

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 4 January 2006

Present: Councillor Mrs A Sainty (Chair)
Councillor SJ Ellis Councillor PW O'Neill
Councillor T Fisher Councillor Mrs M Parker
Councillor CE Hutchings Councillor W Pickford
Councillor SP Lennon Councillor RAC Scothern
Councillor K Moore Councillor R Stafford
Councillor J Ollis Councillor K Walker

001/2006 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Snowdon

002/2006 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meetings held on 7 December 2005 and 21 December 2005 be confirmed as true and correct records of the meetings.

003/2006 Matters Arising

Further to minute 207/2005 Councillor Hutchings expressed appreciation for the extensive work undertaken by Derbyshire County Council in dropping kerbs in the Parish. Councillor Mrs Parker expressed concern that the problem of the flooding by Swathwick Close had not been rectified in spite of numerous phone calls from residents and a letter from the Clerk. The resultant water was endangering safety particularly in freezing conditions when it had disrupted the bus service.

Further to minute 215/2005 Councillor Lennon sought clarification on the correspondence from District Council. The Clerk explained that it had not been possible to establish the ownership of the land adjacent to the Derby Road lay-by .

Further to minute 216/2005, the Chair conveyed appreciation from Mr A Sainty for the recognition of his work putting up the Christmas decorations in the Parish Hall.

Resolved: that the Clerk impresses on County Council, as the responsible Highways Authority, the urgent need for action to halt the flooding by Swathwick Close; that Councillor Pickford raises the same matter with the County Council.

004/2006 Public Forum

No issues were raised by members of the public.

005/2006 Police Matters

There was no representation from the Police. The Clerk had written to the Police requesting that they arrange for a substitute for PC Anderson should he be unavailable and, if that were not possible, that a summary of the latest set of crime statistics be forwarded to the Clerk in time for the meeting of the Council.

006/2006 Planning Matters

Members on the District Council's Planning Committee did not participate in this section of the meeting.

The following planning applications were reported:

1367	143 Longedge Lane	Widening of Existing Access
1393	65 Davids Drive	Single Storey Extensions
1394	10 Swathwick Close	Single Storey Rear Extension
1446	51 Davids Drive	Various Alterations & Extension
1447	19 Mill Crescent	Front and Rear Extensions

The applications were noted with some questions on application 1446 which Councillor Scothern agreed to examine.

The following planning decisions were reported:

1212	G	327 Langer Lane	Retention of Access & Parking
1266	G	752 Derby Road	Detached Garage to Rear
1295	G	112 Longedge Lane	Rear 1 Storey Ext, Loft Con, Deck

G=Granted R=Refused W=Withdrawn

The decisions were noted.

007/2006 Accounts

The Clerk presented the details of income received and payments made during the month of November 2005.

Resolved: that the accounts be approved.

008/2006 Finance

The Clerk submitted bank reconciliations as at the end of November 2005.

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

009/2006 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

The following circulars had been received:

- **Circular 34/2005**
 - Big Lottery Fund
 - Campaign on Street Clutter
 - Goal Post Safety
 - Vacancy for Clerk to Hognaston Parish Council
- **Circular 35/2005**
 - Indemnities for Members and Officers
- **Circular 36/2005**
 - Proposed Change to Audit Regime
 - Land Registry
- **Circular 37/2005**
 - CiCLA Training for Clerks – April –July 2006
- **Circular 38/2005**
 - Chairmanship Training – Saturday 18 March 2006
- **Circular 39/2005**
 - Clerk and Councillor Training Day – 29 April 2006
- **Circular 40/2005**

The Clerk referred to Street Clutter in 34/2005, which concerned road signs, and highlighted issues on indemnities in 35/2005. The circulars were noted.

010/2006 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- **Parish**
 - Wingerworth WI – Thanks for use of Parish Hall for annual event
 - Wingerworth Tennis Club – Continuing concern about state of courts
 - Parishioner – Concern over care of memorials in churchyard

The correspondence was noted.

- **North East Derbyshire District Council**
 - House to House Collection Application – Clothes Aid
 - Postal Address for New Property - 12 Lakelands
 - Postal Address for New Property – 33 Wellspring Close
 - Bar Profits for Third Quarter - £9.61

The correspondence was noted.

- **Derbyshire County Council**
 - Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Claim 2006/06 – Reminder
 - Cultivation Licence Application – Wychwood, Bole Hill
 - Derbyshire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy
 - Request for Additional Street Lighting – Welbeck Drive
 - Drainage – Langer Lane
 - Provision of Barriers – Public Footpath 33
 - Emergency Plan Contact – Clerk as Named Contact

The Clerk alerted Members that there seemed little prospect of success at present with the requests for additional street lighting and the provision of barriers. The correspondence was noted.

- **Other**
 - Natascha Engle MP – Request for Information on Parish Events
 - Trent NHS – Consultation on New Primary Care Trust Arrangements
 - ODPM – Standards of Conduct in Local Government

The Chair sought clarification on the request for information on Parish events which was to provide the MP for the area with advance information on events of interest in the Parish. The correspondence was noted.

011/2006 Reports from Committees and Representatives

Councillor Scothern reported on the most recent Listening Service morning where one issue had been raised which concerned the poor state of two seats at the Church, at least one of which served as a memorial to the 1914-1918 War. It appeared that one was capable of being repaired but that the other would probably need to be replaced. It was agreed that the Council try to effect the minor repair and that the issue of replacement be considered by the Parochial Church Council.

012/2006 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed as 1 February 2006.

013/2006 Agreed Budget for 2006/2007

The Clerk referred to the budget for 2006/2007 which had been set at a special meeting of the Council in December. It was agreed that the pension provision and three minor items on the capital reserve list be incorporated into the recurrent budget. The increase in the annual precept for 2006/2007 remained at 3% which equated to an amount of just over 2p per week from 1 April 2006 for each household in the Parish. Members formally ratified the budget for 2006/2007.

014/2006 Impact of New Licensing Arrangements

The Clerk reminded Members of the problems imposed by the new licensing arrangements. Discussions were taking place with District Council over an application for a variation of licence that would include drama productions and so alleviate the need for TENs for such events. The Clerk was also exploring other ways of easing the pressure resulting from the current limit of twelve TENs in any twelve-month period.

As things stood, there would be a need for a TEN for the proposed production by the drama group in early April. While the Council was willing to allocate one of the limited TENs to the drama group for this event, it was unanimously agreed that the dates for the performances should be delayed by a short period so that they took place after the end of the table tennis winter league. This would avoid further disruptions to the Table Tennis Club's league programme.

Resolved: that the Clerk continues to explore ways of being able to take extra bookings for the Parish Hall.

015/2006 Any Other Business

Councillor Scothern expressed great disappointment over the damage to the Parish's Christmas tree when the lights and the tree itself were subjected to acts of vandalism. It was stressed that the Council would not hesitate to take action if the culprits could be identified and that the Council intended to persevere with the practice of providing a tree for Christmas.

Councillor Pickford reported that plans for the major housing development adjacent to Central Drive had been approved with a number of conditions. It did appear that the builder would be willing to at least part fund the installation of protective fencing on the boundary with the cricket field.

Councillor Fisher raised the matter of the memorial seat for former Councillor Shelagh Walker and it was confirmed that a seat would be placed in an agreed position close to the Parish Hall.

The Chair thanked Members of the Public for their attendance and contributions before declaring the meeting closed at 7.53pm.