

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 February 2011

Present:

Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)
Cllr Vince Causey
Cllr Dawn Hart
Cllr Chris Hutchings
Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj
Cllr Peter O'Neill
Cllr Margaret Parker
Cllr Bill Pickford
Cllr Michael Prout
Cllr Diana Ruff
with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

023/2011 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Alan Cooper, Cllr Stuart Ellis and Cllr Carole Nelson.

024/2011 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest other than those from dual-hatted Members who were Members on the District Council's Planning Committee and who did not participate in the Planning section of the meeting other than to provide some information on procedural matters at District Council.

025/2011 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2011 be confirmed as true and correct record of the meeting.

026/2011 Matters Arising

There had been no notification of matters arising.

027/2011 Police Matters

There was no Police report.

028/2011 Public Forum

There were no matters raised by members of the public attending the meeting.

029/2011 Consideration of Planning Applications and Related Matters

The following planning applications were reported:

110001	129 Longedge Lane	Rear Extension and Other Works
110025	31 Florence Road	Loft Extension and New Roofs

The following planning decisions were reported:

100780	CA	Lothiorian, Hillhouses Lane	Extensions to Side and Rear + Decking
100869	CA	Corner of Stubbing and Steep Lane	Construction of Manege
90334	CA	42 Longedge Lane	Revised Retention for Extension

CA=Conditional Agreement

The applications and decisions were noted. There was a query about the outcome of the application for a minor development at Deerlands Road of about four dwellings, but it was not known if there had been a decision on the application.

030/2011 Accounts

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in December 2010. He also presented details of income and expenditure against a phased budget at the end of December and the current position of the Council's reserves.

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

031/2011 Finance

The Clerk submitted bank details and a reconciliation as at the end of December 2010.

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

032/2011 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Circular 02/2011 – Keeping of Documents
- Circular 03/2011 – General
 - Derbyshire Police – Public Engagement Events 2011
 - Climate Exchange Through Water Management
 - Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge
 - Action for Market Towns
 - Football Foundation Grow the Game Programme
 - Additional Public Holiday on Friday 29 April 2011

There was a query about the Football Foundation Programme. The circulars were noted.

033/2011 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
 - Parishioner – Report on Contamination in Wall Pond
- District
 - NEDDC – Election Notes and Briefing Sessions
 - NEDDC – Next Meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team
- County
 - DCC – Consideration of Quiet Lane Suggestions
- Other
 - The Royal British Legion – “Great Poppy Party Weekend” on 10-12 June 2011

The query about possible contamination concerned what appeared to be an oil slick on the pond but on investigation it seemed that this was rotting vegetation. It was agreed to place elections on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council. It was reported that there would be no meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team to replace the cancelled meeting in December so that the next meeting would be the one scheduled for 30 March 2011 as part of the Wingerworth Community Partnership meeting. It was also reported that there had been an announcement of the intention to merge the management structures of North East Derbyshire District Council and Bolsover District Council. The rest of the correspondence was noted.

034/2011 Reports from Committees and Representatives

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj reported that the AGM of the Bowling Club was due to take place on 14 February and it was noted that representatives of the Club were due to meet with the Council a week later to examine the quotes received for the maintenance of the green.

Cllr Vince Causey reported that the Clay Cross Angling Association had held its AGM in January. There had been a query about access to an old fishing peg below the wall at the head of the pond but Members were against removing the railings which had been installed as a safety feature. The Environment Agency had given permission for the tench to be moved from the Island Pond to the Wall Pond.

Cllr Bill Pickford reported that the Allotment Holders’ Association had completed another successful year. Cllr Michael Prout reported on the most recent meeting of the Adlington Focus Group which had featured a presentation for the second phase of the play facilities with equipment for young people in the age range eight to 12.

The Chairwoman reported on the recommendations of the Finance Committee that arrangements for payment by the New Road Nursery at the previously agreed rate should be based on a standing order payment of £1,000 on the fifteenth of every month (bar August). Then an invoice for the balance of the months fees would be sent out by the end of the first week of the following month with payment due within 14 days. These arrangements were unanimously agreed by Members as applying to the balance of the current academic year.

035/2011 Chairwoman’s Business

The Chairwoman reported that in addition to the regular meetings she had attended, with the Clerk, a specially convened Derbyshire County Council meeting at Matlock about strategies for coping with severe winter conditions on the roads over the next few months.

036/2011 Report on Progress with the Café WY Project

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj reported on good progress with the Café WY project since its start in August with numbers largely in the range 15 to 20 composed mainly of 13-14 year olds. Bad weather during December interrupted progress but the numbers were again building up in the New Year. Tribute was paid to the valuable support of seven regular volunteers and mention was made of good feedback from both the young people and their parents. Questions were raised about the likely sustainability of the project in the future and the extent to which it would be able to extend its reach across the Parish. The general consensus was that Café WY had been a real success and there was appreciation for everyone associated with the project.

037/2011 Provision of Grit

The Clerk summarised the situation with grit supplies in the Parish during the winter to date and confirmed that the bins had recently been restocked for the third time. It was generally recognised that the provision of grit in Wingerworth was much better than in most parishes in Derbyshire and the service had been further improved with the distribution of grit to specified locations for residents to store and use on public roads and pavements. However it was not always possible promptly restock bins in spells of severe weather when grit supplies were not always available.

The Council had been in receipt of a series of correspondence from a parishioner, some of which had brought to the attention of Members, who continued to insist that there was a statutory duty to provide grit even though he had been told that, on advice from the County Council, this was not the case. The general tenor of the letters and the implied threats were of concern to Members and it was agreed that the Clerk should draft a final reply to the parishioner refuting some of the latest assertions. This draft would be circulated to Members for their approval prior to being sent out in an effort to avoid further repetitious correspondence.

038/2011 Expenditure

The Clerk detailed three quotations received for the 2011 floral display and after some discussion it was agreed to continue with the existing contractor, Plantscape, whose quote was the lowest of the three received.

Approval was sought for the expenditure of £22,100 on the resurfacing of the Council's three tennis courts with Sports Courts UK Ltd who had provided the lowest quote of the companies contacted. Viridor had undertaken to provide £10,000 towards the costs of resurfacing and this together with contributions from the Club would mean that the net cost to the Council would be under £12,000 and on this basis approval was given to proceed with an order to the selected contractor.

039/2011 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting of the Council was 2 March 2011.

The Chairwoman thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 8.11pm.