

## WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 January 2011

**Present:**

Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)	
Cllr Vince Causey	Cllr Peter O'Neill
Cllr Alan Cooper	Cllr Carole Nelson
Cllr Stuart Ellis	Cllr Margaret Parker
Cllr Dawn Hart	Cllr Bill Pickford
Cllr Chris Hutchings	Cllr Michael Prout
	Cllr Diana Ruff
	with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

#### **001/2011 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **002/2011 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.

#### **003/2011 Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved: that the minutes of the meetings held on 3 and 29 November and 8 December 2010 be confirmed as true and correct records of the meetings.

#### **004/2011 Matters Arising**

There had been no notification of matters arising.

#### **005/2011 Police Matters**

PCSO Mike Coates had forwarded a report for the Parish for the November which detailed four crimes including two of damage to vehicles and one each of burglary and theft. During the same period there had been one reported instance of anti-social behaviour which related to neighbour problems.

For the month of December there were nine reported crimes which were mainly theft but included a racially aggravated public order offence and two common assaults. In addition, there were three reports of anti-social behaviour, all of which were of a nuisance nature.

The report included some details of Operation Impact, a two month campaign running in December and January which aimed to reduce violence and domestic abuse across the county.

The report also gave notice that PC Joe Hartshorn would be leaving the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) in January as he was taking up duty as a Patrol Officer in Clay Cross. The meeting of the SNT that had been due to take place at the Parish Hall on Wednesday 15 December had been cancelled due to bad weather, but the Chairwoman expressed concern at the apparent absence of any notices about the cancellation, especially as some residents had struggled to get to the meeting.

#### **006/2011 Public Forum**

A resident wanted to raise issues about the use of roads in Hardwick Wood after having gone to the December SNT meeting only to find that it had been cancelled. It was confirmed that the issues were for the SNT and that District Council would be asked to rearrange the SNT meeting as soon as was possible.

#### **007/2011 Tupton Hall Play Scheme**

The Chairwoman welcomed Darren Norwood to the meeting who summarised the background to the scheme since its commencement in 2008 when Wingerworth Parish Council had been one of the main contributors. The scheme, which provided activities for local children at Tupton Hall School during school holidays, had expanded considerably and now offered 35 sports and other activities and had catered for over 1,600 children with some 10,000 sessions involving almost 30,000 hours. About 30% of the participants were from Wingerworth and the feedback from both children and parents was good.

The cost of the scheme was met by external funding and contributions from parish councils as well as fees from children not in the participating parishes, and further support from the Council would be welcome to help meet the continuing costs and to continue to provide privileged access for Wingerworth children. The Chairwoman thanked Mr Norwood for the presentation and reminded Members that the proposal to make a further contribution would be considered under the later agenda item on expenditure.

### **008/2011 Consideration of Planning Applications and Related Matters**

The following planning applications were reported:

100953	Yew Tree Bungalow, Bottom Rd, HW	Lighting for Menage
101026	The Former Avenue Site	Floor Alleviate Scheme
100940	31 Ridd Way	Erection of Conservatory to Rear

The following planning decisions were reported:

100033	CA	59 New Road	Rear Extension and Roof Space
100607	CA	Bolehill Farm, Bole Hill	New Agric Building and Slurry Lagoon
100677	CA	Stubbing Court, Holme Farm	3 Dwellings and Private Drainage Syst
100703	CA	Former Avenue Site	Not to Comply Conditions 3, 12, 14
100739	CA	31 Longedge Lane	New Hipped Roof and Porch
100940	CA	31 Ridd Way	Erection of Conservatory to Rear
100984	CA	18 Nethermoor Road	Erection of Dwelling on Land Adjacent
100997	CA	31 Central Drive	Single Storey Front Extension

CA=Conditional Agreement

The applications and decisions were noted.

### **009/2011 Accounts**

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

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

### **010/2011 Finance**

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

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

### **011/2011 Council Budget for 2011/12**

A paper detailing the council budgets for 2011/12 had been circulated for information. The budget figures were those agreed at the special budget meeting of the Council in December and included the precept for the next year which had not been increased.

### **012/2011 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

- Circular 50/2010
  - Ministerial Meeting
  - Council Tax Freeze
  - Elections
  - Local Government Pay 2011/2012
- Circular 51/2010 – General
  - Car Allowances 2010/11
  - Affordable Rural Housing
  - Big Lottery Fund for Community Buildings
  - Derbyshire Smoke-Free Homes and Cars conference
- Circular 52/2010 – Derbyshire County Council Matters
  - Town and Parish Council Liaison
  - Winter Service Plan
  - Anti-Social Behaviour
  - Community Leadership Fund
  - Rights of Way Charter

- Consultation on Public Transport Services
- Broadband
- Circular 53/2010 – Subscriptions for 2011/12
- Circular 55/2010 – Consultation from Local Government Boundary Commission
- Circular 57/2010 – General
  - Membership
  - Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2011/2012
  - Review on Clustering of Local Councils
- Circular 58/2010 – Future of Standards Framework
- Circular 59/2010 – The Localism Bill

The circulars were noted.

