

## WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 September 2013

#### Present:

	Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)	
Cllr Pat Antcliff		Cllr Cecilia Harper
Cllr Colin Berry		Cllr Dawn Hart
Cllr Kevin Broughton		Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj
Cllr Vince Causey		Cllr Peter O'Neill
Cllr Lindsey Edwards		Cllr Pam Robinson
Cllr Brian Flude		with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

#### 103 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Stuart Ellis and Cllr Chris Hutchings

#### 104 Variation of Order of Business

There was no variation of order of business.

#### 105 Declarations of Members' Interest

There were no declarations of interest other than those recorded with NEDDC's Elections Office apart from declarations from Cllrs Pat Antcliff (Agenda items 9 and 7.a.2), Brian Flude (7.a.1) and Pam Robinson (9).

#### 106 Public Forum

County Councillor Barry Lewis had tendered apologies at being unable to attend the meeting.

PCSO Mike Coates introduced Emily Sunderland who was the new Rural Beat Officer and then detailed crimes in the Parish over the past two months of which there were eleven including four thefts from motor vehicles. However there was only one reported incident of anti social behaviour and this related to motor cycles in the Chartwell Wood. He also presented details of a wide range of offences arising of an Operation Safe Drive event on the A61 for a few hours one day in August when a number of agencies collaborated in checks on vehicles and drivers with 65 recorded offences including safety and licensing issues.

Parishioners raised concerns about signs near the junction of Speighthill Crescent and Windsor Drive indicating children at play where it seemed dangerous to have what could be taken as a safe zone for children to play when there were often delivery vehicles parked for long periods.

Another parishioner raised concerns about the use of weedkiller and dye in the Lido as even if safe for fish it did kill algae and thereby impacted on the eco-system with possible consequences for the water flowing on to the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Land over the A61.

Another parishioner requested that the County Council be asked to do more by way of hedge cutting and trimming in the Parish now that it was the season for this work since so many hedges were badly overgrown and often restricting visibility whether as regards views along the road or scenic views from the road.

#### 107 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

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

#### 108 Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on an enjoyable and well attended event at the Tennis Club when the various funding bodies had been thanked for all the work at the courts. Members of the Premises Committee had met with a planning officer about the proposed new build of a Parish Hall and there had been presentations from Focus Consultants and the County Council about initial work on feasibility and shaping issues. Two meetings with the New Road Nursery had been positive about ways of going forward. In addition she had dealt with numerous complaints about irresponsible parking and some complaints about horse manure left on pavements. On a brighter note, she had been in contact with a highly regarded nursery about floral displays and this would be considered by the Floral Group.

#### 109 Clerk's Report

##### a) Matters of Information

1. Natascha Engel MP – Relaying of concerns over future of the nursery
2. Parishioners – Grave concern over neighbour's approved extension
3. Footpath volunteers – update on developments with footpaths
4. Parishioner – Dangers posed by demolished street lamp on Central Drive
5. Parishioner – Danger of uneven pavement between Swathwick Lane and Hilltop Road
6. Walker – Continuing concern over failure to reinstate footpath
7. Parishioner – Concern over possible closure of nursery
8. Parishioner – Concern over heavy use of weed killer on grass verges
9. NEDDC – Annual Brass Band Festival on Saturday 7 September at Dronfield
10. DCC – Fostering Focus event
11. Public Health Development Worker – Offer to make a presentation to Council
12. Londoner – Request for information on family history associated with the 17th century iron works at the Smithypool
13. Parishioner – Concern and warning about dangers or irresponsible parking at Heathfield Close
14. Parishioner – Complaint about dog fouling at Chartwell play area
15. DCC – Warning about need for permits for floral displays or seasonal decorations
16. DCC – Confirmation of places at WRAP seminar
17. DCC and Derbyshire Probation Trust – Offer of help with clean-ups
18. CBC – Adoption of Local Plan: Core Strategy 2011-2031
19. RBS – Investigation into online banking system for parish councils
20. RBS – Indicative loan figures for new build borrowing
21. DCC – Snow Warden training
22. Lowland Biodiversity Programme – Newsletter for Summer 2013

