

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 February 2007

Present: Cllr Mrs A Sainty (Chair)
Cllr SJ Ellis
Cllr T Fisher
Cllr CE Hutchings
Cllr K Moore (*from minute 025*)
Cllr PW O'Neill
Cllr Mrs M Parker
Cllr J Ollis
Cllr R Stafford
Cllr K Walker
with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

023/2007 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr W Pickford, Cllr RAC Scothern and Cllr T Snowdon.

024/2007 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 January 2007 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

025/2007 Matters Arising

Further to minute 004/2007 it was reported that there had been further fly-tipping on Watson Lane.

Further to minute 010/2007 there was a query as to the length of time that the recently imposed weight restriction on goods vehicles would be in force.

Further to minute 020/2007 continuing concern was expressed about the proposals for a composting plant at Grassmoor and it was agreed that a special meeting of the Council be convened on the matter.

Resolved: that the Clerk requests District Council to clear the fly-tipped material at Watson Lane; that the Clerk requests County Council to provide a representative to address a special meeting of the Council about the Grassmoor proposals at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21 February 2007 at the Parish Hall.

026/2007 Public Forum

Concerns were raised about fly-tipping at Bole Hill above the quarry, the amount of litter lying alongside the approach roads to the village and the damage to the grass verge in Longedge Lane opposite the Church where bulbs had been displaced and the ground rutted by contractors.

Resolved: that the Clerk contacts District Council about the fly-tipped material at Bole Hill; that the Clerk contacts a local organisation who may be able to clear the litter on the approaches to the village; that the Clerk contacts the County Council about reinstatement by the contractors on Longedge Lane.

027/2007 Police Matters

The Chair expressed disappointment at the absence of any representative from the Police and at the lack of any report on recent crime statistics for the Parish.

Resolved: that the Clerk contacts the Police about the absence of Police representation at meetings of the Council.

028/2007 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:

26	122 Longedge Lane	Various Extensions
33	Birdholme Farm, Derby Road	Listed Building Consent
34	Birdholme Farm, Derby Road	Nine New Dwellings plus ...
62	Hunloke Park Primary School	Additional Temp Teaching Area

The applications were noted but there was reference to an earlier application concerned with revisions to a previously granted application for developments at 67 Longedge Lane. After some discussion it

was agreed by a vote of 7-0 with 1 abstention to oppose the latest revision on the grounds of adverse impact on traffic and road safety as well as being detrimental to the general appearance of the vicinity.

The following planning decisions were reported:

1145 G	Stubbing View, Steep Lane	Erection of Agric. Building
1259 G	4 Hazel Drive	Additional Rooflight, Doors etc
1266 G	8 Nottingham Drive	Two Storey Side Ext and Convy
1283 G	22 Nethermoor Road	Front Porch & Rear Sun Lounge
1301 W	Heronleas, 1 Hilltop Road	Erection of Two for One Dwell'g
1333 G	Harper Hill House, Harper Hill	Underground Cellar and Store
1335 G	Harper Hill House, Harper Hill	Dormer Window on Garage
1342 G	2 Deerpark Crescent	Side Extension
1347 G	2 Longedge Rise	First Floor Extension

G=Granted R=Refused W=Withdrawn

The decisions were noted.

The following planning appeal was reported:

1038 G 27 Nottingham Drive Two Storey Front Extension Plus ..

The appeal was noted.

Resolved: that the Clerk informs District Council of the Council's opposition to the latest revised application 06/001279 for 67 Longedge Lane.

029/2007 Accounts

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in December 2006 and details of income and expenditure to the end of December 2006 against a phased budget.

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

030/2007 Finance

The Clerk submitted bank reconciliations as at the end of December 2006.

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

031/2007 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

The following circulars had been received:

- Circular 04/2007
 - Draft Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations

The circular was noted.

032/2007 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
 - Secretary of Wingerworth Angling Club –Work on Wall Pond with Request to be Kept Informed
 - Parishioner – Expression of Support for New Medical Centre and Request for Council Support

The correspondence was noted.

