

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 July 2010

Present:

Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Margaret Parker

Cllr Stuart Ellis

Cllr Bill Pickford

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj (*from 123/2010*)

Cllr Michael Prout (*from 122/2010*)

Cllr Peter O'Neill (*until 131/2010*)

Cllr Diana Ruff

Cllr Carole Nelson

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

119/2010 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Cllr Alan Cooper, Cllr Dawn Hart and Cllr Chris Hutchings.

120/2010 Declarations of Interest

The only declarations of interest were those of dual-hatted Members listed under planning matters.

121/2010 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

122/2010 Matters Arising

There had been no notification of matters arising.

123/2010 Police Matters

PCSO Mike Coates had forwarded Police report for the Parish which detailed five reported crimes which included two cases of criminal damage and one case of theft, as well as three reported incidents of anti-social behaviour, one of which was motor cycle nuisance with the remaining two involving youngsters jumping through a hedge and chasing horses.

The Chairwoman reported on the previous month's meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team when concerns had been raised about motor cycles in and around Hardwick Wood as well as the nuisance riding of motor cycles on pavements in the Parish. It had been announced that a new Inspector had been appointed to the area, Michelle Shooter, who had since sent a letter of introduction to the Council.

124/2010 Public Forum

Concerns were raised about a refusal of a planning application for the extension of a small cottage to accommodate the needs of a long-time pair of residents now that one of the couple required caring support. The matter was discussed briefly and it was agreed that one of the District Councillors not involved with planning at the District Council would look into the matter and thereafter liaise with the parishioners raising the concerns. The Edinburgh Court shop problems were referred to and thanks were expressed to Cllr Peter O'Neill for viewing the problems and taking the matter forward.

125/2010 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:

100432	5 The Stables, Birdholme Farm, Derby Rd	Erection of Satellite Dish
100450	1 Frances Drive	Windows to Gable Ends plus
100449	568 Derby Road	Single and Two Storey Extensions
100473	Land opp Parish Hall on New Road	Parking of a Horsebox (Variation)
100515	8 Central Drive	Extend Time for New Dwelling
100521	Hunloke Park Primary School	Erection of 2 Free Standing Canopies
100578	115 Nethermoor Road	Extensions and Remodelling Bungalow
100593	Field by Moorlands, Matlock Road	Erection of Garage
100607	Bolehill Farm, Bole Hill	New Agric Building and Slurry Lagoon
100555	96 Davids Drive	Alterations to Bungalow
100556	233 Longedge Lane	Two Storey Side Extension
100559	2 Hockley Lane	Single Storey Extension and Standing

The applications were noted and some concern was expressed at the bright colour of the vehicle in application 100473 which was already being parked on the land in question in advance of planning approval.

The following planning decisions were reported:

100288	CA	Gorsey Place	Extension of Time for Extensions
100300	R	Spitewinter	Erection of Garage
100369	CA	57 Windsor Drive	Attached Double Garage and Utility
100374	CA	78 Windsor Drive	Single Storey Extension to Rear

CA=Conditional Agreement R=Refused

The planning decisions were noted.

126/2010 Accounts

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in May 2010. He also presented details of income and expenditure against a phased budget at the end of that month and the current position of the Council's reserves. A number of sharp variations against the phased budget were explained as being the result of the main District Council invoice for the annual grounds maintenance being received a month later than anticipated.

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

127/2010 Finance

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

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

128/2010 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Circular 26/2010 – General
 - Recommended Amendment to Standing Orders
 - Audit Deadlines
 - Playground Inspections
- Circular 28/2010 – General
 - Future Quarrying – Derbyshire Minerals Core Strategy
 - Promoting Equality – Housing Services
 - Vacancies for Clerks
- Circular 29/2010 – General
 - County Council's Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum
 - Standards for England – Focus Group
- Circular 30/2010 – DALC President 2010-2011
- Circular 31/2010 – Employment Advice

The circulars were noted.

