

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 September 2012

Present: Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Pat Antcliff	Cllr Brian Flude
Cllr Colin Berry	Cllr Cecilia Harper
Cllr Vince Causey	Cllr Dawn Hart
Cllr Lindsey Edwards	Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj
Cllr Stuart Ellis	Cllr Peter O'Neill
	with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

99 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Chris Hutchings..

100 Variation of Order of Business

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

101 Declarations of Members' Interest

There was one declaration of personal interest – from Cllr Brian Flude on planning application 1200600 under agenda item 9 as he lived next to the proposed development.

102 Public Forum

PCSO Mike Coates had provided a report covering the two previous months which detailed eight calls concerning anti-social behaviour, five of which related to motorcycles in Hanging Bank Wood. In addition, there were two instances of nuisance behaviour at the Allendale Road fields and a report of damage to a scarecrow on Deerpark Crescent that was part of the Well Dressing week. In the same period there were eleven reported crimes including six thefts, one burglary, three assaults (including two involving police officers) and one case of damage to horse equipment.

A member of the public expressed concern about the growth of vegetation at various points in the village which included the overgrown hedges where two footpaths exited onto roads. One was opposite the Barley Mow pub and the other was opposite the bottom of Bole Hill and in both cases the combination of the speed of traffic and the restricted visibility posed a safety hazard for walkers. Cllr Stuart Ellis was asked if he could liaise with the County Council department as he had done the previous year. Another member of the public expressed concern about the location of a recycling bin at the Edinburgh Court shops as this blighted the outlook from his home. It was felt that there was little that the Council could do given that the bin was on private land although the Clerk agreed to contact the shop about a possible relocation of the bin.

103 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting subject only to the addition of PCSO Mike Coates' full name in minute 90.

104 Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on her attendance at two of the Adlington Focus Group meetings and paid tribute to the commitment of the relatively small number of residents who regularly attended these meetings. She had attended the executive meeting and the AGM of DALC on 1 September, which was poorly attended, and along with other Members she had been at the Taylor Wimpey meeting where she felt that the plans were interesting and in many ways promising although there was concern about the impact of the proposed development on local roads. Along with two other Members, she had been present throughout the NEDDC planning exhibition at the Parish Hall on 6 September which had attracted more than 70 residents of whom nine submitted comments to the Parish Council.

She had received complaints about the amount of noise from youngsters playing in the Churchyard and a further complaint about an increasing number of plots at the allotments which were in a very poor state. There had been a complaint about a junior team training on the Allendale pitch but this was on a temporary basis and it was accepted that this was not unreasonable. Finally she reported on the intention of the Festival Group to go ahead next year with a programme of events including a Fun Day on Monday 27 May.

a) Matters of Information

1. District Council – Decision about the removal of recycling banks
2. Police – Report on graffiti at and around cricket pavilion
3. Parishioner – Concern about new entrance and implications opposite allotments
4. NEDDC – Reply to Council's concerns about parish boundaries and The Avenue
5. NEDDC – Intention to repair hole to footpath off Longedge Lane
6. Parish Church – Suggestions for this year's Remembrance Day – there had been a suggestion that the Council's event be linked to the service at the Parish Church given that the eleventh day fell on a Sunday, possibly with a procession between the Church and the Parish Hall. It was agreed that the Council should continue to stage its own event as had been the case the last time that the eleventh day fell on a Sunday and as had already been arranged for the current year. The Council was keen to liaise with the Church on any other aspects and it was agreed that Cllr Lindsey Edwards would represent the Council at the Church service that day.
7. NEDDC – DaleDiva Charity Concert at Ashover – Saturday 8 September
8. NEDDC – Annual Brass Band Festival at Dronfield – Saturday 15 September
9. NEDDC – District and Parish Liaison Meeting – Wednesday 31 October
10. NEDDC – Notification of approval of licence for floral display at Adlington
11. NEDDC – Response on concerns about the state of grass verges in Wingerworth
12. Parishioner – Concern about growth of vegetation around the Wall Pond
13. Parishioner – Offer to help with a litter pick and tidy-up of Wingerworth
14. BT plc – Correspondence about payphone on Longedge Lane
15. Concerns about dumping of large quantities of material in litter bins
16. HMRC - Approval of Council's VAT reclaim for 2011/12
17. Audit Commission – Unqualified report for Council's financial management 2011/12
18. CiLCA - Notification of achievement of quality qualification – the Chair congratulated the Clerk on his success in gaining the award which would be of benefit to the Council
19. Parishioner – Complaint about amplified music in Hardwick Wood
20. Parishioner – Complaint about uncut grass between trees alongside Longedge Lane

