

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 February 2009

Present:

Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)	
Cllr Stuart Ellis	Cllr Bill Pickford
Cllr Kevin Moore	Cllr Michael Prout
Cllr Carole Nelson	Cllr Diana Ruff
Cllr Peter O'Neill	with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

022/2009 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Cllr Chris Hutchings, Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj, Cllr John Ollis, Cllr Margaret Parker, Cllr Jan Robinson and Cllr Tom Snowdon.

023/2009 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest apart from dual-hatted Members under planning matters.

024/2009 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

025/2009 Matters Arising

There was no notification of matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 7 January 2009.

026/2009 Police Matters

PCSO Mike Coates detailed ten incidents including three of thefts of and from vehicles, three of damage, three of burglary and one of assault. Nuisance behaviour seemed lower than usual with only three listed occurrences. He agreed to look into the possibility of supplying the Council with detail of crimes solved.

The Chairperson reported on the meeting the previous week of the Deincourt Safer Neighbourhood Team which turned out to be the final meeting of the group as the work of the SNTs was being incorporated into the Community Partnership meetings. A degree of disappointment was expressed at this change given the good experience with the SNT during the year of its existence. In terms of the way that the Police were organising, Wingerworth would be linked with the Rural Community Partnership under PC Joe Hartshorn but the Wingerworth SNT agenda would be an integral part of the meeting of the Wingerworth Community Partnership.

There was a brief discussion on the changes in parking control and enforcement with much of the responsibility being transferred to a private company working to a County Council contract,

027/2009 Public Forum

Concern was raised by a parishioner about what was regarded as irresponsible parking on the road by the Hunloke Park School. A brief description of the dangers regularly posed by such parking was followed by details of an incident when a collision between a car and a pushchair had only narrowly been averted. It was asserted that parking on the double white lines was illegal as well as irresponsible and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Police with a request that they take action leading to prosecution of cars parked on the double white lines. It was also agreed that the Clerk write to the Head Teacher of the school informing her of the Council's request to the Police for action to be taken.

028/2009 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:

1012	81A Longedge Lane	Two Dormer Windows & Balcony
1044	Belfit Hill Farm, Birkin Lane	Erection of Detached Dwelling
1125	42 Longedge Lane	Single Storey Extension to Front
1214	Resubmission for Removal of Condition	Moorlands, Matlock Rd, Spitewinter

90005	Field 3780, Martins Lane, Old Tupton	Change of Use and Retention ...
90006	34 Davids Drive	Roof Alterations
90014	16 Church Close	Tree Works inc Pruning of 1 Lime
90015	Field opp Parish Rooms	Discharge of Planning Condition
90023	12 Parkland Drive	New Garage and Wider Extension
90032	Land to Rear of 21 and 23 New Road	Plot Substitution of One Dwelling

The applications were noted.

The following planning decisions were reported:

944 CA	238 Longedge Lane	New Wood Burning Stove (Listed)
958 W	Lothlorien House, Hillhouses Lane	Erection of Replacement Dwelling
965 CA	238 Longedge Lane	Enlargement of Bathroom (Listed)
980 CA	Land opp Ivy Farm, Swathwick Lane	Conversion to Dwelling plus ...
988 CA	48 Davids Drive	Balcony and Dormer to Rear
1060 CA	238 Longedge Lane	Alterations to Roofspace (Listed)

CA=Conditionally Approved R=Refused W=Withdrawn

The planning decisions were noted.

Concern was expressed that the Council had yet to receive an opinion on the possible need for planning approval for the dental practice at Stubbing Court.

