

## WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 September 2014

Present: Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Kevin Broughton

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Lindsey Edwards

Cllr Cecilia Harper

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj

Cllr Pam Robinson

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Dawn Hart, Cllr Pat Antcliff, Cllr Stuart Ellis, Cllr Chris Hutchings and Cllr Peter O'Neill as well as from DCC Cllr Barry Lewis and PCSO Mike Coates.

#### 2. Variation of Order of Business

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

#### 3. Declarations of Members' Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 4. Public Forum

A resident raised concerns about two planning applications. One concerned the application at Bolehill Quarry where there were concerns about the resulting noise and dust as well as the eventual lie of the land. The other concerned the application for The Retreat at Bole Hill where a series of applications appeared to be in danger of overturning conditions imposed by the Planning Committee on the occasion of the original conditional approval in aspects such as upstairs accommodation, garaging, heights of buildings and the installation of an external staircase.

A resident complained about the state of the Setts Path which was steadily worsening and where there had been no action to cut back the vegetation and clean up the area. The Clerk reported that there was still an application in with the County Council for the work to be undertaken by the Probationary Service but that it appeared that the Countryside Service had now started mowing a section of the path. There was also a complaint about the general state of the hedges across the Parish and the lack of action by Highways to keep tidy those hedges for which they were responsible.

A resident expressed his continuing concern about the use of the Rykneld Homes garages close to Oak Crescent although it was pointed out that the officers appeared to be adhering to the agreed procedures so that any changes may be unlikely until such time as Rykneld Homes altered their policy in respect of the allocation and usage of garages.

PCSO Mike Coates had submitted a report for the previous month when there were seven reported crimes in the Parish including two garden related thefts, a minor assault, a robbery and three thefts from motor vehicles. There were no recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour. The report included details of an Information Event at South Normanton on 10 September when there would be guidance and advice concerning services for people with learning disabilities.

A Member requested that the Police investigate what appeared to be an abandoned vehicle on Adlington Avenue and a resident had asked that the Police keep an eye on activities in Speighthill Wood in case there was any illegal action on the privately owned land.

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

The minutes of the meeting on 2 July 2014 were confirmed as true and correct record of the meeting.

#### 6. Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff represented the Council at the funeral of Fred Devereux who had done so much on behalf of the Parish Council. She reported on a productive meeting of the Premises Committee and, in company with three other Councillors, had attended the annual NALC conference at Harrogate where there had been some very good workshops on finding funding, community rights, neighbourhood planning and forward planning and a good coverage of new legislative issues as well as some interesting examples of the use of community surveys including a questionnaire on street clutter.

She had given a presentation on the work of the NEDDC's Standards Committee at the most recent Parish Liaison Meeting when there had been some discussion on the intention of NEDDC to make a decision on whether to impose the Community Infrastructure Levy on new developments in the District. She had also attended a meeting of the Standards Committee where there was a report on the recent survey across the District which indicated a generally clear understanding of the work of the Committee.

Cllr Ruff commented on the special meeting about the latest version of the Taylor Wimpey proposals for the major development alongside the A61 and congratulated everyone involved with the Well Dressing on the lovely displays. She looked forward to the Food and Craft Fair due to take place in November when there had been considerable interest from stall holders.

## 7. Clerk's Report

### a) Items for Information

1. Grant Thornton – external auditor clearance for financial management of Council's affairs for the year 2013/14 – appreciation was expressed to the Clerk for his work in ensuring that the Council observed all regulations and requirements;
2. Awards for All – notification of conditional grant offer for an outdoor exercise circuit – the award or £10,000 was due to be deposited in the Council's bank account in readiness for the start of the project;
3. Wingerworth Bowling Club – progress with overcoming flooding problems;
4. NEDDC – Annual Brass Band Festival on Saturday 13 September – 7.30pm at Dronfield Sports Centre;
5. NEDDC – letter of thanks for donation to Chair's Charity Appeal;
6. DCC – payment from Community Leadership Scheme towards World War 1 Concert – appreciation was expressed to the County Council;
7. DCC – inspections and repairs to footpath on Longedge Lane;
8. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (local members group) – letter of thanks for supporting the Dawn to Dusk event in July;
9. Canadian citizen – request for help in identifying places in Wingerworth visited in 1990;
10. NEDDC – Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations;
11. All Saints' Church – invitation to participate in the Christmas Tree Festival at the Parish Church;

The items were noted.