b) Items for Decision

1. Co-option of a Councillor – it was unanimously agreed that Kevin Broughton be co-opted back onto the Council now that he had completed his term of office on the Standards Committee.
2. Adoption of a code of conduct – it was agreed to adopt the NEDDC version of a code of conduct that complied with the latest regulations and requirements placed on local councils given that the Council could review this decision in the future
3. Approval for the Clay Cross Angling Association to complete the netting of fish in the Island Pond in Spring 2013 – this was deferred pending the receipt of further information from the Association
4. Clarification over decision to make a donation towards the annual bonfire and fireworks display in Wingerworth – it had been agreed at the previous meeting that the Council make a donation equivalent to the one made in 2011 and that this was £350 rather than the £250 that had been the level of donation up to 2010 – this meant that the donation for 2012 was £350.
5. Request for donation – NEDDC Chair's Charity 2012-13 – in keeping with previous practice, it was agreed that a donation of £50 be made to the Chair's Charity 2012-13
6. Request for donation – National Mining Museum's Memorial Garden – it was decided not to make a donation
7. NEDDC – Allocation of Council's football pitches – it was agreed that the only application for use of the Allendale pitch the 2012-13 football season, which was from the Wingerworth Barley Mow FC, be approved
8. Wingerworth Allotment Holders' Association – Request for help in purchasing mower – it was agreed that the Council make a contribution of £50 towards the £450 purchase

- price of a new mower for use at the Council's allotments given that it had been agreed that the Council could borrow the machine in the event that the Council's mowers at the Church were ever out of commission
9. Repairs to fencing at Council's tennis courts – there were increasing concerns about the protective fencing at the tennis courts which had been damaged by intruders going under and over, and in once case, through the fencing to gain access to the courts – discussions were in progress with the tennis club about some new and stronger form of fencing and it was agreed that the Clerk investigates the costs of various options with a view to enabling Members to take a decision on how to proceed – it was accepted that this could be a major expenditure item but it was accepted that it was important to protect the newly resurfaced court from being damaged by vandalism or improper use
 10. DCC – Offer to restock grit bins and details of future purchased of grit – it was agreed that the Council would continue to make its own arrangements as in previous years
 11. DCC – Offer of sale of stock of filled or empty sandbags – it was agreed to decline the offer given the absence of suitable storage facilities
 12. Community Group - It was agreed to accept the offer of an outdoor seat if it could be sited on the existing base at the junction of Longedge Lane and New Road subject to it being firmly secured and subject also to the Brethren agreeing to maintain the seat in a good condition.
 13. DCC – Expression of views on new Rights of Way Improvement Plan – agreed that the Clerk should submit any comments or observations made by the Footpaths Committee
 14. Confirmation of appointment of Project Logistics to undertake a feasibility study of possible changes to the Parish Hall – it was agreed that the architect should make a presentation on the re-scoping exercise at the Parish Hall with an extension of the study to include the possibility of new premises
 15. NEDDC – Order for supply, erection, decking and removal of Christmas Tree – it was agreed the NEDDC continue to undertake this work
 16. All Saints Church – commitment to decking of a tree for the Tree Festival – it was agreed that the Chair and volunteering Members deck the sponsored tree to represent the role of the Parish Council in the community
 17. DALC - Casting of vote with for representative on NEDDC's Standards Committee – agreed to vote for Cllr Diana Ruff
 18. Attachment of trainee clerk – agreed to permit Ms CM Taylor to be attached to the Council for the purposes of training within the NALC's CiLCA programme subject to their being no cost to the Council and with the Clerk's agreement to take on a mentoring role at no cost.

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a) Circulars

1. 30/2012 – Right to build funding available to parish councils; Provision of iPads for Councillors; Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy Consultation
2. 32/2012 – Simplification of Neighbourhood Planning Referendum question; NALC Response to draft Central/Local Government Concordat; Retirement of Brian Wood
3. 34/2012 – Concerns over funding arrangements for localising support for Council Tax
4. 35/2012 – Revised template for code of conduct; DCC's Community Buildings Grant
5. 36/2012 – Community right to challenge; Floor Protection Agency – new online flood portal; CPRE campaign about roadside litter; Natural England – Paths for Communities; Inspired Facilities Fund; Big Lottery Fund
6. 37/2012 – New recommended agenda for parish councils; Council payments; Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge; Outdoor play areas
7. 38/2012 – DALC AGM; Updating of payment rules; Paths for Communities (P4C); Planning for a healthy and natural environment; BT's Community Connection Programme; Plan to reduce rural speed limits

b) Other Matters

Members felt the special training session on the Localism Act had been very useful. Brian Wood's retirement from DALC was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk should convey to Mr Wood their appreciation for his outstanding service whilst at DALC and their best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

