

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 April 2010

Present:

Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)
Cllr Vince Causey (*until 07/4/2010*) Cllr Margaret Parker
Cllr Chris Hutchings Cllr Bill Pickford
Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj Cllr Michael Prout
Cllr Peter O'Neill Cllr Diana Ruff
with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

057/2010 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Cllr Alan Cooper, Cllr Stuart Ellis and Cllr Carole Nelson.

058/2010 Declarations of Interest

The only declarations of interest were those of dual-hatted Members listed under planning matters apart from Cllr Bill Pickford who declared an interest in planning application 100251 and undertook not to be involved in any discussion on the matter..

059/2010 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

060/2010 Matters Arising

There had been no notification of matters arising.

061/2010 Police Matters

PCSO Mike Coates had tendered apologies for absence but had forwarded a report for the previous month which included seven crimes of which five were theft or burglary together with a case of arson and one of common assault. There were eight reports of anti-social behaviour. Five of these involved motorcycles, a quad bike or a skateboard causing nuisance and there were two nuisance incidents on the cricket field along with one case of signs being moved on Deerlands Road. The Chairwoman alerted the meeting to reports from elsewhere in the District concerning the theft of a large bronze statue and of bogus phone calls with the intent of deception.

There was a brief report of the recent Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting when the Adlington Estate profile had been closed and when it had been agreed to re-open the profile for the area in the vicinity of the Allendale Road shopping complex. It had been agreed to set up a separate meeting to consider the various and sometimes contradictory concerns of residents in Hardwick Wood which would include representatives of the Parish Council. Finally, PCSO Coates had asked that Members be alerted to the Police's summer campaign focussing on reducing accidents involving motorcyclists.

062/2010 Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

063/2010 Consideration of Planning Applications and Related Matters

Members on the District Council's Planning Committee did not participate in this section of the meeting other than to provide some information on procedural matters at District Council.

The following planning applications were reported:

100151	78a New Road	Two Dorner Windows and Porch
100122	Glenorr, Ashover Road, Old Tupton	Alterations and Extensions
100191	Belfit House Farm, Birkin Lane	Erection of Detached Dwelling
100192	2 Hazel Drive	Extension above Garage to Side
100243	10 Wrenpark Road	Erection of an Orangery to Side/Rear
100227	34 Central Drive	Retention of Three Windows
100251	Land to Rear of 34/36 Nethermoor Road	Change of Use - Stables and Tack Rm
100176	20 Davids Drive	Revised Extensions to Front and Side

The applications were noted. Concerns were raised about 100251.

The following planning decision was reported:

91010 CA 22 Hazel Drive
CA=Conditional Agreement

Retention of Fence, Decking etc

The planning decision was noted.

Resolved: that the Clerk re-submits to planning the earlier concerns about access and road safety issues in respect of the proposals contained in application 100251.

064/2010 Accounts

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in February 2010, including one corrected figure for staffing costs, as well as details of income and expenditure against a phased budget at the end of the month of February. He also presented the current position of the Council's reserves.

Resolved: that the accounts be approved and that the reserves report be received and noted.

065/2010 Finance

The Clerk submitted bank details and a reconciliation as at the end of February 2010.

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

066/2010 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Circular 15/2010 – Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum – Thursday 22 April
- Circular 16/2010 – Derbyshire Environmental Trust
- Circular 17/2010 - General
 - Community Response Plan
 - Tackling Anti Social Behaviour
 - Bringing People Together

The circulars were noted.

066/2010 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
 - Parishioner – Concerns about Anti-Social Behaviour with Football on Cricket Field
 - Parishioner – Request for Repairs to Wall at Edinburgh Court
- District
 - NEDDC – Tree Preservation Order – Trees at 9 Central Drive
 - BCN Building Control – Address for New Dwellings at Lodge Drive
- County
 - DCC – Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme for Wingerworth
 - DCC – “We’re not Wasters” Campaign
 - DCC – Derbyshire Record Office Open Day – Thursday 20 May
 - Derbyshire Rural Action – News and Information February 2010
- Other
 - emda – Newsletter for Spring 2010
 - Land Registry – Registering Your Property

The correspondence was noted. There was a brief discussion on the reported concerns at the cricket field and it was noted that the netting had been raised at the request of a resident. It was agreed to ask the Police to check for further incidents of bad behaviour in the area. The responsibility for repairing the wall at Edinburgh Court rested with the land-owner and it was presumed that the delays in effecting repairs to the wall could well be due to the time taken with insurance claims. The incorporation of the Parish Hall into the County Council's Carbon Reduction programme should serve to improve further the energy efficiency of the premises. It was agreed that opportunities to register Parish land with the Land Registry be kept under review.

