

## WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 July 2008

**Present:**

Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)

Cllr Stuart Ellis

Cllr Margaret Parker

Cllr Chris Hutchings

Cllr Bill Pickford

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj

Cllr Michael Prout

Cllr Kevin Moore

Cllr Jan Robinson

Cllr Carole Nelson

Cllr Diana Ruff

Cllr John Ollis

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

#### **135/2008 Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies from Cllr Peter O'Neill and Cllr Tom Snowdon.

#### **136/2008 Declarations of Interest**

The only declarations of interest were one from the Chairperson on the item of Football Pitch Allocations and those of dual-hatted Members listed under planning matters.

#### **137/2008 Community Response Plan**

The Chairperson welcomed Liz Partington of Derbyshire County Council to the meeting for a presentation on Community Response Plans. She gave a brief overview of the role of Emergency Planning in Derbyshire and referred to the risk assessments undertaken to cover countywide occurrences such as flooding, heat waves and out-breaks of flu as well as more localised events such as loss of power and problems with hazardous materials and sites.

Parish councils were encouraged to develop a local response plan for which there was a template and assistance from the County Council. It was emphasised that this would not replace the countywide plan but would enable more self-help on a local basis if the county services were over-stretched and would also provide a framework of people, plant and premises that could be of assistance in an emergency. Because the local response plan would be about knowing what was in the local community, a copy could be lodged with the County's Emergency Services to provide them with more information. A further advantage of having a plan was that the contacts in the plan could be used in a cascade system to disseminate information in the event of a disaster or emergency.

A number of Community Response Plans had been successfully produced, often by a willing volunteer with basic IT skills from the local community, but it was essential that it was regularly up-dated and that the copies on limited circulation were always the latest edition of the plan. There were some Data Protection issues, but advice was available on these issues both on the template and from the County Council. Other help, such as the provision of empty sand bags for storing in the local community, was also available and could be included in the plan. The Chairperson thanked Ms Partington for the presentation and confirmed that the matter would be considered by the Council.

#### **138/2008 Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2008 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

#### **139/2008 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **140/2008 Police Matters**

Crime statistics for June were tabled and included twelve incidents – six of criminal damage, three thefts from motor vehicles and one theft of a motor vehicle, one burglary and one case of violence. There had also been some serious problems with antisocial behaviour by young people in and around the shops at Allendale Road. The Police had taken a firm line but continued to face problems in identifying the source of alcohol fuelling under-age drinking which did not appear to be shops in the Parish. The possibility of local orders to control such incidents was briefly discussed.

The problems at the Allendale Road shops had been discussed at the most recent meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) and it was clear that all of the four participating parishes had similar problems when large groups of young people met up at various points in the parishes and began to consume alcohol.

PCSO Mike Coates gave an update on the forthcoming Tupton Hall summer programme of sports and activities which was being partially funded by all four parishes in the SNT and which had been extended to a period of three and a half weeks. Programmes were being produced and these together with promotional material were due to be circulated in the next couple of days. One programme was available for inspection and it was agreed to try and place a copy on the Council's website.

#### **141/2008 Public Forum**

Concern was raised about the bus service along Longedge Lane past the Church as the service was expected to be significantly reduced towards the end of the current month. The service was operated by TM Travel and in addition to withdrawing some of the already limited weekday services it appeared that there would no longer be any weekend service. The difficulties posed for pedestrians on the lane and the community need for the service were emphasised and it was agreed that parishioners should be encouraged to write to the County Council to request that there should be no reduction in the level of service. It was also agreed that the Council would make representations to the County Council and the bus operator with copies to Natascha Engel MP. On another matter, concern raised about highly invasive vegetation such as Japanese Knotweed.