- District
 - NEDDC – House Collections – Clothes Aid for Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity – April to April
 - Special Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting on Health – North Wingfield – 5pm on Wednesday 28 February
 - NEDDC – Postal Address Confirmation for The Barnes, Derby Road, Wingerworth
 - NEDDC – Fly Tipping and Litter in Wingerworth
 - CBC – Supplementary Planning Document for Chesterfield – Consultation on Design of Advertisements
 - NEDDC – Meeting with Parish and Town Councils – Saturday 17 March 2007
 - NEDDC – Consultation on Revised Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members

It was agreed that the Chair would represent the Council at the North Wingfield meeting on Health and that the Chair and the Clerk and one other Member would attend the District Council's Meeting for Parish and Town Councils. The rest of the correspondence was noted.

- County
 - DCC – Agreement to Retain Current Route of Footpath 17
 - DCC – Agreement to Re-Excavate Ditch on Swathwick Lane
 - DCC – Decision to Resurface Footway on Chartwell Avenue from Robincroft Road to Wrenpark Road
 - DCC – Reasons for Closure of Wingerworth Centre and Continuing Efforts to Assist Pre-School Group
 - DCC – Reorganisation of Probation Services – Opposition to Proposed Changes
 - DCC – Supporting People
 - DCC – SACRE Annual Report 2005/2006
 - Derbyshire Wildlife Trust – The Great Trees of Derbyshire Project
 - Derbyshire Police – Allocation of PCSO to Wingerworth

The correspondence was noted.

- Other
 - Bridleways.co.uk – Information on and Promotion of Bridleways
 - NHS – England Goes Smokefree on 1 July 2007

The correspondence was noted.

033/2007 Reports from Committees and Representatives

The Chair and Cllr K Walker had attended the Council's most recent Listening Service at the Parish Hall when a number of issues had been raised by parishioners. These included the shortage of facilities for the re-cycling of plastic containers in Wingerworth. There were facilities in Grangewood and at Clay Cross and it was hoped that the District Council's new contractual arrangements for recycling would include facilities for the re-cycling of plastic containers in Wingerworth. Another concern was the amount of loose chippings left at the lower end of Langer Lane following the recent resurfacing of the road. One resident had raised concern about the apparent position of the Council with regard to the proposed medical centre as reported in the current edition of Wings but appeared satisfied once the Council's position had been clarified. Other matters raised included the poor state of the Jubilee Garden, the litter around the village and the need for the play equipment at Allendale Road to be re-painted, all of which were now in hand. There was also an expression of appreciation for the Council's work in brightening the Parish with the floral displays and the planting of bulbs.

The Clerk reported on behalf of Cllr RAC Scothern that the Allotments' Association's shop was due to open on Sunday 25 February and that custom would be appreciated as the sales from the shop had fallen the previous year and these revenues were an important source of income for the Association. It was also reported that there was a need to resurface the entrance road to the allotments.

The Chair reported on the recent meeting of the Road Safety Committee when matters considered included the need for speed checks on Longedge Lane and Swathwick Lane/Harper Hill; the policies relating to white-lining of roads and the provision of mirrors where visibility was severely restricted; the replacement of the Deerlands Road mini roundabout and the removal of the speed humps on Langer Lane. The Parish Hall Committee had met to consider issues that were to be dealt with in a later agenda item and also decided not to approve a request for a sign for the New Road Nursery on the external wall of the Parish Hall. The Finance Committee had met with officers of the Tennis Club to try and make progress with some form of agreement to cover the Club's use of the Council's facilities and had subsequently considered the matter of covenants that may pertain to the Wingerworth Centre and the financial position of the Council as represented in the latest monitoring of the phased budget.

Resolved: that the Chair takes up the matter of the loose chippings on Langer Lane; that the Clerk contacts the Allotments' Association to try and ascertain the costs of the resurfacing of the road into the site so that the Council could consider meeting the material costs.

034/2007 Chair's Business

The Chair informed Members of the induction service for the new Rector, Dr Jo White. This was being held on Saturday 17 February and the Chair had been asked to formally welcome the Rector to the Parish.

