

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 June 2008

Present: Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)
Cllr Stuart Ellis Cllr Margaret Parker
Cllr Kevin Moore (*from 116/2008*) Cllr Michael Prout
Cllr Carole Nelson Cllr Jan Robinson
Cllr John Ollis Cllr Diana Ruff
with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

114/2008 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Cllr Chris Hutchings, Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj, Cllr Peter O'Neill, Cllr Bill Pickford and Cllr Tom Snowdon.

115/2008 Declarations of Interest

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

116/2008 North Derbyshire Twinning Association

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Mike Tye to the meeting who, as Vice Chairman of the Association, gave a brief presentation to Members on the work of the Association. He focussed on twinning relationships with Elancourt which was a town in France on the eastern side of Paris. Various links between the North East of Derbyshire and Elancourt were already in place but these were mainly of a friendship variety and there was a desire for more of a civic link from the French town. Mr Tye explained what could be involved and emphasised that such a link need not be costly. He then outlined some of the advantages that can result from a civic link which could benefit many individuals, groups and organisations in Wingerworth. The Chairperson thanked Mr Tye for the presentation and supporting documents.

Resolved: that the matter be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council to provide more time for Members to reflect on the possibility of entering into a civic link under the auspices of the North Derbyshire Twinning Federation.

117/2008 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2008 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

118/2008 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

119/2008 Police Matters

Crime statistics for May were presented. These included three incidents – one each of damage, violence and burglary. PCSO Mike Coates reported on a more recent incident involving damage to three cars and an assault on a Police officer. He expressed concern at the amount of under-age drinking and believed that the alcohol was being brought in from outside the Parish and sold to young people. The importance of help from the community was stressed. Concern was expressed to PCSO Coates about location of an ice cream van on Allendale Road around school leaving time which exacerbated traffic problems. There was a query about publicising the name of anyone convicted of a crime, having regard for the age of the person, and PCSO Coates offered to obtain guidance.

The most recent meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) had been at Grassmoor when there had been a number of concerns about young people congregating in areas such as bus shelters, often into the early hours and often involving ball games. A question was raised as to whether District Council had powers to ban ball games in defined areas. PCSO Coates reported that the speeding vehicles had been added to the SNT profile.

The Chairperson outlined proposals for a sports scheme during the summer at Tupton Hall Community School which had been discussed at the SNT and was based on contributions of £1,000 from each of the four member parishes. Access to a wide variety of activities would then be free to children and

young people from a parish that had made the contribution. It was intended that any monies left unspent after the two week programme would be used to fund further activities in the weeks following the initial programme. Questions were raised about other sources of funding and access to the programme for disabled young people. The matter was due to be discussed under the agenda item on expenditure. At this point the Chairperson thanked PCSO Coates for attending the meeting especially as he was on annual leave at the time.

120/2008 Public Forum

There were no matters raised by members of the public.

121/2008 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:

408	5 Chartwell Avenue	Two Storey Side Extension
484	27 Nottingham Drive	Two Storey Side & Rear Ext (Rev)
499	37 Central Drive	Two Storey Side & Rear Ext plus
469	Nether House Farm, Stubbing	Conversion of Barns to Dwelling

The applications were noted. Further details were available on application 484 and there remained some concern over the size and proportion of the proposed extensions even in the revised version of the application. Concerns were raised about application 469.

The following planning decisions were reported:

253	R Hillhouses Lane	Removal of 3 Sections Hedgerow
264	G 22 Robincroft Road	Replacement Timber Shed
277	G 30 Nethermoor Road	Two Storey Rear Extension plus
289	G 45 Longedge Lane	Erection of Conservatory to Rear
293	G 18 Mill Lane	First Floor Extensions
301	R 21 Halifield Close	Two Storey Extension
330	R Robincroft Farm, Swathwick Lane	Erection on Dwelling
359	G 62 Central Drive	Conservatory, Garage and Access

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 469 and queries with the District Council's Enforcement Officer whether the current use of the barns is covered by a planning approval.

122/2008 Accounts

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

HM Land Registry	36.00	Search Fees
Post Office	34.00	Stamps
Eurooffice	42.13	Stationery
BT plc	58.90	Line Rental
Mr A Harrop	376.00	Parish Hall Crash Repairs
Birdholme SS	5.00	Fuel for Footpath Strimmer
E.ON	2.59	Electricity Supply Pavilion
E.ON	488.67	Electricity Supply Parish Hall
Wings	100.00	Council Page
Abel Alarm Company Ltd	1,099.80	Extension of System
AOL	14.99	Internet Services
NEDDC	176.45	Business Rates
NEDDC	131.98	Waste Collection
NEDDC	56.21	Waste Collection
Eurooffice	100.47	Toner & Stationery
PHS	343.31	Disposal Service
Wingerworth S CC	300.00	Return of Deposit
Staff	3,940.22	Salaries and Expenses
HM Revenue & Customs	1,582.02	Tax and NI Payments

Derbyshire CC	960.98	LGPS Payments
Birdholme SS	14.60	Fuel for Mower
Town & Country UK	24.80	Window Cleaning
Zurich Insurance	335.73	Boiler Inspections

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

123/2008 Finance

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

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

124/2008 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- 21/2008 - General
 - New Clerks' Induction Course
 - Clerk Vacancy at Findern

The circular was noted.

125/2008 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
 - Wingerworth Bowling Club – Confirmation of Successful Funding Application to Viridor
 - Wingerworth Community Association – Concern over Future of the Association

The correspondence was noted. It was hoped that some recognition of the Council's support for the Bowling Club's successful application to Viridor would be acknowledged in any further publicity.