#### **142/2008 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:

528	636 Derby Road	Two Storey Rear Extension
557	Pearce Wood, Pearce Lane	Felling and Pruning of Trees
565	21 Halifield Close	Two Storey Extension
578	21 Deerlands Road	Single Storey Rear Extension
581	6 Hazel Drive	Two Storey and 2 Single Storey Ex
590	12 Hazel Drive	Single Storey Rear Extension
583	4 Walton Way	Single Storey Side Extension
607	24 Mill Lane	Two Storey Side and Rear Ext
572	27 Belfit Drive	Two Storey Side and Rear Ext
610	21 Swathwick Close	Extension to Front Plus ...
611	The Yews, Wingerworth Hall Estate	Listed - Two Dwellings to One
638	17 Woodview Close	Single Storey Side Extension
1181	Mount Pleasant, Top Road, H'wk Wood	Lawful Use Outbuilding Dwelling

The applications were noted. Concern was expressed about the scale of the proposed development and the provision of car parking space for application 572 and there was also concern about application 1181 as it appeared to extend residential use of land still further into the countryside and place further demands on the local road system where there were already traffic problems. There was a query about application 611 which appeared to reduce further the already limited stock of smaller residences in the Parish. Members were alerted to a forthcoming tour of inspection by the Planning Committee which included visits to two applications in the Parish. Members were able to attend the two visits but would need to notify the Clerk who would pass names on to District Council.

The following planning decisions were reported:

338	G Robincroft Farm, Swathwick Lane	Retention of Temp Mobile Home
350	G Bowling Green, Allendale Road	Temporary Store and Shelter
398	G 10 Welbeck Drive	Garage Roof and Conservatory
313	G 564 Derby Road	Side and Rear Extensions
441	G 12 Lakeside	Stone Wall and Fence for Hedge
427	G 87 Deerlands Road	Two Storey Side + Single Front Ex
408	R 5 Chartwell Avenue	Two Storey Side Extension

G=Granted R=Refused W=Withdrawn

The planning decisions were noted and the reasons for refusals were outlined.

Resolved: that the Clerk requests more details on application 611; that the Clerk relays the Council's concerns about application 572 and its objections to application 1181; that the Clerk requests the District Council's Planning Department to email the weekly list of planning applications for Wingerworth direct to Members so as to provide Members with earlier notification of applications and to enable Members to then access the details of an individual application on the District Council's website as this would provide for a more efficient and effective way of monitoring applications.

### **143/2008 Accounts**

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in May 2008 and details of income and expenditure to the end of May 2008 against a phased budget. Payments made were:

British Gas Business	1,553.63	Supply to Parish Hall
Post Office	88.00	Postage Stamps
Severn Trent Water Ltd	134.92	Supply to Parish Hall
Clear View Developments	2,173.75	Repairs to Parish Hall
Severn Trent Water Ltd	194.67	Supply to Parish Hall
AOL	31.96	Internet Services
NEDDC	176.00	Business Rates
Wingerworth PCC Centre	10.00	Hire of Room
J Barnes	817.74	Electrical Work at P Hall
J Barnes	483.67	Electrical Work at P Hall
NEDDC	164.74	Work on Bowling Green
PA Wibberley Ltd	222.00	Repairs to Pavilion Roof
PA Wibberley Ltd	110.00	Work to Scorebox
Birdholme SS	26.00	Petrol for Churchyard
Staff	3,875.76	Salary and Expenses
HM Revenue & Customs	1,523.92	Tax and NI Payments
Derbyshire CC	960.98	LGPS Payments
Cllr Ann Sainty	125.00	Chairperson's Allowance
Royal Bank of Scotland	21.70	Bank Charges

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

### **144/2008 Finance**

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

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

### **145/2008 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

- Election of Parish Council Representative to Serve on the NEDDC Standards Committee
  - Four Candidates including Cllr Diana Ruff
- NEDDC Outstanding Sundry Debtors
  - Advice to Town and Parish Councils

The correspondence was noted. It was agreed that the Council registers a vote for Cllr Diana Ruff and heeds the advice on the outstanding sundry debts from District Council.

### **146/2008 Correspondence**

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
  - Parishioners – Donation of £60 to Floral Display on Mill Lane
  - Dr PC Jackson – Progress with New Branch Surgery in Wingerworth
  - Parishioner – Concern about Spread of Japanese Knotweed
  - Parishioner – Road Safety Concerns on Nethermoor Road
  - Parishioner – Various Matters of Concern in Wingerworth
  - Tupton Hall School – Summer Holiday Activities
- District
  - NEDDC – Latest Response to Concerns Raised about Business Activity at Stubbing Court
  - Chesterfield BC – Shop Design Supplementary Planning Document
  - NEDDC – Reply to Concerns Raised about Setts Footpath
  - NEDDC – Reply to Concerns Raised about Use of Land off Longedge Lane
  - BT's Proposals to Re-Align Payphone Provision to Meet Consumer Demand
- County

- DCC – Variations on Local Government Pension Scheme
- Other
  - Office of Natascha Engel MP – Request for Contact Details of Youth Forum
  - CPRE - Fieldwork Newsletter

The correspondence was noted. Appreciation was expressed for the donation for the floral display.

