

## WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 January 2007

**Present:** Cllr Mrs A Sainty (Chair)  
Cllr SJ Ellis  
Cllr T Fisher  
Cllr CE Hutchings  
Cllr K Moore  
Cllr PW O'Neill  
with Mike Taylor (Clerk)  
Cllr Mrs M Parker  
Cllr W Pickford  
Cllr RAC Scothern  
Cllr T Snowdon  
Cllr R Stafford

#### 001/2007 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr J Ollis and Cllr K Walker

#### 002/2007 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meetings held on 6 December and 13 December 2006 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

#### 003/2007 Matters Arising

Further to minute 211/2006 it was reported that the quotation for the repairs to the roof of the Parish Hall did not include the installation of sun pipes although a further quotation was awaited which should incorporate sun pipes.

#### 004/2007 Public Forum

Concerns were raised over fly tipping, on Hill Houses Lane and by Bole Hill above the quarry, and about the damage to the footpath through Hardwick Wood caused by trail bikes and horses. Questions were raised over the future of the Wingerworth Centre and the possibility of it being replaced by a medical centre. The Council's support for new a new medical centre was restated although the point was made that all applications would need to be examined in detail.

Concern was raised over the problems of water standing on a stretch of Swathwick Lane after earlier work by the County Council had failed eradicate the problems. A point was made about the apparent difficulties of addressing the shortage of facilities in Wingerworth and the way in which the structural plan appeared to inhibit new developments and in particular those of a community nature.

Resolved: that the Clerk contacts District Council with a request to clear the debris left by fly tipping; that the Clerk contacts the owner of the land with the footpath being used by trail bikes and horses to ascertain whether he had given permission for such use; that Cllr W Pickford, as County Councillor, liaises with the parishioner expressing concern over the water standing on Swathwick Lane.

#### 005/2007 Police Matters

There was no representative from the Police and the Clerk had not received a report from the Police.

#### 006/2007 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:

1279	67 Longedge Lane	Two Dwellings – One New and One Extended
1358	14 Greenway	Single Storey Rear Extension
1393	188 Nethermoor Road	Single Storey Rear Extension
1396	Pioneer House, Mill Lane	Visitor Centre
1440	The Famous Red Lion	Major Development inc 25 Room Hotel

The applications were noted including the major development proposed at the Famous Red Lion on a site just outside the Parish boundary.

The following planning decisions were reported:

1123 G	Woodthorpe House, Mill Lane	Two Storey Side Ext & Garage
1124 G	6 Nottingham Close	Two Storey Side Extension
1179 G	Stoneleigh, Harper Hill	Conservatory to Rear
1199 G	Hunloke Park Primary School	Emergency Accommodation
1203 R	Woodthorpe Grange, Ashover Road	One and a Half Storey Extension

G=Granted R=Refused W=Withdrawn

The decisions were noted.

### **007/2007 Accounts**

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

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

### **008/2007 Finance**

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

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

### **009/2007 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

The following circulars had been received:

- Circular 40/2006
  - Production of Parish Plans
  - Derbyshire Rural Community Council Funding Information
  - Big Lottery's Breathing Places Programme
- Circular 41/2006
  - Training Course for Clerks and Councillors – Bradwell Tuesday 16 January 2007
  - HM Revenue and Customs Workshop – South Normanton Friday 26 January 2007
- Evening for Parish and Town Clerks
  - County Hall Monday 23 January 2007

The circulars were noted and questions were raised about Parish plans. It was felt that this was a matter for the broader community but that it should be kept under review.

### **010/2007 Correspondence**

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
  - Five Letters Seeking Support for Wingerworth Pre-School
  - Parishioner – Concern about Closure of Youth Centre
  - Parishioner – Necessity of Incorporating Car Parking Facility for Proposed Bike Park
  - Parishioner – Detailed Appraisal of Alternative Venue for the Proposed Bike Park
  - Parishioner – Concerns about Tricketts Brook and Request for Support
  - Bothams Mitchell Slaney – New Medical Surgery/Practice Premises – Progress and Request for Support
  - Bothams Mitchell Slaney – New Medical Surgery/Practice Premises – Proposals/Request for Comments
  - Parishioner – Concern about Removal of Play Facilities at Hunloke Park
  - Wingerworth Community Association – Annual Quiz at the Parish Hall on Wednesday 21 March

The Chair referred to requests for the Council to express support for the new medical surgery proposed on the site of the Youth Centre. Given that the meeting was in danger of touching on planning issues, the Members on the District Council's Planning Committee declared their position and did not participate in the ensuing discussions. The Chair summed up the Council's position which was support for the need for a new medical centre but an unwillingness to support any individual proposal until such time as it had been worked up to a planning application when comments would be made to the Planning Authority and minuted. The need to reserve comments was particularly important given the number of issues surrounding a new development. Concern was expressed at the loss of the Youth Centre and it was agreed that the Finance Committee should meet to consider recent responses from the County Council. It was agreed that the concerns about play facilities be referred to the Playing Fields Committee and that the Clerk inform the parishioner of this decision.

- District
  - NEDDC – House to House Collection – Clothes Aid for Great Ormond Street Charity – Various Dates
  - NEDDC – Street Collection – The Royal Air Forces Association – 15 September 2007
  - NEDDC – Street Collection – The Royal British Legion – 3-10 November 2007
  - NEDDC – Visit to Florence Road
  - NEDDC – End of Bound Copies of Council Minutes

The correspondence was noted.