029/2009 Accounts

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in December 2008 as well as details of income and expenditure against a phased budget at the end of December. He also presented the current position of the Council's reserves. Payments made during the month were:

03-Dec-08	4426	Iris	30.55	Laser Payslips
03-Dec-08	4427	Post Office	10.92	Postage Stamps
03-Dec-08	4428	Eurooffice	158.23	Stationery
03-Dec-08	4429	NEDDC	639.26	Dog Bin Collection
10-Dec-08	4430	Troway Hall Nursery	240.00	Christmas Tree
10-Dec-08	4431	Arden Winch & Co Ltd	230.96	Cleaning Materials
10-Dec-08	4432	Virador Waste Managt	1,000.00	Contribtuion to Pavilion
10-Dec-08	4433	S Johnson & Son Ltd	24.35	Environment Items
10-Dec-08	4434	Jackson Building Centres	23.50	Wheelbarrow
10-Dec-08	4435	Town & Country UK	24.80	Window Cleaning
10-Dec-08	4436	Rentokil Initial UK Ltd	340.39	Watersafe Contract
10-Dec-08	4437	NEDDC	205.72	Trade Waste Collection
10-Dec-08	4438	Jacksons the Bakers	31.20	Mince Pies for Christmas
10-Dec-08	4439	Sainsburys	46.12	Mulled Wine and Items
10-Dec-08	4440	Jackson Building Centres	148.06	Grit
12-Dec-08	4441	Wings	100.00	Council Page
12-Dec-08	4441	Wings	20.00	Advertisement
18-Dec-08	4442	Mrs Sidonie Roddis	300.00	Refund of Deposit
18-Dec-08	4443	Birdholme SS	10.00	Petrol for Churchyard
18-Dec-08	4444-9	Staff	4,139.01	Salary and Expenses
18-Dec-08	4450	HM Revenue & Customs	1,681.46	Tax and NI Payments
18-Dec-08	4451	Derbyshire CC	1,010.53	LGPS Payments
18-Dec-08	4452	NEDDC	1,068.43	Repairs to Play Equipm'nt
18-Dec-08	4453	NEDDC	85.00	Planning Fee
18-Dec-08	4454	Fresh Ideas	15.00	Bouquet for JR
18-Dec-08	DD	AOL	24.84	Internet Services
18-Dec-08	DD	NEDDC	176.00	Business Rates
22-Dec-08	DD	Public Works Loan Board	1,543.99	Loan Repayment
			13,328.32	Total for Month

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

030/2009 Finance

The Clerk submitted bank details and reconciliations as at the end of December 2008.

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

031/2009 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Circular 0/2009 – General
 - Redundant Buildings Grant
 - New Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations
 - Training Opportunities and Clerk Vacancies
- Circular 03/2009 – General
 - Age Discrimination and Compulsory Retirement Age
 - White Paper on Communities in Control
- Circular 04/2009 – General
 - Derbyshire Market Towns Retailer Training Package
 - Pay Claim 2009/10
 - Assorted Items
- Circular 04/2009 – General
 - Power to Promote Well-Being
 - Clerk Vacancies

The circulars were noted. There were queries on the Redundant Buildings Grant about which further information was awaited.

032/2009 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
 - Parishioners – Concern over Access for Construction Work at Pavilion
 - Tennis Club – Request for Information on Funds for Tennis Court Resurfacing
 - Bowling Club – Return of Signed Agreements
- District
 - NEDDC – Notification of Parish Council Forum
 - NEDDC – Notification of Hire of Cricket Pitch for 2009
 - NEDDC – Postal Address for New Development at Stubbing Court Park
- County
 - DCC – Responses to Suggestions from Road Safety Committee
 - DCC – Opening of Setts Path
 - DCC- Minerals & Waste Development Framework
 - DCC – Trusted Trader Scheme
 - DCC – Sacre Annual Report
 - DCC – Reporting Anti-Social Behaviour
 - Viridor – Acknowledgement of £1,000 Matched Funding
 - Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership – Duties for Public Authorities
 - Derbyshire Constabulary – Safer Neighbourhood Teams
- Other
 - Italy – Query about Woodthorpe Sharpening Stone

The correspondence was noted. The Clerk highlighted the letter from the Tennis Club whose concerns were due to be address at a meeting of the Finance Committee. It was agreed that the County Council advice on Reporting Anti-Social Behaviour should be publicised in the Parish. Comment was made on the District Council's new scheme to provide free swimming for young and older residents and there was a suggestion that the query from Italy could be forwarded to the County Records Office.