035/2007 Clerk's Report

The Clerk presented his report which covered the Parish Hall, Footpaths, Litter, Police PCSO, the Allotments and the Wingerworth Centre. The continuing good work of the Footpath volunteers was noted as was the developing collaboration with the Countryside Service. Confirmation that footpath 17 was not going to be diverted was welcomed as was the submitting of bids for footpath improvements to the County Council's Local Transport Plan funds. There were continuing concerns about off-road motorised vehicles in Hardwick Wood and in the woods on the edge of Chartwell Fields. It was agreed that low cost signs be placed in the areas concerned, subject to the landowners' permission, stating that motorised vehicles and horse riding was not permitted. It hoped that the Police would be able to take some form of enforcement action with landowners' permission and to that end the recent appointment of a Police Community Safety Officer, Janis Naylor, was warmly welcomed.

036/2007 Date of Next Meeting

The Chair confirmed the date of the next meeting of the Council as Wednesday 7 March 2007.

037/2007 Parish Hall

An inflationary increase in lettings charges for facilities at the Parish Hall with effect from 1 September 2007 was approved. The Clerk raised concerns about the failure of some groups to comply fully with lettings regulations and conditions. Members noted that the Parish Hall was due to become a no smoking establishment on 1 July 2007 in line with national legislation. It was agreed that the Parish Hall Committee consider the use of receptacles for cigarette ends outside the Parish Hall .

Resolved: that the Clerk sends a further note out to regular hirers stressing the dangers and financial penalties that could result from failure to comply and warning that any further failures would be reported to the Council with the possibility of withdrawing the use of facilities from the organisation concerned; that the Clerk collects information on cigarette receptacles.

038/2007 Wall Pond Renovation Project

Members were apprised of the results of the first phase of the consultancy work on the Wall Pond. It was agreed that the consultants should continue on to the second phase of the project with more detailed work leading to a full specification which would serve as a basis for tendering. The work would include the repair of the existing stone wall, the alternatives of new stone cladding or the positioning of gabion baskets to the existing concrete wall sections and the resurfacing of the road way on a geotextile base. It was acknowledged that the timing of the work would be subject to advice from environmental specialists as to the best time to undertake the work so as to minimise the impact on the pond and surrounding habitat. Concern was expressed about the problems posed by pot holes on the Wall Pond road and it was agreed that attempts be made to improve this road by infilling some of the worst holes in advance if the possible resurfacing of the road.

Resolved: that the Clerk instructs the consultants to proceed with the second phase of the consultancy; that the Clerk seeks help from Mr Bernard Gadsby to move a supply of aggregate to the Wall Pond Road where the Footpath Volunteers would infill the deeper holes.

039/2007 Youth Forum Project

The Chair reported on developments with the Youth Group. One of the young men was liaising with an equipment supplier and some of the young men and parents had explored possible positions for a bike track on Chartwell Fields. There had been some concern expressed about the final position of the facility and it was emphasised that no firm decision had yet been taken. The group had found a possible source of funding which would be reported to the Forum at its meeting on the night following the present meeting of the Council.

040/2007 Parish Council Elections 2007

Members considered whether or not they would want poll cards distributed for the Parish Council elections in the event that there was not a contested election for District Council. The cost was estimated at about 26p a card and would amount to in excess of £1,000. After some discussion it was

agreed that it was important that the poll cards be distributed regardless of whether there was a contested election for District Council although it was felt highly likely that there would be a contested election for District Councillors in which case the poll card distribution would automatically take place.

Resolved: that the Clerk informs District Council of decision that poll cards be distributed even if there was no contested election for District Councillors.

041/2007 Use of Memorial Donations

It was agreed that offers of donations in memory of an individual could be used to enhance the local environment by way of a dedicated tree or with planting of bulbs and that a small standardised plaque be available to mark the donation. This would provide an alternative to the occasional offer of benches dedicated to the memory of someone given that the policy of the Council was to restrict dedicated benches to the memory of individuals who had made a major contribution to the work of the Council or the well-being of the Parish.

042/2007 Any Other Business

Members noted with great regret that Mr Alec Lentall's health had worsened and it was agreed to send a card and, if possible, a suitable gift in recognition of his dedicated voluntary work over many years. It was also with regret that Members learnt of Mr Walt Marsh's ill health and it was agreed that the best wishes of the Council be conveyed to him.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.17pm.