### b) Items for Decision

1. Request from Wingerworth Barley Mow FC for use of Allendale pitch for 2014/15 – Members endorsed the action of the Clerk in recommending that the District Council approve the application;
2. Repairs to footpath from Longedge Lane to tennis courts – a report from the Chief Engineer at the District Council emphasised the difficulty of finding an effective way of overcoming the problem of flooding after a period a very heavy rain – one suggested solution involved the use of sleepers to build up the level which was then surfaced but the estimated cost was in excess of £10,000 – the matter was deferred for more consideration;
3. Purchase of hedge trimmer (Bosch AHS 54-20 Li or similar with extra battery pack) estimated at £350 plus VAT – approved for use by the Footpath Volunteers;
4. Removal of accumulated silt along section of the Wall Pond – approved that the Clerk make arrangements in liaison with the Angling Association for a contractor to remove the silt and deposit on the edge of the car park;
5. Contract for spraying edges of Setts Path – agreed the Clerk engage the District Council or a qualified contractor to undertake a periodic spray of the edges of the long path;
6. Continuation and possible expansion of Winter Grit Scheme – agreed that the Clerk continue the scheme and invite new groups to join the scheme;

## 8 .Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

### a) Circulars

1. 16/2014 – DALC to new offices; Tall Poppies HR arrangements discontinued; Government move to allow for electronic circulation of Council papers; role of village shops; summer activities for school children

2. 17/2014 – Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations; audit direction; Community Rights
3. 18/2014 – Basics of employment, induction training: digital progress; training courses
4. 19/2014 – New DALC website; recording of meetings; community transport; training

The circulars were noted

b) Other Matters – DALC Notice of AGM

9 .Planning Matters

a) Applications

1400626	Land to rear of Nethermoor/Deerlands Rds	Discharging of conditions
1400618	5 Nottingham Close	Single storey rear extension
1400687	Birch Croft, Bole Hill	Installation of gable ends and rooflights
1400688	Birch Croft, Bole Hill	Alteration of alignment of driveway ...
1400735	35 Deerpark Crscent	Single storey extension to rear and side +
1400743	10 Adlington Avenue	Four semi- and one detached dwellings
1400482	Bolehill Quarry, Bole Hill	Variation of conditions 5 and 23
1400626	Land to rear of Nethermoor/Deerlands Rds	Discharging of conditions
1400618	5 Nottingham Close	Single storey rear extension
1400763	Hanging Banks, Derby Road	Major dev affection footpath

Concerns were expressed about 1400688 in that at least some of the elements appeared to require an overturning of conditions imposed by the Planning Committee on the original application when it was granted conditional approval and if so there were queries as to the status of the original conditions and how this was possible without any reconsideration by Planning Committee. There was also a query about whether any part of this application or 1400687 were in any way retrospective applications and if so how it was possible for the Building Inspector have verified that the work complied with all relevant building controls.

There were a number of concerns about 1400482 relating to the noise and dust emanating from the crushing of stone and the extra vehicle movements given that to date the planning permissions granted appeared to have resulted in only limited activity. This left a degree of uncertainty as to the impact of a full operation sustained over a period and with this in mind it was agreed that the Clerk should request that any extension be limited to at best three years and certainly no longer than a five year period so that it would be possible to take stock on the various impacts should there be an application for a further extension in either three or five years time.

The Clerk was requested to register strong concerns about 1400743 where it seemed hard to conceive how the building of five dwellings on such a relatively small plot of land would be achieved without adversely affecting the general streetscene and endangering road safety with the proposed access arrangements. It was felt that the density of construction would be out of context for the area and would significantly impair neighbouring residences as regards light and space with a query being raised as to whether the plans as submitted confirmed with the minimum distances either required or recommended between dwellings.

Further concerns were expressed about 1400763 although not so much about the specific impact on footpaths but on the overall development. The Council awaited more detail on the full application but it was understood that the proposals were to construct some 250 dwellings on the green field site and if this was the case it was believed that the impact on local traffic would be too detrimental to road safety. This was partly due to the extra volume of traffic on the A61 which was already heavily congested at times but more pertinently due to the single access to and from the site onto the A61 which was felt likely to significantly increase the chances of road accidents given the combination of speed of traffic and a view of the oncoming traffic that was limited at that point.

The other applications were noted.

b) Decisions

1400464	CA	The Oaks, Middle Road,.Hardwick Wood	Redundant outbuilding to dwelling
1400534	CA	5 Paddock Close	Two storey side extension and lean to
1400513	CA	Gladwin Wood, Stubbing	Erection of a storage shed/shelter
1400557	CA	9 Central Drive	Erection of detached double garage
1400618	CA	5 Nottingham Close	Single storey rear extension
1400687	CA	Birch Croft, Bole Hill	Installation of gable ends and rooflights

CA = Conditionally Approved

The decisions were noted.

