

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 January 2009

Present:

Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)	
Cllr Stuart Ellis	Cllr Peter O'Neill
Cllr Chris Hutchings	Cllr John Ollis
Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj	Cllr Bill Pickford (<i>from 005/2009</i>)
Cllr Kevin Moore	Cllr Michael Prout
Cllr Carole Nelson	with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

001/2009 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Cllr Margaret Parker, Cllr Jan Robinson, Cllr Diana Ruff and Cllr Tom Snowdon with apologies for late arrival from Cllr Bill Pickford.

002/2009 Declarations of Interest

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

003/2009 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meetings held on 3 December and 10 December 2008 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meetings.

004/2009 Matters Arising

There was no notification of matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 3 December and 10 December 2008.

005/2009 Police Matters

The Chairperson welcomed Inspector Adam Waterfall to the meeting. Crime statistics for previous month had been forwarded by PCSO Mike Coates and detailed 13 incidents including four assaults and three thefts. In addition, there were seven reported incidents of anti-social behaviour.

Inspector Waterfall spoke about the reorganisation of the previous summer when the Dronfield and Clay Cross sections of the North East Derbyshire area had been merged which allowed for more flexible policing such as the flooding of a problem area as had been successfully carried out at the Allendale Road shopping complex. Following the merger, arrangements were under consideration to alter the boundaries of the southern section so that they were co-terminus with the local authority areas as was the case in the northern section. This would enable the southern sector SNTs to be incorporated in the Community Partnerships with a significant slot being reserved for policing matters. If this change was approved, work would be needed to ensure that the new arrangements were fit for purpose.

There was a discussion on the likely impact of such changes in the light of the fears expressed about the ending of the SNTs by the Council to the Chief Constable and the continuing reservations of Members to the effectiveness of the Community Partnership. It was generally felt that there was a need for a publicly accountable review of the arrangements after six months of operation, should the SNT be incorporated into the Community Partnership.

006/2009 Public Forum

Concern was raised about the amount of litter on and around the approach roads to Wingerworth. Representations had been made to District Council as a result of which it appeared that litter had been cleared from Langer Lane. However a lot of litter remained on Birkin Lane and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact District Council with a request that they arrange for a clearing of the litter and assorted debris on that road.

007/2009 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:

1125	42 Longedge Lane	Single Storey Extension to Front
1146	High Cliffe, Matlock Rd, Spitewinter	Discharge of Condition 3
1150	Oakdale, Top Road, Hardwick Wood	Change from Garage to Granny An
1182	33 Parkland Drive	Retention of Garden Features
1204	22 Oak Crescent	Two Storey Side Exten'n and Porch
1208	7 Swathwick Close	Porch and Conservatory to Side
1215	Land between 33 & 37 Central Drive	Erection of New Dwelling

The applications were noted.

The following planning decisions were reported:

129	G 23 New Road	Parking to Front and New Access
854	R Alinor, Middle Road , Hardwick Wood	Erection of Replacement Dwelling
892	G 576 Derby Road	Car Port to Front
935	G 119 Nethermoor Road	Single Storey Rear Extension
1005	G 14 Mill Crescent	Two Storey Side Ext and Rear Ext
1006	G The Bungalow, Birdhome Fm, Derby Rd	Two Bedroom Extension

G=Granted R=Refused W=Withdrawn

The planning decisions were noted. The reasons for the refusal of application 854 included the fact that it was outside settlement limits, would not be in keeping with the local character and would represent a prominent intrusion into the countryside.