129/2010 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
 - Parishioner – Donation towards Costs of Floral Display
 - Parishioner – Continuing Concern about Damaged Wall at Edinburgh Court
 - Parishioner – Health and Safety Concern over Church Path
 - Parishioner – Renewed Request about Facilities and Maintenance at Chartwell Fields
 - Adlington Focus Group Convenor – Requested Actions
 - Wingerworth Church Theatre Group – Concerns about Changes to Main Hall
- District
 - NEDDC – Annual Report 2009/10
 - NEDDC – Community Wildlife Funding Programme
 - NED Citizens Advice Bureau – Annual Report 2009/10
 - Chesterfield and District Shopmobility – Letter of Thanks for Donation
 - NEDDC – Progress with Planning Application for New Medical Centre
- County
 - DCC – Proposed Extinguishment of Public Footpath No 4 (Part)
 - DCC – Response to Concerns about Damaged Wall at Edinburgh Court
 - ND Voluntary Action – Networking Event at Bakewell on 14 July 2020
 - NHS Derbyshire County – Seeking Views on Review of Pharmaceutical Services

The Clerk made mention of the gratefully received donation towards the cost of the Parish's floral display and reported on concerns expressed about the path at the Church which was the responsibility of the PCC. The path was due to be replaced to make for a safer passage. It was felt that an extension to the grounds maintenance contract at Chartwell fields was not justified and the question was raised as to whether access from the rear of residences onto the fields was permitted in the deeds. The Clerk was asked to look into the matter. Members were alerted to concerns about changes to the Main Hall which were due to be completed during the summer.

There was a brief exchange of information on what was understood to be the position with the planning application for a new medical centre which had attracted the attention of Sport England and with the result that some form of compensating facility may be necessary to cover for the loss of an open air recreation area.

130/2010 Reports from Committees and Representatives

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on a letter received from the Tennis Club and it was agreed that a reply be sent covering the issues raised. Cllr Vince Causey raised a query from the Angling Association about damage to cars on the Wall Pond car park resulting from being hit by a cricket ball – it was believed that the cricket club should have appropriate insurance cover – and reported that the Association were due to start work on the new fishing platforms. There had been a request to transfer a number of tench from the Island Pond to the Wall Pond but Members requested more background information before making a decision. The Clerk reported on the recent meeting of the Churchyard Committee which had been preceded by a short tour of the Churchyard. Efforts had been made by the Rector and the PCC to make for easier maintenance which had been appreciated by the Council's member of staff who undertook the work. In turn, the Committee expressed appreciation for the continuing good work in keeping the Churchyard in such a good state.

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj reported continuing good progress with the WY Cafe Project which now had an opening date of 27 August. She stressed that the group was not to be regarded as a youth club due to the level of supervision and she circulated a draft promotional leaflet. Following a brief discussion it was agreed that the reference on the leaflet to "in partnership with Wingerworth Parish Council" be amended to "supported by ... " but the good progress and the work of all involved was welcomed by Members.

The Chairwoman reported on the most recent meeting of the Adlington Focus Group where there were a number of outstanding issues including the provision of an extra litter bin and the installation of some seating close to the new toddlers' play area. There was an opportunity to access some matched funding from the Neighbourhood Improvement Budget.

Cllr Diana Ruff informed the meeting that the County Council's "Adopt a Footpath" scheme had been mothballed but given the good response from within the Parish she suggested that a similar scheme be instituted and this was unanimously supported by Members. The Clerk reported on the latest proposals to complete the work on the Lavender footpath which were agreed with the landowner but which were likely to be held up by delays in establishing County Council budgets. It was agreed that the Parish Council's Rights of Way Improvement monies could be committed to the work with up to an extra £400 allocated, should it be needed, given the possibility of any such extra expenditure being reimbursed in cash or kind from the Countryside Service once their budget had been agreed.

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj confirmed that the Wingerworth Well Dressing would take place on 7 August 2010 and would once again be twinned with a scarecrow competition. There were likely to be four wells dressed and it was intended that the Salem Chapel would participate as in the past.

