure on grit was blank as the expenditure was against a nil budget but that this would be resolved in the next month's report as the budget figure kicked in for the September profile. The Clerk agreed to provide more detail of the capital credits received to date. .

121 Items for Information

Cllr Chris Hutchings presented a report from the Churchyard Committee that had met earlier in the week. The wet summer had made the maintenance of the ground much more difficult and there were problems with some sinkages that were due to be addressed by a Church working party. Some concerns had been registered about litter being discarded, particularly in neighbouring properties, and the parking of a skip near the entrance to the car park. The skip was used for spoil which had to be removed but it had damaged a section of grass as well as being intrusive. The PCC had been asked to resolve the problem.

There were a number of matters requiring attention at the bowling green which were being dealt with by the Clerk.

Cllr Lindsey Edwards reported on the continuing work of the Adlington Focus Group. A number of concerns about planning proposals in and around The Avenue had been submitted to the planning department and there were a number of concerns about the work which had now commenced on some of the Trusteel homes.

122 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 7 November 2012.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 8.49pm.