107 Planning Matters

a) Applications

1200608	SE of Junct at Spitewinter	Retention of amendments to garage
1200600	Land off Deerlands n Nethermoor Rd	51 new dwellings with access plus ...
1200547	Corner of Stubbing and Steep Lane	New block and retention of caravan
1200627	Belfit Hill Farm, Birkin Lane	Construction of straw barn
1200641	67 Longedge Lane	New vehicular access
1200344	Land at Jnct Oak C, Central D, A'dale	4 New Houses (change from 6)
1200657	9 New Road	Replace of conservatory with extension
1200672	12 Nethermoor Road	Two storey side ext + porch + new access
1200663	27 Central Drive	Side extension and side/rear orangery
1200630	58 Longedge Lane	Erection of 4 bed house, garage, access
1200693	52 Davids Drive	Raised pitched roof and garage to front
1200717	The Former Avenue Site	EIA Scoping Opinion Request
1200752	Cottagehill Farm and nr The Avenue	EIA Scoping Opinion Request
1200744	Wingerworth, Clay Cross, Grassmoor	Work to 213 dwellings
1200711	Land Rear of 11-31 Wellspring Close	Construction of new dwelling (Revised)
1200712	Swathwick Cottage. Swathwick Lane	Replacement Front and Rear Gateposts+

The Clerk was asked to make sure that the Council's previously expressed concerns in connection with application 1200600 would continue to be taken into account insofar as they had not been satisfactorily addressed in the revised application. It was pointed out that application 1200344 had been reduced to five rather than four residences and it was agreed that the previously expressed concerns to the plans with six residences be repeated to the planning officer. Concerns were expressed about application 1200672 as it was believed that the plans would endanger trees covered by TPOs. There were also concerns at the wide splay of the access and fears that trees covered by TPOs had already been either lopped or felled. The Clerk was asked to raise these concerns with the planners. Given the adverse impact on the local streetscene of an earlier application to raise a pitched roof the Clerk was asked to seek assurances that that the height of the roof in application 1200693 would be in keeping with the general appearance of the houses in the vicinity.

b) Decisions

1200491	CA 33 Nottingham Drive	Erection of detached bungalow
1200430	W Pearce Lane Farm, Pearce Lane	Erection on new dwelling
1200440	W Rear of 11-31 Wellspring Close	Construction of New Dwelling
1200497	CA 241 Longedge Lane	Single storey garden room plus ...
1200627	A Belfit Hill Farm, Birkin Lane	Construction of straw barn
1200572	CA 12 Setts Way	Second floor extension to rear
1200608	CA SE of Junct at Spitewinter	Retention of amendments to garage
1200706	A 241 Longedge Lane	Single storey garden room plus (Amend)

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

The decisions were noted.

c) Other Matters

The main concerns about the District Council's initial document on the development of a Local Plan related to the amount of new housing and other commercial, industrial and infrastructure developments both in Wingerworth and neighbouring parishes that would rely on the already overcrowded A61 Derby Road. It was felt that this would create major traffic problems with the attendant risks for safe travel and for emergency vehicles.

The Clerk was asked to stress the Council's opposition to any use of greenbelt land for new housing and its preference for new developments to be on brownfield rather than greenfield sites as well as its opposition to any extension of the current village envelope.

The main concerns to the District Council's consultation on proposals for The Avenue related to the impact of such a large development on the already overcrowded A61 Derby Road and the overspill impact on Wingerworth with ever more traffic seeking to detour through the village to avoid the A61. It was felt that a feasibility study should be undertaken to examine other options and costs of lessening what was likely to be a chronically paralyzed road traffic situation with all of the associated problems including access for emergency vehicles. Other options should include a connection over or under the main railway line to the less crowded roads to the east of the railway. The more detailed concerns being submitted by the Adlington Focus Group were summarised by Cllr Lindsey Edwards and the general sentiments were endorsed.

The Taylor Wimpey proposals concerning the first phase of The Avenue developments were generally welcomed as regards the style and layout of the site and the relatively low density of housing but there were concerns about the impact on traffic on the A61 Derby Road and even though the introduction of two roundabouts may be helpful there was concern at the expected lengthy delay in building the second of these.

