

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 December 2011

Present:

	Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)	
Cllr Colin Berry		Cllr Cecilia Harper
Cllr Kevin Broughton		Cllr Dawn Hart
Cllr Vince Causey		Cllr Chris Hutchings
Cllr Lindsey Edwards		Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj
Cllr Stuart Ellis		Cllr Peter O'Neil
Cllr Brian Flude		with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

201 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Pat Antcliff

202 Variation of Order of Business

There was no variation of order of business

203 Declarations of Members' Interest

There were declarations of personal interest from Cllr Diana Ruff and Cllr Chris Hutchings on agenda item 7.9 and from Cllr Stuart Ellis and Cllr Brian Flude on agenda item 9a.110584.

204 Public Forum

Concern was raised about the continuing problem of overgrown vegetation which made for a dangerous exit direct from the footpath onto the road at the bottom of Bole Hill although it was understood that the County Council did intend to have the vegetation cut back.

PCSO Mike Coates had tendered apologies at being unable to attend the meeting but had submitted a report for November which detailed four crimes and two incidents of anti-social behaviour. The crimes were arson of a derelict building at CPL, damage to a non-dwelling building at The Avenue, damage to cold frames on Hockley Lane and a dog bite in Hardwick Wood. The two anti-social behaviour incidents related to youths throwing stones at Swans at the Smithy Pond and group behaviour near the Allendale Road shops.

The beat team was now back to full strength and had been in action with an incident at the Parish Hall over the weekend involving three scrap metal collectors and their vehicle which was immediately banned from the road. PCSO Coates also provided information on a campaign to crackdown on drink and drug drivers over the Christmas period.

Cllr Stuart Ellis reported that the problems associated with transport to Tupton Hall School were largely resolved.

There were no Members of Council making representations or comments to an agenda item in which they had declared a prejudicial interest although Cllr Chris Hutchings took the opportunity to express his support for a donation to the proposed 2012 Wingerworth Community Festival in which he had expressed a personal interest.

205 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

206 Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on various meetings she had attended including two of the Wingerworth Festival Group who were now looking at a whole week of activities incorporating the Wingerworth Wobble, a historic talk, a jazz concert and an organ recital finishing with the family day in the park. The Wingerworth Community Partnership had included a presentation on the credit union and there had been meetings with the New Road Nursery and the Mother and Toddler Group as well as the

Adlington Focus Group. She commented on the Council's Remembrance Day event which had been the best attended in recent memory and expressed thanks to those Members and the Clerk who had attended the Remembrance Service at the Parish Church.

207 Clerk's Report

a) Matters of Information

1. Request for new floral display on wide verge of Mill Lane just off A61
2. Responses to investigations about lighting for footpath from Wall Pond
3. North Derbyshire Volunteer Agency – Network newsletter
4. Rural Action Derbyshire – The Playing Field newsletter
5. Use of SmartWater for war memorials
6. Consultation opportunity on Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service Budget 2011/12
7. Notification of Safer Neighbourhood Team meetings in 2012
 - a. Wednesday 21 March venue to be confirmed
 - b. Thursday 21 June venue to be confirmed
 - c. Wednesday 19 September venue to be confirmed
 - d. Wednesday 5 December venue to be confirmed (although it was noted that this meeting would clash with Parish Council meeting that month)

The Mill Lane location was on the list for a floral display although this may be delayed due to proposed road alterations. Following discussions on lighting near the Wall Pond it was clearly impractical to have lamps installed but there was the possibility of having a light with a timer located on the bowling pavilion or even modifying one of the existing lights at the bowling green.

b) Items for Decision

1. Review of new format for Council meetings and decision on format going forward.
It was agreed to continue with the new format for meetings for another six months at which point the arrangements would be reviewed again.
2. Circulation of Council agenda and papers for monthly meetings by email where requested with allowance for expense.
It was agreed that the documents for monthly meetings could be distributed by email where such arrangements were requested by a Member with the Clerk authorised to compensate the resulting costs incurred by a Member with the annual allocation of a ream of paper.
3. Circulation of planning applications by email to all Members.
It was agreed that any Member interested in being included on the Planning Department's weekly electronic circulation of planning applications and planning decisions, which provided brief details covering the whole of the NEDDC area, should notify the Clerk who would request that the Member's address be added to the circulation list held by the Planning Department. Decisions on any further circulation of planning information were deferred until Members debated the possible introduction of a Planning Committee to monitor more closely planning matters pertaining to the Parish.
4. Circulation of DALC circulars by email to all Members.
It was agreed that the Clerk should circulate DALC circulars to Members by email.
5. Authorisation of work to Wall Pond walkway.
It was agreed that the area that had sunk needed to be raised and it was understood that CCAA were obtaining a quote for the work. It was considered that repairs were the Council's responsibility and the Clerk would ask for a copy of the quote.
6. Authorisation of placing numbers on Wall Pond fishing pegs.
A template of the type of number plate was shown and it was agreed that these type of plates should be fixed to the fishing pegs by the CCAA in line with their request.
7. Authorisation of new linked fishing pegs at Wall Pond adjacent to Central Drive.
The Council did not agree to the installation of fishing pegs adjacent to Central Drive as there were concerns about safe access to the pegs and these concerns