033/2009 Reports from Committees and Representatives

Cllr Bill Pickford reported that the demand for allotments continued to be strong with a lengthy waiting list for plots. The Association was having to address a couple of issues including ruts in the internal tracks caused by load carrying vehicles.

Cllr Kevin Moore reported on his first meeting with the Clay Cross Angling Association when he had been impressed with the organisation and their early stewardship of the Council's Wall Pond.

Cllr Stuart Ellis reported on a liaison meeting about progress with plans for site of The Avenue. It seemed that Option 3 was likely to be approved by the end of March as the way forward and that, subject to Government approval, the work could commence during July. This option included a major remediation operation and the establishment of a development platform that would support housing, open land for public use, sports facilities and some light industrial or commercial activity.

034/2009 Chairperson's Business

Cllr Ann Sainty outlined the reasons for a need to alter the floral display at the Parish Hall and the suggested new arrangements that were being discussed with Plantscape. She described the recent Walkabout in Adlington in a group including representatives from District Council, Rykneld Homes and the Police. *(A number of the issues raised were to do with the new agenda for Adlington and have been more fully reported under the agenda item 038/2009.)*

The Setts Path had been formally opened with a brief ceremony organised by the County Council. The result of the £32,000 reinstatement and improvement scheme seems to have been welcomed by residents living in the vicinity although there had already been an instance of fly-tipping and it was reported that garden refuse had been deposited alongside the path. It was agreed that the appropriate authorities be requested to take appropriate action with a view to clearing the material and apprehending the perpetrators.

Cllr Sainty reported on the very satisfactory outcomes of the Council's representations on the County Council's proposed road safety schemes for Road/Nethermoor Road and for Swathwick Lane. Most of the concerns and suggestions made by the Council's Road Safety Committee had already been acted upon through modifications to the schemes.

035/2009 Risk Assessment for 2009/10

Members considered a new risk assessment covering the Council's affairs. The assessment was for the forthcoming year and was based on the previously approved assessment with new sections to take account of the Council's involvement in a construction project and the troubled position of the clearing banks.

Resolved: that the risk assessment for 2009/10 be approved and adopted.

036/2009 Parish Plan – Progress Report

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on continuing good progress by the group working on the Wingerworth Plan. A total of 255 completed questionnaires had been submitted to the group of which about three-quarters included additional comments. The main issues arising from the responses to date were parking, public transport, community and leisure facilities and youth facilities. A Google-mail address had been set up to accept further comments and suggestions. Appreciation for the comments already received would be voiced through Wings and it was intended to produce a booklet and a list of useful contacts in the Parish. The group were thanked for their continuing work with the plan.

037/2009 Update on BOAT Applications

The Clerk reported that the County Council had replied to the Council's request for more information on the Byways Open to All Transport applications affecting the Parish. There were four applications although some duplication meant that there were effectively three cases in Wingerworth. All three were claims for routes currently recorded as non-classified highways. The letter confirmed the complexity of work needed to deal with the claims, of which there were many across the county, and undertook to try and provide the Council with some idea of the time-scale for processing the applications.

038/2009 Initial Discussions on Adlington Development

Cllr Ann Sainty reported on a number of issues that had been discussed during the Adlington Walkabout including some of the requests and suggestions emanating from the Adlington Focus Group. The visit had included an inspection of the grassed island area and the former play area, both of which had been suggested as locations for new play and leisure facilities, and possible sites for a notice board as well as dog and litter bins. The Focus Group was due to produce more developed ideas on possible play and leisure facilities.

