

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 July 2009

Present: Cllr Diana Ruff (Vice Chairperson)
Cllr Stuart Ellis Cllr John Ollis
Cllr Chris Hutchings Cllr Margaret Parker
Cllr Kevin Moore Cllr Michael Prout
Cllr Carole Nelson with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

127/2009 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Cllr Ann Sainty, Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj, Cllr Peter O'Neill, Cllr Bill Pickford, Cllr Jan Robinson and Cllr Tom Snowdon.

128/2009 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest other than those of dual-hatted Members listed under planning matters.

129/2009 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting, subject only to a correction on the sequence of minute numbers.

130/2009 Matters Arising

There had been no notification of matters arising.

131/2009 Police Matters

PCSO Mike Coates presented the crime statistics for the previous month which included nine crimes including cases of theft, damage and assault. In addition there were eight recorded incidents of anti-social or nuisance behaviour.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team had meet in June when a well attended meeting with 65 people present had discussed issues associated with the off-road use of motorised vehicles in Hardwick Wood, the importance of providing activities and opportunities for young people and a number of traffic concerns including speeding and irresponsible parking.

Inspector Adam Waterfall and Andy Towleron of NEDDC attended the meeting and there was a brief summary of the development of arrangements for the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) since their inception. Insp Waterfall stressed the importance of a joint approach by all relevant agencies to addressing crime and anti-social behaviour in the community which was a factor in the SNT being incorporated in the Wingerworth Community Partnership. Andy Towleron recognised that the decision of the Parish Council to withdraw from the Partnership created a problem but felt that this could be resolved by considering options such as the segregation of the SNT meeting from the rest of the Partnership meeting even though both would occur on the same night at the seam place with largely the same people.

Resolved: that the matter be placed on the agenda for the Council's next meeting when it may be possible to consider options for the SNT arrangements.

132/2009 Public Forum

A number of residents raised various concerns about the continuing problems associated with the irresponsible use of motor bikes in Hardwick Wood. The concerns included a comment in the most recent edition of Wings which was reported as having been made by the Chairperson of Council at the previous meeting of the Council. The residents were very unhappy about this comment and a written question related to this comment was handed over for the Chairperson. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Chairperson, who was absent from the current meeting, had already refuted the comment attributed to her in the Wings article.

There was a further concern about a comment attributed to the Police in the same issue of Wings referring to an inability to apply criminal law and to make criminal prosecutions to the motorised activities in Hardwick Wood. A number of residents quoted from their own experience in the Police

and from research on the internet to claim that the activities were subject to criminal prosecutions. However PCSO Mike Coates assured the meeting that he always worked to current advice from Derbyshire Police colleagues with specialist knowledge of the issues and reminded the meeting that one of the factors was the need to satisfy CPS requirements for there to be any chance of a criminal prosecution.

133/2009 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:

90424	45 Oak Crescent	Erection of Conservatory to Rear
90425	196 Nethermoor Road	New Side and Rear Extensions
90429	Alinor, Middle Road , Hardwick Wood	Erection of Replacement Dwelling
90455	51 Central Drive	Increase in First Floor Accommodation
90505	Birdholme Farm, Derby Road	Conversion to Three Dwellings
90506	Birdholme Farm, Derby Road	Listed Building Consent for 505
90475	South View, Top Road, Hardwick Wd	Erection of Building

The applications were noted and there was a query as to how application 90455 differed from the earlier application 90237 at the same address that had been refused.

The following planning decisions were reported:

90064	W	1A Welbeck Avenue	Pram Shelter, Ed Room, WC, Access
90176	CA	16 Church Close	First Floor Side Extension plus
90210	A	Pumping Station, Hillhouses Lane	Discharge of Condition 3
90237	R	51 Central Drive	First Floor Extension plus
90266	CA	106 Longedge Lane	Detached Garage and Alterations
90297	CA	17 Hazel Drive	Replacement Garage/Store and Drive

CA=Conditional Agreement A=Approved R=Refused

The planning decisions were noted.

Members were informed of a letter from the Planning Inspectorate confirming that a decision will be prepared relating to the Extinguishment Order on Footpath 4 (Part) and of a reply from District Council answering some of the queries about agricultural worker conditions as applied to new residential buildings, a copy of which was tabled for Members.

Resolved: that the Planning Services Manager be invited to make a short presentation to the Council at a future meeting when there would be an opportunity to raise points on planning matters.