131/2010 Chairwoman's Report

The Chairwoman referred to the forthcoming celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the Deer Park School and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should send a congratulatory message to the school commending them on having maintained a very high standard of education and recreation in Wingerworth during the past 50 years.

She informed the meeting that she had received a letter from number of young people who have spent time with the Youth Service's Youth Information Bus when parked by Allendale Road. The group was asking whether it would be possible to have a weather proof shelter erected for the use of young people. It was agreed to refer the request to the Council's Youth Activities Committee.

Other matters raised included the possibility of freeing up the Small Hall for lettings by holding Council meetings in the Committee Room, even if only on a trial basis, but the general feeling was that the monthly meetings should continue in the Small Hall. She also informed Members of discussions with the Vice Chairwoman about brightening up the Parish Hall by displaying the paintings of local artists on a rolling basis. This was generally felt to be a good idea subject to the Vice Chairwoman administering the scheme and including some form of indemnity to protect the Council in the event of theft or damage and, in the event that the scheme went ahead, that there was some form of review after Christmas. As a result of further discussions it was also agreed that the Jubilee Garden be converted to a block paved area with planters while retaining the socket for the Parish Christmas tree.

132/2010 Co-option Process and Induction Process

Cllr Diana Ruff introduced the previously circulated first draft document from the working group covering some revisions to the existing co-option procedure and a new induction process. There were a couple of contentious issues but it was stressed that Members were welcome to submit any points or comments to the working group which was due to meet again in September with the intention of submitting a document for approval by the Council.

133/2010 Use of Council Land for Church Service

The Rector had requested permission to use a section of the Council's land off Allendale Road for a Pets' Service later in the month. Members agreed to the request but it was stressed that it would be for the Church to organise and steward the event so as to ensure a safe service for all concerned. It was also stressed that vehicles should not be parked on Council land in and around the Allendale Road football pitch and it was because of this prohibition that a request to use the land for overflow parking for the Deer Park School's 50th anniversary was refused.

134/2010 Allocation of Football Pitches

The Clerk reported that only one application had been received for 2010/11 and this was from the existing user, Wingerworth Barley Mow FC, for the Allendale pitch.

Resolved: that the application be approved.

135/2010 Support for the Ashgate Hospice Recycling Scheme

Cllr Stuart Ellis outlined a scheme for the recycling of used printer ink cartridges which would generate funding for the Ashgate Hospice and it was agreed that the Council would support the scheme by asking the Library based in the Parish Hall to have a container available for the deposit of old cartridges.

136/2010 Wingerworth Today – The Wingerworth Plan Draft Edition

There was a brief discussion about the draft plan for Wingerworth which had been previously circulated to Members. There were necessarily a number of errors and omissions and Members were asked to forward any corrections or comments to Geoff Ruff who had compiled the document. There was unanimous agreement that the plan was a very welcome development and would be a valued asset.

137/2010 Expenditure

Following meetings with the Adlington Focus Group it had been decided to seek approval for the expenditure of up to £1,000 as a contribution to a matched funding application to the Neighbourhood Improvement Budget to provide new facilities at the Adlington Play Area which could include the part fencing of the toddlers' play area and some seating close to the play area. There was also a request to pay for the purchase and installation of a Basketball stanchion at Adlington at a cost of up to £2,200.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to commit up to £1,000 towards a matched funding bid from the Neighbourhood Improvement Budget for facilities at the Adlington play area; that the Clerk be authorised to spend up to £2,200 on the purchase and installation of a Basketball Stanchion at Adlington.

138/2010 Donations

Members considered a request for support from Vitalise to support their work in the area.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to make a donation of £50 to Vitalise.

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

139/2010 Discussions with New Road Nursery

There was a brief update for Members on the discussion that were continuing to take place at the Finance Committee over arrangements with the New Road Nursery which involved a range of issues including lettings rates once the current arrangements expired.

140/2010 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Council was 1 September 2010 and Members were reminded of the Council's annual visit to the allotments at 10.30am on Sunday 8 August.

The Chairwoman thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 9.10pm