008/2009 Accounts

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

Bitz 'n' PC's Limited	50.00	Removal of Virus
GMS	22.10	Repairs to Strimmer
Canx	0.00	Cancelled Cheque
DALC	31.25	Return of Deposit
Contract Leisure Surfacing	6,280.38	Playground Equipment
B&Q	7.98	Footpath Materials
Bitz 'n' PC's Limited	342.00	Computer Rebuild
E-on	452.73	Supply of Electricity
E-on	155.20	Supply of Electricity
British Gas Business	306.16	Supply of Gas
Derbyshire CC	198.00	Youth Programme
Jackson Building Centres	81.24	Footpath Materials
Town & Country UK	24.80	Window Cleaning
Prestige Street Furniture	293.75	Bus Shelter Repairs
S Johnson & Son Ltd	31.68	Environment Items
Post Office	36.78	Postage Stamps
Ryman	12.26	Stationery
Staff	4,984.15	Salary and Expenses
HM Revenue & Customs	2,213.74	Tax and NI Payments
Derbyshire CC	1,152.58	LGPS Payments
Birdholme SS	16.91	Petrol for Churchyard
Morrisons	27.18	Remembrance Day Items
AOL	22.88	Internet Services
NEDDC	176.00	Business Rates
	16,919.75	Total for Month

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

009/2009 Finance

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

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

010/2009 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Circular 52/2008 – General
 - 2008/09 National Interim Salary Awards
 - Section 137 Limit for 2008/09
- Circular 56/2008 – Training
- Circular 57/2008 – CiLCA Training
- Circular 58/2008 – General
 - 2008/09 Membership
 - Communities in Control – Consultation Responses
 - VAT and Local Councils
- Circular 59/2008 – General
 - Annual Parish Councils’ Evening with the Chief Constable – Wednesday 7 January 2009
 - Publication of Candidates’ Addresses at Parliamentary Elections - Consultation
 - Circular 60/2008 – Derbyshire Transport Group – Terms of Reference

The circulars were noted.

011/2009 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
 - Parishioner – Objection to Use of Council Tax Payers’ Money for Protective Nets
 - Wingerworth Bowling Club – Appreciation for Work of Council
- District
 - NEDDC – Notification of Possible Action against a Resident for Fly-Tipping
 - NEDDC – Applications for Hire of Cricket Pitches in 2009
 - NEDDC – Developer Contributions – Percent for Art Scheme
 - NEDDC – Change to On-line Notification of Planning Decisions
 - BCN – Notification of Addresses and Post Codes for Birdholme Farm Development
 - Linkslane – Funding Advice
- County
 - DCC – Proposed Road Safety Improvements on Nethermoor Road/New Road
 - DCC – Proposed Road Safety Improvements on Swathwick Lane
 - DCC – Winter Maintenance (Roads)
 - DCC – New Guide to Recycling of Rubbish
 - DCC – Request for Information on Parish Magazines and Venues for Hire
 - DCC – Derbyshire Directory News
 - Derbyshire Link - News
 - Derbyshire Constabulary – Reply from Chief Constable over SNT Concerns
 - Rural Services Network – Invitation to Join
- Other
 - Information Commissioner’s Office – Notification of Obligation to Disclose Information
 - CPRE – Fieldwork
 - EMDA – News

The correspondence was noted including the vote of appreciation from the Bowling Club and the concern over the use of Council money for the protective netting at the cricket field. Members welcomed the attempts by the District Council to take action over fly-tipping and expressed hope that the Percent for Art Scheme would not jeopardise Section 106 contributions to community developments. It was suggested that the Road Safety Committee be reconvened to consider the two safety improvement schemes and offer comments to the County Council.

012/2009 Reports from Committees and Representatives

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj reported on progress with the Youth Forum including moves to obtain CRB clearance for volunteers and the welcome offer of support from two young people at Tupton Hall School. However the Forum had still not secured a drop-in meeting place although it appeared that there was a possibility of using a room at the Church Centre if the Council was willing to submit a formal request in writing. It was agreed that Cllr Knyhynyckyj should liaise with the Clerk who was authorised to make such a request.

Cllr Kevin Moore was meeting with the Clay Cross Angling Association at the weekend and was due to meet with the Tennis Club in February by which time he could relay comments from the Council.

013/2009 Chairperson's Business

Cllr Ann Sainty commented on the continuing success of the Council's Christmas event which had clearly been enjoyed by the many who had attended notwithstanding the poor weather. There were fewer young people attending but she was particularly appreciative of the number of Members who were present. She also expressed appreciation for the support of the Rhodes' family both in terms of co-ordinating the sponsors and in providing the reception.

014/2009 Budgets and Reserves for 2009/10

The decisions taken by Members at the annual budget meeting of the Council had been circulated with the agenda for the purposes of information. It was confirmed that a statement would be released for Wings.