### **013/2011 Correspondence**

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
  - Parishioner – Report on Event in Walton Woods
  - All Saints Church – Concerns about Reported Statements from October Meeting
  - Parishioners – Various Requests for New Grit Bins and for Supplies of Grit
  - Visitor – Request for Information about Ruins of Dwelling at Bole Hill
- District
  - NEDDC – Current Status of SHLAA and Progress with Core Strategy
  - NEDDC – Current Position with the Deerlands Road Site
  - BCN Consultancy – New Postal Address of 35 Central Drive
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  - ndva – Newsletter
- County
  - DCC – Expected Classification of Setts Way
  - DCC – Response to Requests for “Speed Humps” on Nethermoor Road
  - Derbyshire Biodiversity News
  - Derbyshire Children’s Holiday Centre – 2010 Newsletter
  - Rural Action Derbyshire Newsletter
  - Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership – Newsletter
  - Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership – Consultation on Action Plan
- Other
  - Natasha Engel MP – Parking Problems in Wingerworth
  - CPRE – Fieldwork Newsletter
  - The Royal Bank of Scotland – Registration for Digital Banking and Direct Banking
  - Jeremy Hunt MP – The Queen’s 2012 Diamond Jubilee

The feedback on the event in Walton Woods indicated that there had been no problems other than issues with the parking of vehicles on adjacent roads. The Chairwoman reported that she had responded to concerns about reported statements and there was a discussion on various issues related to the provision of grit in the Parish. Both the SHLAA and the Core Strategy appeared to be on hold pending clarification of a number of issues by the new Government. However reference was made to a report in the national press to the effect that there were some 650,000 empty dwellings in the country and that efforts should be made to make better use of existing homes rather than planning for major new housing developments. It was reported that there had been no recent discussions with planners on a major new housing development off Deerlands Road. Mention was made of the Council’s view that The Avenue site should be developed prior to any other major development in the Parish. The Setts Path would not qualify as a Greenway although it would connect into the Greenways network. It was hoped that the Parish Council should be consulted on any proposals for new speed humps in the Parish and the regime of civil enforcement of parking did not appear to cover adequately the concerns about irresponsible parking in the Parish. The rest of the correspondence was noted.

### **014/2011 Reports from Committees and Representatives**

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on a well-attended Remembrance Day event at the Parish Hall when she had deputised for the Chairwoman. She also reported that the Tennis Club was seeking further funding for the resurfacing of the courts and, as far as footpaths were concerned, that the Audio Trail project was progressing well and that the Footpath Watch scheme had attracted more support.

Cllr Vince Causey reported that the litter bin at the Wall Pond had been repaired by the Association and the Chairwoman confirmed that the meeting of the Adlington Focus Group, which has been cancelled in December due to the weather, would now take place on 25 January.

### **015/2011 Chairwoman's Business**

The Chairwoman reported on a well-attended Remembrance Service at the Parish Church and the most recent of the District Council Parish Liaison Group when proposed changes to the refuse and recycling kerbside collections were outlined. She expressed thanks to the sponsors of the Parish Christmas Tree and in particular to the Rhodes family who organised the sponsorship and held an enjoyable reception.

### **016/2011 Co-option Procedure and Induction Process**

Cllr Chris Hutchings referred to the previously circulated papers, the earlier drafts of which had already been approved. The latest set of papers was approved for use by the Council.

### **017/2011 Rights of Way Charter**

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on a draft Rights of Way Charter that had been produced by the County Council and circulated to Councils for comment and which seemed to encompass all the areas of interest to the Council.

### **018/2011 Revised Application for Use of Cricket Ground in 2011**

In addition to the continued use of the Council's ground by Wingerworth S CC there had been a request for a limited number of games on the ground from one of Chesterfield CC's senior sides that was composed mainly of junior players looking to progress in the senior game.

Resolved: That Wingerworth S CC should continue to have use of the ground in 2011; that Chesterfield CC be allowed for a limited number of games subject to payment of fees and the agreement of the Wingerworth club.

### **019/2011 Expenditure**

It was agreed that the Council should support the Tupton Hall School Holiday Activities Programme by a payment of £2,000 to the programme. It was also agreed to pay for the staff Christmas Lunch.

*The following items were classed as exempt items and as such were considered after members of the public had left the meeting.*

### **020/2011 Arrangements with the Nursery**

There was discussion on the proposals from the Finance Committee for lettings rates for the current year when it was agreed that the rate applicable at the end of the previous year should continue to apply subject to a number of changes in the arrangements including the early payment of part of the charges each month.

### **021/2011 Medical Centre – Progress Report**

There was a brief update on the position with regard to the development of the new centre off Allendale Road where there were understood to be some issues in relation to conditions imposed by Highways. It was hoped that these would soon be satisfactorily resolved so that the development could proceed..

### **022/2011 Date of Next Meeting**

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

The Chairwoman thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 9.12pm.