There was a suggestion that the Derbyshire Probation Trust be invited to undertake some work cutting back vegetation and generally tidying up the Setts Path which was in need of attention. The rest of the correspondence was noted.

b) Items for Decision

1. Feasibility Study for New Build – confirmation of decision to proceed with DCC at a cost of £2,000 to include all related expenses – it was confirmed that the work be commissioned with the County Council
2. New Letting Agreement with New Road Nursery – confirmation of the new agreement including new rate and extension of hours as well as detailed conditions and warranties – it was confirmed that Council approved the new hiring arrangement
3. Application of hire of Allendale Football Pitch – confirmation of decision relayed to NEDDC giving approval for use of pitch in 2013/14 season – it was agreed that the Wingerworth Barley Mow FC be approved for use of this pitch by one team for the forthcoming football season
4. Wingerworth Tennis Club – proposal for the club to take over the general maintenance of the courts at half the costs previously paid by the Council (£350 against £700) – it was agreed that the Clerk confirm this arrangement
5. Wingerworth Tennis Club – request to use the whole pavilion when not is use for cricket or football – a concern from the cricket club about the possible clash with impromptu events was noted but it was felt that the tennis club should have access to the main part of the pavilion as this would provide more shelter for members in inclement weather and especially during thunderstorms – given the concern expressed by the cricket club it was suggested that the Clerk ask the cricket club and the tennis club representatives together with the football club to discuss a way forward which would enable the tennis club to have access without interrupting or interfering with the use of the facility by the other two clubs
6. 2013/14 National Salary Awards – decision on adopting the nationally agreed increases in salaries with effect from 1 April 2013 – it was agreed that the awards be implemented as per the national agreement
7. Loose alignment of local parish councils in enforcement procedures for dog fouling, litter and flytipping – decision to collaborate with District Council with initial cost of £200 – it was agreed that the Council commit £200 to the initiative and then monitor developments

8. NEDDC Chair's Charity – request to make a donation to the 2013/14 appeal with proceeds going to the Children's Hospital Charity – the Clerk was authorised to make a £50 donation

110 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

a) Circulars

1. 13/2013 – Website Members' Area; Press and Public Videoing and Tweeting at Council meetings; Local Council Administration; Unlocking the Power; DALC Annual Meetings; Training; Wind Turbines; Parish Council Annual Returns; Healthwatch Derbyshire
2. 14/2013 - The Good Councillor's Guide; Public Sector Mapping Agreement; Free Trees for community groups; Business Rates; Free containers for allotment use
3. 16/2013 – Local Government Pension Scheme; HS2. 2013/14 Pay Award; HR Workshop; Planning Seminar. Good Councillor's Guide
4. 17/2013 – Proposed combined authority for nine areas; New code of practice for CCTV cameras; Seasonal decorations; Updates and training and grants
5. NALC Policy Consultation on Draft De-Regulation Bill

There was a query about the containers under 14/2013 and it was confirmed that the Clerk had already notified the Allotment Holders' Association of the opportunity to take possession of some of the containers. The circulars were noted

b) Other Matters - There were no other matters

111 Planning Matters

a) Applications

1300598	60 Chartwell Avenue	Erection of summer house to rear
1300605	12 Mill Lane	Erection of double garage to rear
1300621	Garden Centre, Birkin Lane	Demolition of glass houses + buildings
1300639 A	2 Central Drive	Single storey rear and side extensions +
1300641 A	Birch Croft, Bole Hill	Demolition, change use, buildings
1300589 A	240 Longedge Lane	Construction of detached double garage
1300616	Land to rear of 34 to 36 Nethermoor Rd	Access for new bungalow
1300629	Flat 1, Marlow Court, Derby Road	Change of use of flat into office space
1300616 A	Land to rear of 40 to 42 Nethermoor Rd	Access for new bungalow
1300741	41 Davids Drive	Conservatory to rear
1300742	92 Chartwell Avenue	Felling of three trees
1300639 A	2 Central Drive	Single storey rear and side extensions +
1300770	2 Davids Drive	Two storey side extension