## 10 Accounts and Finance

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

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount	Detail
04-Jun-14	5847	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window cleaning at PH
04-Jun-14	5848	NEDDC	149.54	Payroll services
04-Jun-14	5849	NEDDC	1,209.31	Servicing of dog bins
04-Jun-14	5850	Severn Trent Water Ltd	143.02	Water and drainage at PH
04-Jun-14	5851	Heron Publications Ltd	144.00	Council page in Wings
04-Jun-14	5852	CPRE	36.00	Annual subscription
04-Jun-14	5853	Severn Trent Water Ltd	192.00	Water and drainage at PH
04-Jun-14	5854	Paul Smart	1,438.80	Grounds maintenance
04-Jun-14	5855	PA Wibberley	45.00	Repairs to PH roof
23-Jun-14	5856	Blakemore Retail Ltd	16.99	Fuel for Churchyard
23-Jun-14	5857	Canx	0.00	Cancelled cheque
23-Jun-14	5858	Post Office	53.00	Postage stamps
23-Jun-14	5859	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window cleaning at PH
24-Jun-14	5860	Arden Winch & Co Ltd	284.77	Cleaning materials
24-Jun-14	5861	DWT C&ND Group	50.00	Donation
30-Jun-14	DD	David Robins	440.00	Maint of bowling green
30-Jun-14	SO	NEDDC	7,500.00	Salaries and pensions
30-Jun-14	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	20.28	Bank charges
30-Jun-14	DD	Public Works Loan Board	1,543.99	Loan Repayment
		Total for the month	13,318.78	
03-Jul-14	5862	Chesterfield Male Voice C	150.00	WW1 Concert
03-Jul-14	5863	Paul Smart	1,438.00	Grounds maintenance
03-Jul-14	5864	Plantscape Ltd	204.00	New litter bin at Wall Pond
03-Jul-14	5865	3rd Wingerworth Scouts	350.00	Donation
03-Jul-14	5866	NEDDC	50.00	Donation
22-Jul-14	5867	British Gas	511.48	Supply of gas to Parish H
22-Jul-14	5868	Heath & Holmewood PC	211.60	Contribution to speed gun
22-Jul-14	5869	Blakemore Retail Ltd	10.00	Fuel for Churchyard
22-Jul-14	5870	S Johnson & Son Ltd	30.06	Environment items
22-Jul-14	5871	PA Wibberley	30.00	New taps in pavilion
22-Jul-14	5872	Blakemore Retail Ltd	2.29	Cups and squash
22-Jul-14	5873	Britiah Gas	104.55	Supply of gas to Parish H
22-Jul-14	5874	Euro Garages	6.00	Fuel for footpaths
22-Jul-14	5875	Euro Garages	6.00	Fuel for footpaths
22-Jul-14	5876	Wingerworth Tyres Ltd	9.90	Inner tube for wheelbarrow
22-Jul-14	5877	Eurooffice	160.30	Paper, files, inks, envelopes
28-Jul-14	5878	Grant Thornton LLP	480.00	External audit fee
28-Jul-14	5879	Sainsburys	6.99	Bookings receipt book
28-Jul-14	5880	Town & Country UK C Co	26.04	Window cleaning at PH
28-Jul-14	DD	David Robins	440.00	Maint of bowling green
28-Jul-14	SO	NEDDC	7,500.00	Salaries and pensions
28-Jul-14	DD	British Gas	71.95	Electricity to Pavilion
28-Jul-14	DD	BT Group	78.42	Phone line at Parish Hall
28-Jul-14	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	17.15	Bank charges
		Total for the month	11,894.73	

- b) Profiled Budgets and Current Surplus/(Deficit) as at the end of July 2014
- c) Bank Statements and Reconciliation as at the end of July 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

There had been few meetings for Council representatives with local clubs and societies over the summer but the Adlington Focus Group was meeting shortly. Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj reported that a picture of one of the well dressings had appeared in the Observer and some pictures from the well dressings had been used for cards being sold in support of fundraising for the Ashgate Hospice.

#### 12 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 1 October 2014 when the Council meeting would be preceded by a meeting of the Wingerworth Safer Neighbourhood Team to which residents were welcome especially if there were any points to raise on safety or security in the Parish..

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 8.41pm.