067/2010 Reports from Committees and Representatives

Cllr Bill Pickford reported on another well-attended and successful AGM for the Allotment Holders' Association and also reported on continuing healthy demand for plots which was being met in part by the splitting of plots. Cllr Diana Ruff reported that there had been two volunteers for the Walking Footpath Scheme even before the scheme had been widely promoted. It was noted that the recent litter pick had been successful due to the hard work of a small number of dedicated volunteers.

068/2010 Chairwoman's Report

The Chairwoman reported on the recent Parish Liaison meeting at District Council which had been poorly attended and a recent meeting of the Adlington Focus Group who continued to make good progress with sessions already arranged for the NEOs trailer and a climbing wall. The former had taken place the previous day while the latter was due to be in place for the afternoon of Thursday 15 April when it would coincide with the 1.30pm formal opening of the new toddlers' play area.

069/2010 Progress with the Café WY Proposals

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj reported on recent good progress with the Café project where there were a large group of volunteers and where a number of people had been appointed as officers to a project committee. The group seemed to be prospering as a stand-alone group and were looking forward to the opening of the Café once CRB clearances had been received. There would be increasing opportunities for the involvement of young people as the opening approached and there was also a need for some funding which would be detailed for consideration at the next meeting of the Council. The good progress was warmly welcomed by Members.

070/2010 Extra Fishing Platforms at Wall Pond

Following the receipt of a request from the Clay Cross Angling Association for an extra two fishing platforms at the Wall Pond, it was agreed that the Association could proceed on the basis that the new platforms were constructed of similar materials to the existing ones.

071/2010 Funding Application to Derbyshire Environmental Trust

The Clerk reported on a meeting with Cllr Stuart Ellis and the Chairman of the Wingerworth Tennis Club when matters under discussion included progress with the Club's business plan and funding for work to resurface the courts. As a result of the meeting, the Clerk had part produced a funding application for submission to the Derbyshire Environmental Trust which, if successful, would have generated £10,000 towards the estimated cost of £24,000 of resurfacing the courts.

Members expressed concern at resulting shortfall given that the Club was understood to have little to contribute and given also the many demands on the Council's limited capital reserves. After some discussion it was suggested that it would be preferable for the Club to submit the application to the Trust and for the Club to try and gain further funding to cover the cost of the work, even if it meant that not all of the three courts could be resurfaced. To aid the Club, it was suggested that the Council could provide a form of agreement to give the Club the necessary tenure so meet the funding body requirements and that, insofar as a Trust bid was concerned, the Council would consider meeting the 10% levy to the Trust.

072/2010 Expenditure

The Clerk sought approval for an extension to the grounds maintenance contract to allow for the preparation of strips on the outfield of the Council's cricket ground for the playing of Kwik Cricket by pupils from the Deer Park School. It was anticipated that the cost would be of the order of £150. Approval was also sought for the purchase of a length of protective netting for erection at the cricket ground to replace a section that had been vandalised. The cost of the netting and its erection was estimated at £200.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to extend the grounds maintenance contract to provide for Kwik Cricket strips and to purchase a new section of protective netting.

073/2010 Donations

A request had been received from the Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre for a donation to support the work of the home which provided for children and their families from across the county.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to make a payment of £50 towards the Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre on the understanding that the services offered were available to residents of Wingerworth.

Exempt Item – The following item was discussed in the absence of any members of the public.

074/2010 Lettings Arrangement with New Road Nursery

The Clerk outlined a number of issues covered during a meeting with the proprietors of the New Road Nursery. The decreased number of children attending the nursery was presenting some problems for the operators and while a range of cost-saving measures had been introduced, the cost for premises charged by the Council was proving to be prohibitively high. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to effect a reduction in the hourly rate for the session from Easter through to the end of the Summer term on the condition that all previous invoices remain at the old rate and are paid in full.

Resolved: that the hourly rate charged for the period from Easter to the end of the Summer Term 2010 be reduced to £10 an hour and invoiced accordingly.

075/2010 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Council was 5 May 2010, and Members were reminded of the Annual Meeting of Electors at 8pm in the Small Hall on Friday 30 April.

The Chairwoman thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 9.09pm.