015/2009 Parish Plan – Progress Report

In the absence of Cllr Diana Ruff, who had been so closely involved in the work to produce a parish plan, it was agreed to defer the progress report until the next meeting of the Council.

016/2009 Update on BOAT Applications

Cllr Michael Prout summarised the background to the Byways Open to All Traffic applications where three of the approximately 200 applications in Derbyshire were in Wingerworth. It was understood that the Wingerworth applications were not near to being considered although applications for Ashover had recently been dealt with where the process included a six day public enquiry. After the provision of information from a resident in the public gallery it was agreed that further information should be sought from the County Council to try and clarify a number of issues. In the meantime, based on the information to hand, Members agreed unanimously to oppose the BOAT application for Martins Lane.

Resolved: that the Clerk contacts the County Council to request details of the status of non-classified ways in each of the three applications pertaining to Wingerworth and details of the process of dealing with BOAT applications as well as the County Council's position with regard to each of the applications and some idea of the date when these applications would be expected to be considered; that the Council opposes the BOAT application for Martins Lane.

017/2009 Initial Discussions on Adlington Development

The Chairperson reported on a meeting the previous night with residents from the Adlington Estate which had proved very purposeful in terms of ideas and agreed ways of trying to deal with some of the concerns that had been raised in the survey of residents. Some of the Police related issues would be taken to the next meeting of the SNT while the Council would address some of the more easily resolvable and less costly issues. Much of the discussions centred on the possibility of providing a fenced-in play area for young children, possibly on the green island, and some refurbishment of the derelict play area on the land near the Council's football pitch. Members welcomed the good progress resulting from the partnership approach between the residents and the Council and looked forward to a more defined set of proposals following a meeting of a residents' focus group and efforts to secure more external funding to augment the funds already set aside for developments in the Adlington area.

018/2009 Review of Community Partnership

The item was on the agenda as had been agreed six months previously, but given the uncertainties revolving around the incorporation of the SNT and possible changes to the Community Partnerships it was agreed to defer the review until the April meeting of the Council. There remained some disquiet as to the value of the Partnership given the lack of support from some of the key constituents and it was suggested that the Partnership should review its own progress and performance.

Resolved: that the review be deferred until April and a request be made that the Partnership reviews its own progress and performance.

019/2009 Expenditure and Disposal

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Members were informed that there may need to be some variation to the contract in place for the Parish's floral display for 2009 as the display at the Parish Hall would have to be changed due to silt from the troughs on the roof causing problems with the down pipes. It was also suggested that an old piece of training equipment for table tennis, which was owned by the Council, be transferred free of charge to the Table Tennis Club based at the Parish Hall who would continue to use and service the equipment.

Resolved: that a variation be made in the floral contract for 2009 to allow for a new form of display at the Parish Hall; that the robotic server be disposed of and given to the Table Tennis Club.

Exempt Item - Members of the Public were asked to leave the meeting for the following item to be discussed in private session.

020/2009 New Pavilion at Bowling Green

Cllr Stuart Ellis provided an update on recent meetings with Bowling Club and referred to a draft agreement between the Council and the Club governing the use of the new pavilion. During the discussion both parties had expressed a strong interest in having a simple agreement which clearly delineated the responsibilities of the two parties and it was felt that the circulated document achieved this end. Questions were raised as to whether it would be preferable to have a formal legal document drawn up by a solicitor or at least have the draft document reviewed by a solicitor. After some discussion it was agreed to seek comments on the draft agreement from DALC and in the absence of any comments or suggested changes, that the document be agreed with the Club.

Resolved: that the draft agreement be modified to include a requirement that the Bowling Club lodge a copy of their insurance policy with the Council each year and that the modified agreement be forwarded to DALC with a request for comments; subject to there being no concerns from DALC, that the Council's working party be authorised to proceed in finalising arrangements with both the preferred contractor and the Bowling Club to commence construction in line with the planning approval on the basis that overall expenditure would be contained within the amount already approved by the Council.

021/2009 Date of Next Meeting

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

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 9.16pm