needed addressing prior to any possibility of new pegs in that area. However it was agreed that approval be given to the installation of a hand rail at one existing peg near to Central Drive which would provide safer access to the peg by disabled anglers.

8. Request from MEP for East Midlands for "Bill's Bulletin from Brussels" to be placed on Council's website.

It was agreed that the request be denied although it was agreed that it continued to be in order for the contact details of elected representatives covering the Parish to be listed on the Council's website..

9. Request for donation towards the costs of staging the Wingerworth Community Festival to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in 2012.

There was general support for a donation towards the costs of mounting a community event that was welcomed by the Council although it was agreed to defer setting the level of the donation until the budgets had been set for next year. There was also a request from the group to use the Main Hall on Friday 1 June 2012 for an event as part of the festival and this was agreed with the booking taking precedence over any existing booking or subsequent requests.

208 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

a) Circulars

1. 53/2011 Advice Derbyshire Conference 2011, Developing and Growing Youth Activities, Community Response Plans, Changes at DCC's PROW Office
2. 54/2011 The Future of Standards of Conduct of Members of Local Authorities in England (Update), Postal Scam
3. 58/2011 Derbyshire County Council Parish Liaison
4. 59/2011 Localism Bill receives Royal Assent

b) Other Matters

The circulars were noted. There were no other matters.

209 Planning Matters

a) Applications

110918	Field by Old Rectory, Swathwick L	Array of Solar Panels
110584	Land off Deerlands Road	New Housing Development (Revised)
110977	76 Central Drive	Felling of Lime Tree covered by TPO
110992	44 Nethermoor Road	Retention of attached garage + access
111025	52 Allendale Road	Single Storey Side Extension
111070	33 Nottingham Road	Construction of New Sun Lounge
111075	Land opp SE Darley Rd/Matlock Rd	Lawful Development for Retention of Residential Curtilage and Dwelling

b) Decisions

110799	CA 59 New Road	Replacement of Hedge with 2.5m Fence
110784	CA off Matlock Road, Spitewinter	New Entrance Hall/Conservatory

CA = Conditional Agreement R = Refused

c) Appeals – there was no notification of any appeals.

The planning applications were noted as were the planning decisions. A series of concerns was being raised with the Planning Department in connection with application 110918 based on collated responses from Members. It was recognised that any concerns that were not substantiated or were not planning considerations would not carry any weight in influencing the outcome of the application. There was a planning visit to the site of application 110584 on Monday to which Parish Councillors were invited to attend as observers prior to the application being considered by the Planning Committee. The Clerk had verified that any decision to approve the felling of the lime tree in 110977 would only be granted if the tree was in such a poor state as to warrant being felled. Grave concern was expressed about the application for the retention of the garage and associated access in application 110992 and it was agreed that the Clerk register this concern with the Planning Application and

request that the application be refused and that the garage be taken down. Although there was little awareness of the situation with application 111075 there was concern about a lawful development application for the retention of a dwelling.

210 Accounts and Finance

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

The receipts and payments for October 2011 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.

211 Items for Information

Cllr Colin Berry reported on issues covered at the most recent meeting of the Clay Cross Angling Association which included some of the items covered under agenda item 7. He also outlined a proposal to involve young people in angling. Members agreed to Cllr Lindsey Edwards' request that Cllr Colin Berry takes sole responsibility for liaising with the association.

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj reported that Café WY was continuing and had enjoyed a very successful Halloween.

Cllr Lindsey Edwards reported on the most recent meeting of the Adlington Focus Group which in addition to general discussions had focussed on funding issues and the possibility of a Jubilee street party on Tuesday 5 June 2012.

There was a report from a member of the Footpath Watch concerning skips parked on the verge near Byrds Farm which was a matter previously raised by the Parish Council with Derbyshire County Council. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the County Council again on this matter.

212 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 4 January 2012 although there was the annual budget meeting on Wednesday 14 December 2011.