### **147/2008 Reports from Committees and Representatives**

Cllr Bill Pickford reported on the continuing success of the allotments. There were 18 people on a waiting list and the Association was looking at ways of accommodating more people. Cllr Pickford had researched into the status of the car park on Watson Lane and the County Council now appeared to accept that it was in their ownership. It may be possible for the Parish Council to acquire this land which would entail certain extra responsibilities but could be advantageous and it was agreed that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

Cllr Kevin Moore reported from a recent meeting with the Tennis Club where there had been a request for a written statement from the Council to the effect that the use of the courts by the community was not free but that the fees couldn't be collected. There were also requests for copies of old e-mails, copies of Council minutes, details of maintenance of the courts, treatment of moss, provision of a new net, details of resurfacing proposals and a reduction in annual charges levied by the Council on the Club. The Clerk tabled documents that the Club had requested be brought to the attention of Members.

Cllr Kevin Moore reported on the continuing efforts of the Bowling Club to attract funding for a new pavilion. The restoration of the electric supply to the green was urgently needed and there had been a request for a new litter bin to replace the existing one that had been damaged at the time of the fire.

The Clerk reported that the agreement with the Clay Cross Angling Association over the stewardship of the Wall Pond had now been signed.

Cllr Kevin Moore gave a brief report on the recent meeting of the Churchyard Committee when Mr Tracey Watts had taken Members on a tour of the large area maintained by the Council. There were continuing problems with moles but the problems with maintained plots and decorative displays had lessened. The Churchyard was in an excellent state which was a tribute to Mr Watts' much appreciated work. The Clerk commented on the steadily increasing number of plots with burials now extended to a new section of the Churchyard and resulted in extra work and an increased commitment in time for grass cutting and strimming in and around the plots.

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj reported on progress with the Youth Forum. Although one meeting had been postponed, there was a prospect of gaining funding support from Rykneld Homes and some of the organised groups in the Parish had expressed an interest in joining the Forum. The Chairperson stated that a young person from the Forum would be welcomed as a representative at the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

### **148/2008 Chairperson's Business**

The Chairperson reported that she had represented the Council at a Mothers' Union service at the Church and that she had attended, with the Clerk, the most recent meeting at District Council for town and parish councils when there had been a series of brief presentations on such topics as planning and Streetscene. She also reported on progress with Realstone who were willing to donate a cut piece of stone to house a plaque which would be erected at the Sheepwash.

### **149/2008 Annual Report – Content and Publication**

The Clerk outlined the proposed format for the publication of the Council's Annual Report for 2007/2008 which would include the Chairperson's address, details of the Council's accounts and a summary of the Council's activities during the year. The four page spread in Wings was expected to cost £360 and should appear in the August edition of the publication.

Resolved: that the Council's Annual Report for 2007/2008 be published in Wings in a similar format that for the previous year and a list of Members be included as well as statistics relating to Members' attendances during the year covered by the report.

### **150/2008 Report from The Avenue Liaison Group**

Cllr Stuart Ellis had already submitted a written report which was received. It did appear that the work at The Avenue would extend over more years than originally anticipated.

#### **151/2008 Issues of Concern Raised by Parishioners**

Following an unusually large number of concerns raised with the Clerk over the past month, a summary of the concerns had been listed. Further concerns were raised at the meeting to do with ball games on Davids Drive, parking on Langer Lane and the need for a sign in the Wall Pond car park warning about the danger from balls being hit from the adjacent cricket ground.

Resolved: that the road safety concerns be considered by the Council's Road Safety Committee and that the Clerk forwards the other concerns on to the responsible agencies; that a warning sign about balls from the cricket field be erected in the Wall Pond car park.

#### **152/2007 Football Pitch Allocations 2008/2009**

*The Chairperson declared an interest in this item and did not participate in the discussion.*

Following the Council's earlier decision to support the application from the Wingerworth Barley Mow FC to use the Allendale Road football pitch, the District Council had finally forwarded the suggested schedule of pitch allocations for 2008/2009. This included two further applications for Wingerworth. One was for the Wingerworth United under-15s to use the Hunloke (Adlington) pitch and the other was for the Britannia FC to use the Allendale pitch.

