

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 January 2012

Present:

Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Pat Antcliff

Cllr Cecilia Harper

Cllr Colin Berry

Cllr Dawn Hart

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj

Cllr Lindsey Edwards

Cllr Peter O'Neil

Cllr Brian Flude

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Stuart Ellis and Cllr Chris Hutchings

2 Variation of Order of Business

It was agreed that the order of business be varied to allow for the early announcement of item 7.1.a and the early presentation of item 7.a.2 by a visiting presenter.

3 Declarations of Members' Interest

There were declarations of personal interest from Cllr Diana Ruff in connection with the request for a donation from the Wingerworth Festival Group and from Cllr Lindsey Edwards in connection with the Adlington activity zone.

4 Resignation of a Member

The Chairwoman announced the resignation of Kevin Broughton from the Council as there would be a potential conflict of interest with his work on a local Standards and Ethics Committee. The resignation was accepted with regret and appreciation was expressed for his valued contribution whilst serving as a councillor.

5 Tupton Hall Holiday Activity Programme

The Chairwoman welcomed Darren Norwood to the meeting who gave a brief report on the programme as run in 2011 when 791 young people had participated in activities of which 212 were from Wingerworth. He outlined the broad range of activities on offer which had extended well beyond sports and summarised some of the many benefits both to the participants and to the supporting parishes. The 2012 programme would expand to include some activities related to the Olympics such as fencing and swimming and he hoped that parish councils in the area would again support the venture. Mr Norwood was thanked for his presentation.

6 Public Forum

Concern was raised the continuing danger posed by overgrown vegetation where the footpath exited abruptly onto Birkin Lane near the Bole Hill junction. It was understood that some of the vegetation had been partially cut back after County Councillor Stuart Ellis had taken the matter with the county but further work was felt to be necessary to lessen the danger to walkers.

PCSO Mike Coates was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted a report for the previous month which detailed four crimes and three incidents of anti-social behaviour. The report mentioned the recent use of the police helicopter and a change in staffing with a change of sergeant for the local SNT. There were no Members of Council making representations or comments to an agenda item

7 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the previous two meetings were confirmed as a true and correct record of the business of the meeting.

8 Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on the Council's Christmas event at the Parish Hall which had been well attended by Members although the overall attendance seemed slightly down on previous years. She

took the opportunity of thanking the Rhodes' family for organising the business sponsors and for the kind hospitality they offered after the event. A meeting about developments at The Avenue which included a DVD presentation had been interesting although it raised some concerns about ownership issues on a site which was almost entirely in the parish of Wingerworth and as a result a similar presentation had been arranged for the next meeting of the Council.

The Festival group was continuing to work with great enthusiasm and it looked as though there would be events on every day of the week culminating in the family fun day on the Allendale fields. The annual budget meeting had been followed by a staff meeting when the Clerk had raised a number of operational issues to do with the Parish Hall. A visit to the Hunloke Park School to talk about the work of a Parish Councillor had been well received and had led a ideas for a floral display opposite the school which would be raised with the Council's floral working group as it could serve as a model for what the Council was trying to achieve with future floral displays in the parish.

9 Clerk's Report

a) Matters of Information

1. Resignation of Member
2. Report on the Tupton Hall Holiday Activities Programme 2011
3. DCC Campaign to improve broadband service
4. Notification of court decision about waste crimes in Wingerworth

Two of the items had been dealt with earlier and the other two items were noted.

b) Items for Decision

1. Placing of order with HAGS for purchase and installation of Activity Zone
The Clerk circulated the latest details of the costs of the zone which included negotiated reductions from the supplier and new funding in addition to the original funding from DET Viridor and Rykneld Homes and it was agreed that the Clerk should proceed to place the order with HAGS for £31,546 which included external funding from various sources totalling a minimum of £16,500.
2. Support for the Tupton Hall Holiday Activities Programme 2012
Following the earlier presentation of the results for 2011 and the proposals for 2012 it was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to make a payment of £2,000 towards the costs of running the programme which would again offer discounted prices to young people from Wingerworth.
3. Purchase of Grit for Storage.
It was agreed that the Clerk tries to purchase another load of grit from Derbyshire County Council which would be held in safe storage in case of severe weather in the next few months.
4. Request for donation towards the costs of staging the Wingerworth Community Festival to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in 2012.

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10 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

a) Circulars

1. 60/2011 Technical Reforms of Council Tax, Parish and Town Council, Parish Council Finance, Vacancy
2. 61/2011 Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, Recording Disciplinary Hearings, Vacancies
3. 62/2011 Training

b) Other Matters

It was noted that the DALC Office had re-opened on 3 January 2012.

The circulars were noted. There were no other matters.

11 Planning Matters

a) Applications

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| 111034 | 24 Frances Drive | Removal or Roof for First Floor Exten's |
| 111109 | Opp Mulberry Farm, Martins Lane | Lawful Existing/Retention of Facilities |
| 111100 | Oakwood, Top Road. Hardwick Wd | Conv or Garage to Granny Flat |
| 111117 | Junction of Spitewinter | Revised Scheme for Conservatory |

b) Decisions

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| 110584 | W off Deerlands Road | Residnetial Development of 51 Houses |
| 110910 | CA Spar Shop, Allendale Road | Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign |
| 110913 | CA Spar Shop, Allendale Road | Installation of ATM Cash Machine |
| 110919 | R 25 Nottingham Drive | New Garage and Conversion of Old Garage |
| 110977 | R 76 Central Drive | Felling of Lime Tree covered by TPO |

CA = Conditional Agreement R = Refused W = Withdrawm

c) Appeals – there was no notification of any appeals.

The planning applications were noted as were the planning decisions.

Accounts and Finance

- a) Receipts and Payments
- b) Profiled Budgets
- c) Capital Reserves
- d) Bank Statements and Reconciliation

The receipts and payments for November 2011 had been circulated and were approved while the profiled budgets and capital reserves as at the end of that month were noted as were the bank statements and bank reconciliation at that time.

12 Items for Information

13 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 7 February 2012.