

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 April 2012

Present:

Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Colin Berry

Cllr Brian Flude

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Cecilia Harper

Cllr Lindsey Edwards

Cllr Dawn Hart

Cllr Stuart Ellis

Cllr Peter O'Neill

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

41 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Pat Antcliff and Cllr Chris Hutchings

42 Variation of Order of Business

There was no variation in the order of business.

43 Declarations of Members' Interest

There were no declarations of personal interest.

44 Public Forum

A parishioner expressed dissatisfaction with the continued problems posed by NISA delivery vehicles obstructing the road at the end of Welbeck Drive and making passage for pedestrians difficult, PCSO Mike Coates offered to contact the business with a request that drivers show more consideration and it was suggested that the Clerk contact Highways to see if a set of tactile crossings could be inserted to aid the many pedestrians crossing the road at that point and to make enforcement easier than is the case with the normal dropped crossings.

PCSO Mike Coates presented details of incidents during the previous five weeks. There were five reported crimes consisting of a burglary, damage to a vehicle, drunken behaviour, assault and a case of possession of a Class B substance. There were three reports of anti-social behaviour. One concerned drunken behaviour near the Allendale shops and the other two related to irresponsible behaviour in motorised vehicles, one being a mini motor cycle and the other a quad bike.

There was a request for PCSO Coates to visit the Adlington field following the regular gathering of young people consuming alcohol on the site. PCSO undertook to do this and closed his report by summarising some of the Police activity and campaigns across the broader area.

45 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

46 Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on the recent NEDDC Liaison Meeting for town and parish councils when various aspects of the wide ranging Localism Act were highlighted. The Festival Committee continued to make good progress and tickets for some of the events were about to go on sale. A consultation exercise on the future of The Avenue was about to be launched and this would provide an opportunity to comment on the major issues with traffic that needed to be addressed and, with over 1,500 new houses, this may require a more radical solution rather than simply linking on to Derby Road. The new arrangements for a standards board to replace the Standards and Ethics meetings still provided for parish council representation but no longer provided for any voting rights. Cllr Ruff commented on the successful opening of the activity zone at Adlington and expressed thanks to everyone involved with the project. A consumer information bus had provided details of the work on the Setts Path for residents and it was clear that the replacement of the gas mains was a major project. The Safer Neighbourhood Team had met at Pioneer House and had discussed parking and housing but the meeting was poorly attended which seemed at least in part due to a clash with a meeting in the same location on the problems associated with the Trusteel houses on the Adlington Estate. Finally Cllr Ruff

returned to the likely impact of the Localism Act which could result in major changes for the work of the Council including the possibility of producing a Neighbourhood Plan that would have a major impact on the future development of Wingerworth. It was suggested that the Council organise a meeting dedicated to the consideration of the Localism Act.

47 Clerk's Report

a) Matters of Information

1. Residents - Concerns about impact of programmed work on the Setts Path
2. AMEC meeting with Wayne Bexton of DCC about the Setts Path
3. DCC – Notice of closure of Public Footpath No 33 from 2 April to 27 July
4. NEDDC – “Shaping the Future Development of the District 2012”
5. Resident – Concern over discharges onto Hockley Lane
6. DCC – “Towards a Waste Plan for Derby City and Derbyshire County Council”
7. DCC – Development of the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy
8. Resident – Request for a dog bin in the Longedge Grove/Longedge Rise area
9. DCC – Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Scheme
10. NEDDC – Retirement of the Governance and Monitoring Officer and interim cover
11. CPRE – Newsletter and Guide
12. DCC – Proposed introduction of No Stopping Restrictions at Hunloke Park School
13. Parishioner – Concern over withdrawal of bus services and request for Council to lobby for a revision to Hulley's service 52 to incorporate a loop to Wingerworth - it was agreed that the Clerk make enquiries about any plans to reduce the level of bus service currently provided for Wingerworth.
14. NHS – Invitation for one Member to attend “Making Difficult Decisions – Health Care for the Future” on 22 May 2012 from 6pm to 9pm at b2net Stadium

b) Items for Decision

1. Placing of additional order for Kwik Cricket strips for Deer Park School – this was agreed
2. Extension of agreed work at Wall Pond car park to include short section of Central Drive between newly tarmac'd stretch and entrance to the car park – it was agreed that an attempt be made to improve the poor surface of the short section
3. Request for a donation from Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre – this was deferred pending receipt of information of the extent to which the Centre's work benefited parishioners
4. More extensive repairs to paths at the Adlington Play Area – it was agreed that the more expensive of two options suggested by District Council be taken up which provided for a more complete repair of the path and edgings at an estimate cost of £1,552
5. Emergency work to damaged trees off Allendale Road – this had already been requested from NEDDC who had undertaken to deal with the problems as a matter of urgency.