134/2009 Accounts

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in May 2009 as well as details of income and expenditure against a phased budget at the end of that month. He also presented the current position of the Council's reserves. Payments made during the month were:

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount (£s)	Detail
06-May-09	4557	E.on	1,275.96	Supply of Electricity
06-May-09	4558	E.on	133.47	Supply of Electricity
06-May-09	4559	Replacement Cheque	0.00	Cheque 4548 Lost in Post
06-May-09	4560	John Gregory & Sons Ltd	76.19	Footpath Materials
06-May-09	4561	Canx	0.00	Cancelled Cheque
06-May-09	4562	Severn Trent Water	169.67	Water Services
06-May-09	4563	British Gas Business	3,731.95	Supply of Gas
06-May-09	4564	Arden Winch & Co Ltd	347.72	Cleaning Materials
06-May-09	4565	The Sports Fencing Co	706.75	Protective Netting
11-May-09	4566	S Johnson & Co Ltd	54.09	Environment Items
11-May-09	4567	J Barnes	1,744.55	New Power to Green
11-May-09	4568	J Barnes	248.72	New Meter Box for Green
11-May-09	4569	Biggin Construction	1,605.40	Extra Pavilion Foundation
11-May-09	4570	Holywell Carpets Limited	1,252.24	New Floor for Pavilion
11-May-09	4571	Mrs A Sainty	130.00	Chairperson's Allowance
11-May-09	4572	CPRE	29.00	Annual Subscription

20-May-09	4573	Biggin Construction	485.37	Emergency Lights & Dryers
20-May-09	4574	Paul Smart	1,476.60	Installation of Netting
20-May-09	4575	Birdholme SS	25.00	Petrol for Churchyard
20-May-09	4576	Mr Brian Wood.	95.50	Internal Audit Fees
20-May-09	4577	Birdholme SS	24.00	Petrol for Churchyard
20-May-09	4578-84	Staff	4,440.41	Salaries
20-May-09	4585	HM Revenue & Customs	1,730.39	Tax and NI
20-May-09	4586	Derbyshire CC	1,005.85	LGMS
22-May-09	DD	NEDDC	185.00	Business Rate
22-May-09	DD	AOL	21.56	Internet Service
			20,995.39	Total for the Month

Resolved: that the accounts be approved and that the reserves report be received and noted subject to the incorporation of the Viridor grant which would increase the current capital balance to £147,126. Due to problems with issuing the phased budget report for the end of May it was agreed that this would be circulated with papers for the next meeting of the Council.

135/2009 Finance

The Clerk submitted bank details and reconciliations as at the end of May 2009.

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

136/2009 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Circular 26/2009 – Locum Clerks and Internal Auditors
- Circular 27/2009 – General
 - Advice on Winter Gritting
 - “Changing Places” Campaign
 - Workshop on Minerals and Waste Planning
 - Review of the Farm Animal Welfare Council
 - Work Related Stress
 - Vacancies for Clerks
- Circular 28/2009 – Derbyshire County Training Partnership
- Circular 29/2009 – Energy Audits
- Circular 30/2009 – VAT Workshops and Training
- Circular 31/2009 – Planning Course

The circulars were noted.

137/2009 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
 - Parishioner – Request for Open Meeting about Proposed Adlington Play Area
 - Adlington Focus Group – Request for a Meeting with the Council
 - Landowner – Invitation to Discuss Future of Woodland Area
 - Parishioner – Concerns about Protective Netting and Playing of Football
 - Tree Warden – Clarification of TPO Details for Hardwick Wood
 - Tree Warden – Suggestions of Trees for Protection at Deer Park Cricket Field
 - Parishioner – Request for Removal of Various Eyesores in Wingerworth
 - Parishioner – Report of Fly Tipping
 - Parishioner – Donation towards Costs of Floral Display
 - Former Parishioner – Concern about State of “John Norman” Bench
 - Bowling Club – Copy of Insurance Policy
 - Parishioner – Shooting in Speighthill Woods
- District
 - NEDDC – Applications for Football Pitches for 2009/10
 - NEDDC – Development Framework – Climate Change and Renewable Energy
 - Resident – Complaint about the Surface of Section of Martin’s Lane and Request for Support
- County
 - DCC – Response for Council’s Suggestion of a Liaison Group for New Surgery
 - DCC – Local Transport Plan
 - DCC – Complaint from Landowner
 - Mitchell & Procter Architects – Reply to Suggestion of a Liaison Group for New Surgery
- Other

- Severn Trent – Proposed Pumping Station on Watson Lane
- emda – Regional Plan Spatial Review – Options Consultation Launch
- CPRE – Fieldwork Newsletter
- ndva – Network Newsletter

The correspondence was noted. The Clerk reported on continuing concerns about proposed developments in the Adlington area which largely related to the location of a play area. The Council had been asked to work with the Focus Group and all other interested residents in trying to find a way forward and it was hoped that an advertised meeting could take place in Pioneer House. The concerns raised about the cricket netting were mainly to do with the playing of football against the netting which damaged the outfield and caused problems for nearby residents. The nets had twice been rolled up encourage the football players to move elsewhere but the holding ties had been cut on both occasions with the result that the Council was now cutting the net to discourage the playing of football against the netting. It was felt that the advice from the Tree Warden should be followed up to see whether the planting of some trees would add to the protection afforded to neighbouring houses.