039/2009 Report on Provision of Protective Netting at Deer Park Cricket Ground

The Clerk reported on attempts to meet the HSE demands and the concerns of local residents over the dangers posed by cricket balls flying out of the cricket ground into the new houses on the edge of the ground. He had visited the residents of the houses that appeared to be most at risk and discussed their concerns as well as possible ways of taking reasonable steps to minimise the risk while stressing that it

was not possible to eliminate the risk. Other than one resident who seemed to object any form of protective netting, there was general appreciation of any attempts to improve the level of protection. It appeared that the best way forward would be to re-position the existing two 10 metre stretches of netting and install a new higher 10 metre stretch rather than importing the Chesterfield Borough Council system that would not provide the higher section. District Council had taken the view that planning permission was necessary for the modifications suggested notwithstanding that the nets were originally a planning condition. An application had been submitted and it was hoped that it would be approved in good time to move the existing nets and install the new section before the start of the season. The higher section could result in an increase in overall costs as the extra height caused a more than proportional increase in cost.

The new scheme to improve protection would be part of a broader scheme coming out of a risk assessment and this broader scheme would impact on the cricket club in a number of ways including the sacrificing of one pitch on the northern edge of the square, the concentration of practice sessions well away from the new houses and the notification of residents in the new houses of the dates and times of matches on the cricket field. It was felt that the introduction of a ground rule for sixes to the new houses and the banning of the Twenty20 format were not necessary at the present time.

Resolved: that the Clerk is authorised to proceed with the new netting arrangements once planning approval has been secured and that the cricket club adhere to the measures to lessen risk.

040/2009 Report on Progress with Construction of the Pavilion

The Clerk reported that the construction of the pavilion at the bowling green had commenced with the intention that the building was completed at or soon after the start of the new bowling season. The Bowling Club had transferred a sum of £23,000 to the Council and Viridor had confirmed that the Council would qualify for the £10,000 grant that had been granted to the Club. The Council had appointed a Clerk of Works who was monitoring the work, liaising closely with the contractor and reporting regularly to the Clerk. To date it appeared that the overall costs would be contained in the Council's budgeted figure although there would be some exposure as the external funding could not be claimed until after the completion of the project. The Clerk expressed his appreciation for the valuable contribution of Cllr Stuart Ellis to the formulation and subsequent development of the project.

041/2009 Expenditure

The Clerk requested approval for expenditure in a number of areas. It had been necessary to alter the floral display contract for 2009 due to safety concerns over the traditional location points for the troughs on the roof of the Parish Hall. An alternative form of display on the walls could be accommodated in the contract at a lower price with the monies saved being use to extend the display into the approach roads to the Adlington estate. The only extra cost would be a one-off payment of £76 to cover the installation of fixing points for the new display on the walls of the Parish Hall.

There was a request for expenditure to cover the purchase of two dog bins (with servicing charges) and two litter bins at standard District Council charges, and one labelled notice board for the Adlington estate at a cost of £895. Other items included a new bench seat (and installation) at the Deer Park Cricket Ground at a total cost of £595 and an extension to the Council's Watersafe Contract to incorporate new testing requirements, at a cost initially of £150 per annum.

The new road safety arrangements planned by the County Council involved a new kerbed pavement opposite the Parish Hall and the loss of the existing bus shelter. The County Council had made provision for a new bus shelter but would require a 50% contribution from the Parish Council towards the purchase and installation of the new shelter when the contribution should be no more than £3,000.

The Council had been asked to support once again the Tupton Hall Young Person's Programme. Although young people on the Adlington estate were able to access County Council support, this support was not available to young people in the rest of the Parish and free access was dependent on the Council offering support. The programme being designed for the next year was larger and more varied covering more weeks. As a result the total contribution from the Council could be as much as £3,000. Concern was again expressed that the County Council funding did not extend to the whole of Wingerworth.

Following the opening of the new Setts Path, the County Council had offered to install a new grit bin on the path provided the Parish Council would take responsibility for supplying the grit. Finally, there was a request for an increase of £20 to the cost of the Council's page in the bi-monthly editions of Wings.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to commit expenditure to all of the above items provided that a further attempt be made to lessen the contribution to the bus shelter before accepting the 50% figure and that any payments to the Tupton Hall Programme be made against reports providing relevant attendance or participation statistics as an audit trail.

042/2009 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting of the Council was 4 March 2009.

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 9.30pm.