A = Amended

The Clerk was asked to object to 1300616 as it was outside the established settlement limits and not even adjoining these limits. The rest of the applications were noted.

b) Decisions

1300367	CA	240 Longedge Lane	New driveway, entrance wall, gate posts
1300462	CA	240 Longedge Lane	New driveway, entrance wall, gate posts
1300455	CA	Garden Centre, Birkin Lane	Demolition and construction of Gospel Hall
1300562	PD	5 Padock Close	New orangery with parapet walls ...

CA = Conditionally Approved PD = Permitted Development

The decisions were noted.

c) Appeals

1300256	N	52 Davids Drive	Rear extension and new roof + dormers
1200600	U	Land off Deerlands n Nethermoor Rds	51 new dwellings with access plus ...
1200947	A	34 Greenway (rear of)	New dwelling

N = Notification of Appeal  
U = Appeal Upheld A = Appeal Allowed

There was a discussion about the implications of the failure of the District Council to have an approved Local Plan and adequate housing supply as it was believed that this was endangering the character of the area by making it difficult to oppose a number of applications that would otherwise be refused. This was certainly the clear impression gained by many of those who were at the Planning Appeal Hearing for 1200600 where there had been severe criticism from the appellant's counsel of the local authority for not having met its planning obligations and when the counsel seemed to allege that NEDDC was one of the worst performing planning authorities in the country.

It did appear that this was at least a contributory factor in the finding against the planning department's refusal with the result that 51 new dwellings were now approved on a greenfield site in the village. It was also feared that the absence of an approved Local Plan and related documentation would result in applications being approved such as 1300616 given it was understood that the Government now required a presumption in favour of such applications in the absence of an approved Local Plan because there was no reference to such matters as a housing supply sufficient to meet targets or quotas imposed on the local authorities.

Members asked the Clerk to contact the Chief Executive of the local authority to request a meeting at which these concerns could be raised and when the authority could explain the full implications of not having an approved Local Plan and an adequate housing supply in terms of the possible impact on local communities. At the same meeting it was hoped that the local authority would be able to give an undertaking as to when all its planning obligations as regards an approved Local Plan and adequate housing supply would be met and to outline any redress that would be open to a parish council or other bodies or individuals who were felt to be disadvantaged by the planning authority not having met its obligations in a timely manner.

## 112 Accounts and Finance

a) Receipts and Payments – the payments for June and July 2013 were detailed.

Date	Ref	Payee	Amount £s	Detail
05-Jun-13	5659	Paul Smart	145.00	Fields Maintenance
05-Jun-13	5659	Paul Smart	213.40	Work in Churchyard
05-Jun-13	5662	Severn Trent Water Ltd	137.50	Water and Drainage at PH
05-Jun-13	5664	Post Office Ltd	50.00	Postage Stamps
05-Jun-13	5665	Heron Publications Ltd	144.00	Council Page in Wings
05-Jun-13	5666	Severn Trent Water Ltd	204.80	Water and Drainage at PH
05-Jun-13	5667	WH Smith Ltd	7.99	Diary for Lettings
05-Jun-13	5668	Wingerworth PCC CC	330.00	Facilities for Café WY
05-Jun-13	5669	Alfred Jones Ltd	26.33	Fuel for Churchyard
05-Jun-13	5670	Birdholme SS	6.00	Fuel for Footpaths
05-Jun-13	5671	Plantscape	288.00	Floral Display at PH
05-Jun-13	5672	DALC	20.00	HR Workshop
05-Jun-13	5673	Initial Facilities Water Serv	324.00	RA and Remedial Bowling
05-Jun-13	5674	Initial Facilities Water Serv	547.44	RA and Remedial Cricket
05-Jun-13	5675	Initial Facilities Water Serv	1,176.00	RA and Remedial P Hall
05-Jun-13	5676	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window Cleaning at PH
05-Jun-13	5677	Eurooffice	52.45	Stationery
05-Jun-13	5678	Zurich Municipal	314.82	Insurance for Tennis Crts
19-Jun-13	DD	Public Works Loan Board	1,543.99	Loan Repayment
30-Jun-13	DD	AOL Services	21.94	Internet Services
30-Jun-13	5679	David Robins	406.60	Maint of Bowling Greed
30-Jun-13	DD	British Gas	203.09	Electricity to Parish Hall
30-Jun-13	DD	British Gas	23.49	Electricity to Pavilion
30-Jun-13	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	17.82	Bank Charges
19-Jun-13	SO	NEDDC	7,000.00	Staff Salaries and Costs
		Total for the Month	13,230.70	