- District
 - NEDDC – Reply to Query about Business Activity at Stubbing Court and Fencing on Allendale Road
 - NEDDC – Representation to Community Bodies
 - Chesterfield Borough Council – Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
 - Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group – Meeting on 21 July 2008

The correspondence was noted. There was some disappointment over the response from District Council on the query raised about business activity at Stubbing Court.

- County
 - DCC – Response to Request to Utilise Outdoor Recreational Court at the Wingerworth Centre
 - DCC – Acknowledgement of Issues Raised about Study on Traffic Movements at Bole Hill
 - DRCC – News and Information
 - DCC – “On Board” – Public Transport in Derbyshire

The correspondence was noted. There was a brief report on the reasons why the County Council was unwilling to allow the Council to use the outdoor recreational court at the present time.

- Other
 - E.ON Engineering – Free Building Work for Community Projects

The correspondence was noted.

Resolved: that the Clerk conveys to the District Council the continuing concern over what appeared to be the use of premises at Stubbing Court for business activity without any planning permission.

126/2008 Reports from Committees and Representatives

Cllr Margaret Parker reported on the Community Association's AGM when it had been agreed that the healthy financial balances and the willingness of officers to serve would enable the Association to continue for at least a further year.

Cllr Kevin Moore reported that there was continuing concern from the Bowling Club at the lack of electricity supply to the bowling green. He also reported on a series of issues of concern from the Tennis Club and it was acknowledged that the Finance Committee were aware of these issues.

The Chairperson reported that the Youth Forum, which was known as the W Y Forum, was continuing to meet on a regular basis and was growing in size. There was progress in drawing up a constitution and contact was being made with Natascha Engel MP. The Forum was being encouraged to send a representative to the Community Partnership and the Safer Neighbourhood Team and there were plans for members to be involved in the Well Dressing.

127/2008 Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson reported on a successful meeting with Mr Iain Kennedy, the Managing Director of Realstone, when the company had agreed to provide a dressed stone as a base for the new plaque at the sheepwash. She also reported on the recent meeting of the Community Partnership which had included presentations on the District Council's Older People's Plan and the move to civil parking enforcement as well as an update from the group working on the Wingerworth Plan.

128/2008 Proposal to Convert Loan Repayments to PWLB to Direct Debits

The Clerk informed Members that it was possible to switch to a direct debit form of payment to cover the Council's half yearly repayments to the Public Works Loan Board. This would eradicate the need to issue cheques and should eliminate the risk of late payment and consequential penalties in the event of any delay due to illness or postal problems.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to set up direct debit arrangement to cover payments to PWLB.

129/2008 Outstanding Invoices to NEDDC

The Clerk reported on a request from District Council for payment of outstanding invoices of which the Clerk had no record. Four invoices were listed, dating back to May 2000, totalling a sum close to £2,000. The Clerk had subsequently received copies of documentation relating to the various transactions. Regret was expressed over what appeared to be a poor system of control at District Council at allowing such time to elapse and there was uncertainty about the status of the claim and about the ability of the Council to reclaim the VAT elements. The matter had been raised with the Council's internal auditor who had just completed the annual audit.

Resolved: that the Clerk make arrangements to pay the most recent of the invoices, which was almost three years old, and seeks advice on how to proceed with the three older payment requests.

130/2008 Pitch Allocation for 2008/09

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

Regret was expressed that no details had been received from District Council about applications for the use of the Council's pitches for the forthcoming football season. The failure to keep to an agreed timetable placed the Council in a difficult position as it endangered other deadlines and could place an income stream at risk.

Resolved: that the Clerk informs District Council that the Council recommends that the one known application which was from the existing user, the Wingerworth Barley Mow Football Club, be approved for the 2008/2009 season.

131/2007 Stewardship of the Wall Pond

Members considered a proposal that the Clay Cross Angling Association take over the stewardship of the Wall Pond based on a letter of agreement drawn up by the Clerk following discussions with officers of the Association.

Resolved: that the Clerk proceeds towards finalising an agreement with the Association over the stewardship of the Wall Pond based on the letter of agreement.

132/2008 Items for Expenditure

Members considered a number of items for which expenditure was proposed. There was careful consideration about committing £1,000 to the proposed summer scheme of activities at Tupton Hall Community School which had been outlined in the Police section of the meeting. In considering the renewal of the CPRE annual subscription it was suggested that the modest sum was a sensible spend given the access to general advice on a wide range of matters and the potential of support from the organisation in the event of a major campaign against an unwanted development in the Parish.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to make a payment of £1,000 to the proposed summer scheme for young people at Tupton Hall School; that the annual subscription to CPRE be renewed; that a new litter bin be erected at the Wall Pond at the current cost charged by District Council; that a new window be ordered at the Pavilion at an estimated cost of £175 in advance of consideration as to who was liable for replacing the broken window.

133/2008 Donations

Members considered a request for a donation from the Wingerworth Well Dressing Group who were planning to expand activities during the week starting 2 August to include a scarecrow competition. Further requests for donations had been received from the North East Derbyshire District Council Chair's Appeal 2008/2009 and Victim Support Derbyshire.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to make donations of £250 to the Wingerworth Well Dressing Group, £50 to the North East Derbyshire District Council Chair's Appeal 2008/2009 and £25 to Victim Support Derbyshire.

134/2008 Date of Next Meeting

The Chair confirmed the date of the next meeting of the Council as 2 July 2008.

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 9.23 pm.