48 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

a) Circulars

1. 13/2012 – VAT Guidance; Local Government Pay 2012/13; Campaign for Business Rate for Parish Councils; Allotment Officers' Forum
2. 14/2013 – Waste Plan for Derby and Derbyshire; Changes to National Park Governance; Redundant Skate Park Equipment; Derbyshire Broadband; Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy
3. 15/2012 – Changes to Police Enquiry Offices; Public Sector Mapping Agreement
4. 16/2012 – The National Planning Policy Framework; Unfair Dismissal Changes from 6 April 2012; VAT Classification Change; Future Homes Commission Consultation

b) Other Matters

The circulars were noted and there were no other matters

49 Planning Matters

a) Applications

1200270	16 Church Close	Pruning Work to Lime Tree
1200278	26 Davids Drive	Garage and Two Storey Extension to Rear
1200198	Gorseley Place	Erection of Pair of Semi-d Bungalows
1200216	83 Windsor Drive	Single Storey Side and Rear Extension
1200244	Coupe Lane	Six 15m Floodlighting Masts and Lights

b) Decisions

1200027	R	Land opp Ivy Farm, Swathwick Lane	Felling of Sycamore Tree (TPO)
1200033	CA	54 Davids Drive	Single St Side and Rear Extensions +
1200133	CA	Alinor, Middle Road, Hardwick Wood	Two Rooflights in Front of New Roof
110784	CA	Swathwick Cottage, Swathwick Lane	Tractor and Implement Store
1200027	R	Land opp Ivy Farm, Swathwick Lane	Felling of Sycamore Tree (TPO)

CA = Conditional Agreement R = Refused

c) Appeals

None

The planning applications were noted as were the planning decisions. The only concerns expressed were in relation to application 1200198 where there were worries about vehicular access and the possibility of endangering other users of the road and connecting lane and where there was also a concern that the construction of a pair of bungalows did not become the precursor to a larger housing development. The Clerk was asked to inform the planning authority of these concerns and request that any approval included a condition to the effect that the two new residences were for the sole use of agricultural workers.

50 Accounts and Finance

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

The receipts and payments for February 2012 had been circulated and were approved while the profiled budgets and capital reserves as at the end of that month were noted as were the bank statements and bank reconciliation at that time.

51 Items for Information

Cllr Vince Causey reported back from a couple of meetings of the Allotment Holders' Association where most of the officers were continuing in post following the AGM. There were no plans for a Jubilee related event. The ban on bonfires at the site had been generally supported although there remained questions as to the best ways of disposing of waste material and this was to be considered in more detail at a future meeting. An increase in the number of half plots meant more people with allotments and there were only eight currently on the waiting list.

Cllr Colin Berry reported that a visit was due to be arranged with the contractor concerning the repairs to the boardwalk.

Cllr Brian Flude reported that the Bowling Club was very happy with the new shelter as well as with the planned memorial plaque. The only concern at present was the state of the fence separating the green from the tennis courts but it was understood that the Tennis Club intended to make this good.

Cllr Lindsey Edwards reported on the recent meeting of the Adlington Focus Group and the opening of the activity zone. There had been some graffiti at the play area but this was being cleaned up after having taken photographs for the Police. Ideas for floral displays had been received and there were plans for a celebratory picnic on the Adlington field for the Jubilee. The issues about the Trusteel construction continued to be of concern and residents had asked to be kept informed on progress with the planning application for the Mill Lane residential development as there were concerns about Highways issues. The next Walkabout was due to take place on 20 April.

Cllr Stuart Ellis gave a brief report on District Council affairs starting with the news that John Newby had retired from his post. He reported that there would be no charges imposed for road closures in connection with Jubilee events and he gave an update on the development of the strategic alliance between NEDDC and Bolsover DC which included reference to the savings and the aim to improve services.

Cllr Stuart Ellis also gave an update on developments at the County Council starting with the news of suggested alterations from the Boundary Commission concerning County Council seats. Now that the current Council had most of its strategic policy in place this next year would be mainly focussed on the delivery of the plans including a major £17 million schedule of improvements to 52 schools in the county.

52 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 8 May 2012 (which was a change from the originally scheduled date) and Members were reminded that before then there was the Annual Meeting of Electors on Friday 27 April 2012. The Chairperson thanked everyone for their work during the past year at what was the final meeting of the first year of the current Council.

53 The Meeting resolved that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw from the meeting after being thanked by the Chairperson for their attendance for the non-confidential section of the agenda.

54 Members were alerted to a recent health concern with the Clerk which had required hospitalisation and which meant that he was unable to drive and was having to lessen his work commitments. To this end he had resigned from a number of community activities so as to be able to discharge fully his Parish Council duties and as he worked towards a full recovery he was using the volunteer services of one of his daughters both as a chauffeur and to help with some of the non-confidential aspects of the work. Members expressed their best wishes to the Clerk for a speedy recovery.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 8.52pm.