The latest incident of flytipping consisted of a large amount of building materials, including door frames, window frames, broken glass and other items, on the side of the road at Bole Hill. District Council had decided that the removal of the material was a matter for the landowner. Appreciation was expressed for the generous donation by a parishioner towards the costs of the annual floral display in the Parish. Reference was made to the reports of gunshots in Speighthill Woods which appeared to be a legitimate use of licensed shotguns in controlling pests. Members welcomed the intention of the architects to establish a liaison group to overview issues to do with the building of a new surgery off Allendale Road. The complaint from a landowner to the County Council related to some unauthorised work in or around footpaths on private land and the County Council had expressed concern at the situation. It was agreed that the matter be looked into by the Footpaths Committee.

138/2009 Reports from Committees and Representatives

There was little to report in the absence of many meetings although the Churchyard Committee had been held on the night of torrential rain which had caused the annual walk-about to be cancelled. The main issue raised at the meeting was the practice of gravediggers in depositing spoil in hollows in the grassed area which was damaging the Council's equipment. The Church was going to insist that undertakers remove spoil from the site. Cllr Stuart Ellis and the Clerk had met with the Chairman of the Tennis Club to explore ways forward whereby the Club would be on a stronger footing and it may be possible to collaborate in a similar way to that undertaken so successfully with the Bowling Club. The Clerk gave a brief update on a couple of matters raised at the recent Parishes Liaison Meeting at District Council. One was the new fast-tracking of householder appeals which meant that only the original comments from a parish council that could be considered on any subsequent appeal. The other matter involved the issuing of fixed penalties by District Council for two forms of envirocrime – the dropping of litter and dog fouling.

139/2009 Chairperson's Business

There was no Chairperson's business

140/2009 Local Development Plan

The Clerk reported that District Council had been unable to provide an officer to attend the meeting although the Planning Services Manager was willing to come at a later date to talk to Members about the Local Development Framework and in particular the need to provide for some 7,000 new homes across the District. However it had been agreed that the Council could submit comments for consideration on the four outlined options.

It was agreed that the Council should make the following representations. Firstly that the corridor of open land between Chesterfield and Wingerworth be retained to avoid the creation of a continuous urban sprawl incorporating Wingerworth. Further that green belt land should be protected and maintained free of any development, that green field land be kept free of new houses and that new developments be focussed wherever possible on brown field or similar sites.

Resolved: that the Clerk submit the representations to the District Council and include reference to the necessity that any new housing developments were properly underpinned by new investment to the local infrastructure so as to ensure that they could be adequately supported with local services such as health and education provision; that the Planning Services Manager be invited to a meeting of the Council to talk about the possible impact of the various options on Wingerworth both directly in terms of housing development and associated facilities and services and indirectly as with increased traffic on roads in and around the Parish including the A61.

141/2009 Landowner Discussions

A local landowner had shown interest in discussing with the Council ways forward with a local wood where the standing crop was likely to be harvested at some point in the future.

Resolved: that Clerk arranges a meeting between the landowner and the Finance Committee.

142/2009 Expenditure

The Clerk raised the need for an extension of the County Council's Fire Extinguisher Service to include the two pavilions and the possibility of installing a fire alarm in at least one of the pavilions. He sought approval for the removal of the dilapidated bar area which would increase the foyer area at the Parish Hall and make it safer to accommodate people waiting for one of the halls to be set up when furniture and equipment was being moved across the foyer. A new quotation had been received for the repair and resurfacing of the road across the Wall Pond which was significantly lower in price than previous quotations. The Council had funds in its capital reserves for this work as a result of the monies received for easement rights to the Wall Pond. Approval was sought for a new energy audit of the Parish Hall which offered advice on improved conservation as well as renewable sources of energy with the possibility of grant funding. Approval was also sought for a further trimming and thinning of the vegetation around the Island Copse which was shielding a lot of anti-social and nuisance behaviour.

Resolved: that the fire extinguisher arrangements be extended to cover the two pavilions; that the Clerk be authorised to arrange for the removal of the bar in the Parish Hall foyer; that the Clerk be authorised to proceed with the repair and resurfacing of the road across the Wall Pond at an estimated maximum cost of £5,488 (net of VAT) subject to discussions with the County Council and subject also to ensuring that the speed restrictors allowed for safe passage of wheelchairs and baby prams and buggies; that the Clerk be authorised to give instructions for the energy audit; that the Clerk be authorised to commit expenditure to work at the Island Copse to trim and thin out the vegetation even at the cost of removing some or all of the plants and shrubs.

143/2009 Donations

Victim Support Derbyshire had requested a donation towards the costs of providing support for victims and witnesses of crime and had supplied details of the extent of their work in the local area.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to make a payment of £50 to Victim Support Derbyshire.

144/2009 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for 2 September 2009 but the possibility of altering the date was discussed to avoid the Wednesday of the week with the bank holiday Monday and to enable the Chairperson to be present given her unavailability on the original scheduled date.

Resolved: that the next meeting of the Council be altered to 9 September 2009 and that notices be placed to inform parishioners of the revised meeting date.

Members were reminded of the Council's Annual Visit to the Allotments which was due to take place at 10am on Sunday 26 July at Watson Lane.

The Vice Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 9.10pm.