

## WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 February 2010

**Present:** Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)  
Cllr Vince Causey Cllr Michael Prout  
Cllr Carole Nelson Cllr Diana Ruff  
Cllr Peter O'Neill with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

#### **024/2010 Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies from Cllr Alan Cooper, Cllr Stuart Ellis, Cllr Chris Hutchings, Cllr Margaret Parker and Cllr Bill Pickford.

#### **025/2010 Declarations of Interest**

The only declarations of interest were those of dual-hatted Members listed under planning matters.

#### **026/2010 Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

#### **027/2010 Matters Arising**

There had been no notification of matters arising.

#### **028/2010 Police Matters**

PCSO Mike Coates reported on incidents during the past month which included three reported crimes, (one burglary and two thefts) and eleven reports of anti-social behaviour including six motorbike nuisances, three snow ball incidents and three incidents of bad behaviour. He informed Members of a sponsored walk from Tupton Hall School on 5 June 2010 to raise funds for the Air Ambulance Service. Walkers and sponsors would be sought nearer the date.

#### **029/2010 Co-option of Members**

The Council had two vacancies although only one had been cleared for co-option with the other vacancy awaiting clearance for co-option. The Council held two expressions of interest which had been submitted although neither of the individuals was able to be present. In one case this was due to a change in circumstances which meant the person was unable to pursue the interest. The matter was deferred.

#### **030/2010 Public Forum**

Clarification was sought about the issue raised under correspondence about Central Drive. The Clerk referred to a query from a resident about the status of the recently made section of the drive and in particular whether it had been adopted by Highways. It appeared the section had not been adopted which raised questions about costs associated with the maintenance and repair of the road. The Clerk's belief was that there was no responsibility whatsoever on the Parish Council in spite of the fact that there was believed to be a right of way along the section which was used to access the Wall Pond and the bowling green. Concern was expressed about the amount of litter on roadsides leading into and out of Wingerworth even though District Council had made efforts to clear a number of the verges. It was suggested that requests for action on particular stretches of road be directed to District Council as and when action was needed.

#### **031/2010 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:

100021 Erection of House and Garages Between Stable Yard and Lodge Drive

The application was noted and some concern was expressed about the size of the development in comparison to the surrounding area and the impact of increased traffic using the access to the site.

The following planning decisions were reported:

90959 CA 51 Central Drive  
CA=Conditional Agreement

First Floor Extension over Garage

The planning decision was noted.

Resolved: that the Clerk contact District Council to convey the concerns of Members in respect of application 100021.

### **032/2010 Accounts**

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in December 2009 as well as details of income and expenditure against a phased budget at the end of the month of December. 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.

### **033/2010 Finance**

The Clerk submitted bank details and a reconciliation as at the end of December 2009.

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

### **034/2010 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

- "Your Police, Your Say" Consultations – 1 February in Derby and 8 February in Buxton
- Circular 02/2010 – General
  - Concerns over Requests to Parish Council under FOIA
  - Clerk Vacancies
- Circular 03/2010 Police Matters – Report from the Annual Parish Councils' Evening
  - Circular 04/2010 Training

### **035/2010 Correspondence**

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
  - Parishioner – Questions about Authority to Remove Speed Bumps and Associated Costs
  - Parishioners – Concerns about State of Roads and Requests for Grit Bins
  - Parishioner – Concern about Use of and Responsibilities for Central Drive
  - Bowling Club – Concerns about Dangers of Cricket Balls Flying onto the Green
  - Angling Association – Request for a Representative from Council
- District
  - NEDDC – Confirmation of Pitch Allocation for 2010 Cricket Season
  - NEDDC - Acknowledgement of Response to Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Consultation
  - The Avenue Project – Bulletin
- County
  - Derbyshire Constabulary – Crime Incident Number for Theft of Grit Bin
- Other
  - Japanese Knotweed Solutions Limited – Seminar on Ramifications of Aphid Release

The correspondence was noted and there was a brief discussion on the Parish correspondence about speed bumps, Central Drive and the concerns of the Bowling Club.

### **036/2010 Reports from Committees and Representatives**

Cllr Michael Prout reported on an excellent response from volunteers interested in helping with the Café Project although the planned meeting had had to be rescheduled due to severe weather.

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on a successful meeting of the Footpaths Committee when Mr David Edwards had joined the group to design a walking route for the proposed audio trail.

The Chairwoman reminded Members of some vacancies for representatives from the Council to community groups and it was agreed that Cllr Diana Ruff be the representative to the Tennis Club.

### **037/2010 Chairwoman's Report**

The Chairwoman reported on the latest meeting of the Adlington Focus Group. The group continued to make good progress, although the attendance on the night had been restricted by the wintry weather.

**038/2010 NEDDC's Response to Concerns about District Council Land at Allendale Road**

The Council still awaited a response from District Council and in the meantime the matter had been discussed at the Council's Finance Committee.

**039/2010 Request for Use of Parish Land for Vehicular Access for New Medical Centre**

In the continuing absence of a formal and detailed request for the use of Council land to improve vehicular access to the proposed new medical centre, it was agreed to defer the item once again to the agenda of the following meeting.

**040/2010 Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting of the Council was 3 March 2010

The Chairwoman thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 7.45pm.