- County
  - DCC – Weight Restriction on Road over Great Pond
  - DCC – Are We on the Right Track? – Consultation on Rights of Way Improvement Plan
  - DCC – Christmas Drink and Drive Campaign 2006
  - DCC Chief Executive – Response to Council’s Concerns over Closure of Youth Centre
  - DCC – Acknowledgement of Letter Detailing Concerns on Swathwick Lane and Harper Hill

The commitment by the Chief Executive of the County Council to provide a detailed response to the Council’s concerns over the threatened closure of the Youth Centre was appreciated, The rest of the correspondence was noted.

- Other
  - East Midlands Airport – Master Plan
  - EMRA – Draft East Midlands Regional Plan
  - Derbyshire Rural Community Council – Newsletter December 2006
  - WRG Communities Challenge
  - Awards for All – New Guidelines
  - Wheeldon Homes –Variations to Development
  - North Derbyshire Health and Social Care Network – Newsletter December 2006
  - Campaign to Protect Rural England – Annual Membership

The correspondence was noted.

### **011/2007 Reports from Committees and Representatives**

There were no reports from Committees or Representatives although the Chair reported that a meeting with the Tennis Club had yet to be arranged and Cllr CE Hutchings informed the meeting that a new Rector had been appointed to the Parish Church and was due to commence her work in February..

### **012/2007 Chair’s Business**

The Chair reported on a well supported Carol Service and asked that the Clerk minute the Council’s appreciation of the generous support of the Rhodes family in raising sponsorship and providing hospitality. She was pleased to note that the tree and the lights had been largely free of damage this year. It was agreed that an improved sound system was needed and the Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of hiring a suitable system for the two main annual community events.

### **013/2007 Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk presented his report which covered the Parish Hall, the New Housing Development at Allendale, Footpaths, the Christmas Event, The Wingerworth Centre, Matters Raised by Parishioners and Staffing Matters.

The continuing good work of the Footpath volunteers was mentioned and their survey of the 40 footpaths in the Parish was summarised. Of these, 20 met the standard and of the 20 that were below standard it was believed that 18 could quickly be raised to the standard leaving two footpaths in need of greater attention. The Clerk raised the timing of the Christmas Event for 2007 and it was agreed that it should remain at the same point which translated to a date of Friday 7 December. Finally, the Clerk reported that there had been a further incident of a walker being harassed by dogs in Hardwick Wood – the matter had been reported to District Council.

### **014/2007 Date of Next Meeting**

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

### **015/2007 Audit Commission Report**

The Audit Commission's report on the Council's affairs for the year 2005/2006 had now been received and Members received the two relevant pages from this report. All relevant responses from the Internal Auditor's Report were positive and there was an opinion that the Council had adequate risk controls in place. The absence of any qualification to the External Auditor's Opinion meant that the Council had a clean bill of health for the period covered by the audit. Only one matter was raised, which did not affect the opinion, and this concerned the need to gain gross interest from a deposit account rather than net interest. This change was already in place with the Council's bankers

### **016/2007 Agreed Budgets for 2007/2008**

Members confirmed both the recurrent and capital budgets, as minuted from the Annual Budget meeting of the Council, and confirmed the precept for 2007/2008 as £107,087. This was effectively a stand still precept as the increase over the current year's precept would be 3% and as such was in line with the prevailing rate of inflation in the economy.

### **017/2007 Discussions with Wheeldon Homes about Allendale Road Development**

Recent discussions at a meeting between the Chair, the Vice Chair and the Clerk with representatives of the developers had resulted in a number of proposals. These included the filling in of the low ground between the cricket field and the new development with the ground being seeded and planted with three trees, and the extension of the Herras fencing to cover the affected section of the Council's land to allow the work to take place. These proposals, which were at no cost to the Council, were unanimously approved. A possible scheme for the provision of protective netting on the edge of the cricket field had been outlined, but this would be a matter for the Planning Authority to agree.

### **018/2007 Proposed Weight Restriction Order affecting Nethermoor Road and Birkin Lane**

After some clarification and discussion, it was agreed to support the proposed new order.

### **019/2007 District Council's "Streetscene" Consultation**

Following the Chair's suggestion it was agreed to refer the consultation document to the forthcoming meeting of the Parish Hall Committee.

### **020/2007 Proposals for Composting Facility and Highways Depot at Grassmoor**

Cllr SJ Ellis was thanked for his paper previously circulated to Members which had relied on various sources of information although not on the original consultation material which had not been available. The Clerk informed Members of external advice received that the Council should not fund or financially support an independent pressure group. Members expressed appreciation for Cllr SJ Ellis' work and a number of Members stated that they felt more strongly opposed to the proposals as a result of the paper. It was agreed that the Council would continue to support Grassmoor, Winsick & Hasland Parish Council in their opposition to the proposals.

### **021/2007 Parish Council Information Sheet**

Members approved the latest version of the Information Sheet and it was agreed that the editor of Wings be requested to include the sheet in the February edition of the magazine to stimulate interest in the Council and its work in the period running up to elections.

### **022/2007 Any Other Business**

Information was given about a standard letter of reply from the County Council in response to correspondence received expressing concerns over the threatened closure of the Youth Centre. It was clarified that large boulders laid at Bole Hill had been done so with the permission of the landowner. It was confirmed that all meetings of the Council were open to the public and all meetings were now posted in the main notice board at the Parish Hall.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.