Resolved: that the Clerk informs District Council that the Wingerworth United application for the Hunloke pitch is approved but that the Britannia FC application for the Allendale Road pitch is refused.

#### **153/2008 Obligations of Sporting Clubs**

Cllr Kevin Moore raised questions about the responsibilities for protecting homes, residents and cars which were of greater concern now that the new homes adjacent to the cricket field were occupied. The obligations of clubs to meet the costs of damages incurred to the Council's property as a result of sporting activity was also raised.

Resolved: that the Clerk contacts District Council for general advice on the obligations of sporting clubs; that the Clerk ensures that District Council sends a copy of the conditions of its agreement with the Wingerworth S CC for use of the Council's facilities to the Club's Secretary; that the cricket club reviews its insurance cover in terms of damage occurring to properties, individuals and cars.

#### **154/2008 Community Response Plan**

Resolved: that the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

#### **155/2008 Establishment of a Twinning Link**

Resolved: that the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

#### **156/2008 Expenditure**

Members considered proposals for a coating treatment to the Parish Hall windows facing New Road which would severely reduce the glare of the sun and the headlights of passing vehicles into the Main Hall and thereby overcome problems faced by sporting clubs using the Hall. There was also a proposal to restore the electrical supply to the bowling green which had been destroyed at the time of the arson attack to the pavilion at the green.

A request had been received to add an infants' slide to the Allendale Road play area where there was little provision for very young children. Following a previous approval to purchase a new memorial bench seat at the Church, it had been discovered that the existing and broken seat had been made from wood taken from a ship that had connections with the Parish and a request had been made to vire the funding for a new seat to cover the restoration of the existing seat incorporating the same wood given the heritage of the material.

Resolved: that expenditure be authorised for the coating of the windows at the Parish Hall by Westgate Solar Control at a cost of £966; that expenditure of up to £3,600 be authorised for the restoration of the electricity supply to the bowling green by J Barnes or by an alternative electrical contractor quoting a lower price and able to complete the work promptly; that a sum of up to £4,500 be authorised for the purchase and installation of an item of play ground equipment providing an infants' slide and covering also the provision of a safe ground area and any excavation work; that the expenditure previously authorised for the purchase of a memorial bench seat at the Church be vired to meet the costs of the restoration of the existing seat using the wood with historical connections.

### **157/2008 Donations**

A request had been received from the 6<sup>th</sup> Wingerworth Scout Group for a donation towards the costs of their annual firework display which raised funds for the group.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to make a donation of £250 to the 6<sup>th</sup> Wingerworth Scout Group towards the costs of their annual firework display.

### **158/2008 Date of Next Meeting**

The Chair confirmed the date of the next meeting of the Council as 3 September 2008.

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

### **159/2008 The Wingerworth Centre**

Reference was made to the recent public notice in the Derbyshire Times concerning the proposed change of use of the open air recreation area adjacent to the Wingerworth Centre. It was understood that the area was needed as part of the footprint for a new medical facility on the site of the Centre which was a development previously supported by the Council. However it was felt essential that the loss of the recreational area be compensated for by the provision of an alternative facility in the area or by an equivalent investment in recreation opportunities in the Parish.

There was a sharing of information as to what was believed to be the current position with regard to the establishment of new medical facilities at the site of the now dilapidated Centre. It was understood that the County Council were keen to resolve the matter as quickly as possible and to that end it was hoped that the Derbyshire County PCT and the two GP practices would soon be able to confirm that the Centre would be converted to medical facilities for the Parish. In the event that an agreement was not forthcoming, it was possible that the Centre would be disposed of in some other way. Should this happen, the Clerk was requesting as early a notification as practical so that Members could be informed and consideration could be given to a special meeting of the Council to review options.

Resolved: that the Clerk notifies the County Council of the need to compensate for any loss of recreation area by the provision of an alternative facility in the vicinity or by an equivalent investment in recreation opportunities in the Parish; that the Clerk seeks as early notification as possible in the event that the County Council considers any alternative disposal of the Centre.

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.54pm.