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount	Detail
08-Jul-13	5680	Cllr Diana Ruff	150.00	Chairperson's Allowance
08-Jul-13	5681	Paul Smart	871.20	Grounds Maintenance
08-Jul-13	5682	S Johnson & Son Ltd	27.00	Environment Items
08-Jul-13	5683	John Gregory & Sons Ltd	114.60	Footpath Sign
08-Jul-13	5684	Alfred Jones Ltd	20.02	Fuel for Churchyard
29-Jul-13	5685	NR Allen	2.99	Sundry Items for Parish H
29-Jul-13	5686	Health & Safety Signs	173.88	Signs for Deer Park
29-Jul-13	5687	NEDDC	93.60	Trade Waste Parish Hall
29-Jul-13	5688	NEDDC	69.29	Trade Waste Church
29-Jul-13	5689	British Gas	1,602.40	Supply of Gas To Parish H
29-Jul-13	5690	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window Clearing at PH
29-Jul-13	5691	Bitz 'n' PC'Z Limited	300.00	Annual Service Contract
29-Jul-13	5692	DALC	30.00	Good Councillor Guides
29-Jul-13	5693	B&Q Ltd	33.96	Footpath Materials
29-Jul-13	5694	PA Wibberley Ltd	104.00	Repairs to Bench
29-Jul-13	5695	Initial Facilities Water Serv	273.10	Watersafe at Cricket Pav
29-Jul-13	5696	Initial Facilities Water Serv	159.00	Watersafe at Parish Hall
29-Jul-13	5697	Initial Facilities Water Serv	46.52	Watersafe at Bowling Pav
30-Jul-13	DD	British Telecom	73.87	Phone Services
30-Jul-13	DD	AOL Services	21.67	Internet Services
30-Jul-13	5679	David Robins	406.60	Maint of Bowling Green
30-Jul-13	DD	British Gas	196.44	Electricity to Parish Hall
30-Jul-13	DD	British Gas	22.32	Electricity to Pavilion
30-Jul-13	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	21.55	Bank Charges
30-Jul-13	SO	NEDDC	7,000.00	Staff Salaries and Costs
		Total for the Month	11,840.05	

- b) Profiled Budgets as at the end of July 2013
- c) Capital Reserves as at the end of July 2013
- d) Bank Statements and Reconciliation as at the end of July 2013

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

#### 113 Items for Information

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj asked that the requested report on Café WY be deferred until the next meeting but she was able to report on the continuing success of the venture. It seemed likely that the Café would run for fewer weeks during the forthcoming academic year as there were difficulties in having sufficient volunteers during school holidays.

Cllr Diana Ruff briefly outlined some of the suggestions for raising funds from within the community to help with the financing of a new parish building.

#### 114 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 2 October 2013

115 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." There was a question from a member of the public about why the item was an exempt matter and it was explained that there were elements of commercial and contractual confidentiality in the matter to be discussed.

116 The Clerk summarised the successful outcome of discussions with the New Road Nursery in terms of the next academic year with a new hiring agreement with new conditions and a new hourly rate as well as extended hours for a trial period for the start of the new Breakfast Club.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 8.46pm