108 Accounts and Finance

a) Receipts and Payments

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount (£s)	Detail
06-Jun-12	5424	British Gas Business	656.96	Gas Supply
06-Jun-12	5425	CPRE	29.00	Annual Subscription
06-Jun-12	5426	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window Cleaning
06-Jun-12	5427	DALC	75.00	Council Training Seminar
06-Jun-12	5428	S Johnson & Son Ltd	34.97	Environment Items
06-Jun-12	5429	Heron Publications Ltd	144.00	Wings Page
18-Jun-12	5430	DCHC	50.00	Donation
18-Jun-12	5431-6	Staff	4,619.69	Salary and Expenses
18-Jun-12	5437	HM Revenue & Custom	1,547.27	NI and Tax
18-Jun-12	5438	Derbyshire CC	1,070.34	LGPS Payments
18-Jun-12	5439	Alfred Jones Ltd	25.03	Fuel and Oil for Churchyard
18-Jun-12	5440	Plantscape Ltd	288.00	Floral Display
22-Jun-12	DD	AOL Services	21.80	Internet Services
22-Jun-12	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	24.77	Bank Charges
22-Jun-12	DD	David Robins	406.60	Bowling Green Maintenance
22-Jun-12	DD	Rentokil Initial	153.04	Watersafe Contract
22-Jun-12	DD	Public Works Loan Board	1,543.99	Loan Repayment
			10,716.50	Total for the Month
04-Jul-12	5441	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window Cleaning
04-Jul-12	5442	Prestige Street Furniture	102.00	Repairs to Bus Shelter
04-Jul-12	5443	Graffiti Away	288.00	Removal of Graffiti
04-Jul-12	5444	SLCC	150.00	Quality Registration
16-Jul-12	5445	Birdholme SS	6.00	Fuel for Footpaths
16-Jul-12	5446	NEDDC	22,819.87	Grounds Maintenance
16-Jul-12	5447	Cllr D Ruff	150.00	Chairperson's Allowance
16-Jul-12	5448	3rd Wingerworth Scouts	250.00	Donation
16-Jul-12	5449	Wingerworth Well Dress	250.00	Donation
16-Jul-12	5450	S Johnson & Son Ltd	24.53	Environment Items
16-Jul-12	5451-6	Staff	4,426.51	Salary and Expenses
16-Jul-12	5457	HM Revenue & Custom	1,431.27	NI and Tax
16-Jul-12	5458	Derbyshire CC	753.65	LGPS Payments
16-Jul-12	5459	Birdholme SS	25.01	Fuel and Oil for Churchyard
16-Jul-12	5460	Print Shack	72.00	Signs for Cricket Ground
16-Jul-12	5461	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window Cleaning
16-Jul-12	5462	NEDDC	260.78	Trade Waste Collection
16-Jul-12	5463	GMS Ltd	20.17	Repairs to Strimmer
23-Jul-12	DD	AOL Services	21.54	Internet Services
23-Jul-12	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	23.41	Bank Charges
23-Jul-12	DD	David Robins	406.60	Bowling Green Maintenance
23-Jul-12	DD	British Gas Business	1,023.59	Supply of Electricity
23-Jul-12	DD	BT Services	71.37	Phone Connections
			32,628.38	Total for the Month

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

The receipts and payments for June and July 2012 had been circulated and were approved. The profiled budgets were noted as were the bank statements and bank reconciliation. The Clerk was asked to investigate options for securing an increase in interest earned on the reserves such as the placing of a proportion of the reserves in a fixed term, higher interest account.

109 Items for Information

Cllr Brian Flude detailed a number of areas for attention around the bowling green including damage to the roof from cricket balls and the worsening condition of both the car park and the access road. There had been an offer to fill in the worst of the depressions in the car park if some limestone chippings could be provided although a preferred option may be to tarmac the whole of the parking area.

Cllr Vince Causey conveyed the appreciation of the Tennis Club over the Council's rapid action in removing the graffiti that had been daubed on and around the pavilion.

Cllr Colin Berry stated that the overgrown vegetation continued to be a source of complaint and it was hoped that NEDDC could soon clear the area and also look to lop off the lower branches of a tree that were used by youngsters to climb on to upper branches where there was a risk of falling into the pond. There was also an issue about grass cuttings being dumped near the pond.

Cllr Lindsey Edwards reported on the meetings of the Adlington Focus Group, one of which had featured a representative from Rykneld Homes who had taken time to talk through the concerns of many residents about the problems associated with the Trusteel houses.

Cllr Stuart Ellis reported on a satisfactory state of affairs at the County Council where it appeared that there would be an underspend of some £25 million on an annual budget of £499 million although the situation going forward was going to pose major challenges with savings of the order of some £125 million likely to be necessary over the next five years. There was also likely to be an underspend on the NEDDC accounts for the last financial year although they were also being forced to make major savings over the next five years in the light of which the joint strategic alliance with Bolsover was becoming increasingly important. This alliance was expected to surpass its targeted saving of £1.5 million in the first three years and was likely to generate more savings with further developments such as the possible merging of the two Environmental Services departments. He also reported on a further tranche of capital funding from the HCA for Rykneld Homes amounting to £20 million.

110 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 3 October 2012.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 8.53pm.