

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 June 2009

Present: Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)
Cllr Stuart Ellis Cllr Peter O'Neill
Cllr Chris Hutchings Cllr Margaret Parker
Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj (*until end of 120/2009*) Cllr Michael Prout
Cllr John Ollis (*until end of 121/2009*) Cllr Diana Ruff
with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

106/2009 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Cllr Kevin Moore, Cllr Carole Nelson, Cllr Bill Pickford, Cllr Jan Robinson and Cllr Tom Snowdon.

107/2009 Declarations of Interest

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

108/2009 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

109/2009 Matters Arising

There had been notification of two matters arising. Once concerned minute 093/2009 and the development at Robincroft Farm and the Clerk reported that, following a query raised at the previous meeting of the Council, a Planning officer had inspected the site and subsequently confirmed that the orientation, height and elevations were all in line with the approved plans. There were a number of concerns with this development relating to the agricultural work condition including the definition of such work, the policing and method of enforcement of the condition as well as the duration of the condition. There were also queries as to any further conditions attached to the approval, and the Clerk was requested to raise these matters with the Planning Department. The second matter arising concerned minute 092/2009 and it was agreed that a meeting of the Standing Orders Committee should be convened as soon as was possible. To that end it was agreed that the Chairperson invite Cllr Carole Nelson to join the committee in the knowledge that Cllr Diana Ruff could also attend in her capacity as Vice Chairperson of the Council.

110/2009 Police Matters

It had been hoped that Insp Adam Waterfall would be at the meeting to discuss the serious concerns raised by Members about the operation of the Safer Neighbourhood Team now incorporated in the Community Partnership given that the Council had withdrawn from the Partnership. However it was clarified that Insp Waterfall had offered to attend the July meeting of the Council and Members looked forward to discussing the concerns with him at that time.

PCSO Mike Coates presented the crime statistics for May which included nine reported crimes of which seven related to theft and damage with one case of common assault and one case of neglect. During the same period there had been eight incidents of anti-social behaviour including three instances of nuisance football and two cases of damage.

111/2009 Public Forum

The Council was questioned about its intentions with regard to the dangers, damage and general nuisance being caused by motor bikes in and around Hardwick Wood. In the main it appeared that motor bikes were on private land and in at least one case it was believed to take place with the landowner's permission. A discussion ensued about possible actions but was explained that the Council had little remit to deal with the problems other than voicing concerns to relevant bodies. However it was agreed to request the Council's Tree Warden to check on the state of trees in the area covered by TPOs so that any damage appearing to result from motor bikes could be reported to District Council.

112/2009 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:

90386	6 Longedge Rise	Side and Rear Extensions
90234	Nether House Farm, Stubbing	Conversion of Outbuilding to Dwelling
90362	Woodthorpe Meadows Farm, Ashover Rd	Erection of Detached Store & Carport

The applications were noted and concerns were raised about application 90234 which had appeared in the weekly sheets received by the Council on 1 June 2009.

The following planning decisions were reported:

90072	CA	48 Davids Drive	Discharge of Condition 4
90117	CA	5 Chartwell Avenue	Single Storey Side Ext and Loft Conversion
90132	CA	6 Hazel Drive	Extensions and Alterations
90216	CA	51 Joseph Fletcher Drive	Two Storey Front Ext and Rear Balcony
90259	R	Wingerworth Hall Gardens, Hockley Lane	Residential Caravan and Buildings
DCC	AW	Bolehill Quarry	Reworking of Temporary Stone Tips

CA=Conditional Agreement R=Refused AW=Decision taken but awaiting report

The planning decisions were noted.

Resolved: that the Clerk contacts District Council with a request for more details on application 90234 and a further request that the 21 day period be extended to allow the Council to submit comments immediately after its meeting on 1 July 2009.

113/2009 Accounts

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in April 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
08-Apr-09	4532	Derbyshire Children's HC	25.00	Donation
08-Apr-09	4533	GMS	4.68	Strimmer Line
08-Apr-09	4534	The Sports Fencing Co	937.25	Protective Cricket Netting
08-Apr-09	4535	Biggin Construction	38,203.08	Building of Pavilion
29-Apr-09	4536	Post Office	69.00	Postage Stamps
29-Apr-09	4537	Eurooffice	88.54	Stationary
29-Apr-09	4538	Town & Country UK	24.80	Window Cleaning
29-Apr-09	4539	DRCC	25.00	Training Course
29-Apr-09	4540	PHS Group plc	369.61	Annual Sanitary Contract
29-Apr-09	4541	Cancelled Cheque	0.00	Lost in Post - Stopped
29-Apr-09	4542-48	Staff	4,284.32	Salaries
29-Apr-09	4549	HM Revenue & Customs	1,655.19	Tax and NI
29-Apr-09	4550	Derbyshire CC	1,005.85	LGMS
29-Apr-09	4551	Plantscape	1,713.50	Notice Board and Seat
29-Apr-09	4552	Wings	120.00	Council's Page
29-Apr-09	4553	Mr C Haw	300.00	Refund of Deposit
29-Apr-09	4554	Paul Smart	566.34	Adlington Footpath
29-Apr-09	DD	NEDDC	183.85	Business Rate
29-Apr-09	DD	AOL	23.07	Internet Service
29-Apr-09	DD	BT Payments Ltd	55.11	Phone Line
24-Apr-09	4555	GMS	244.29	Strimmer
24-Apr-09	4556	Severn Trent Water	135.14	Services to Parish Hall
			50,033.62	Total for the Month

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

114/2009 Finance

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

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

115/2009 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Circular 17/2009 – General
 - Derbyshire Constabulary Annual Meeting with Councils – Change to Autumn
 - Pay Claim 2009/10
 - Car Allowances 2009/10
 - Clerk Vacancies
- Circular 18/2009 – Action with Communities in Rural England
- Circular 19/2009 – Government Response to “Issues Facing the Local Community”
- Circular 20/2009 – Employment Act 2008
- Circular 21/2009 – Employment Issues
- Circular 22/2009 – General
 - Section 106 Agreements and the New Community Infrastructure Levy
 - Re-Registration of Common Lane
 - Vacancies for Clerks
- Circular 23/2009 – Derbyshire Constabulary Annual Meeting with Councils – 15 September
- Circular 24/2009 – Possible Changes to the Administration of Concessionary Travel
- Circular 25/2009 – The Power of Well Being

The circulars were noted.

116/2009 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
 - Bowling Club – Invitation to Opening of Pavilion
 - New Road Nursery – Copy of Ofsted Report from Inspection of 13 March 2009
 - All Saints’ Parish Church – Request for Dates in the Church Centre for Youth Café
 - Parishioner – Concerns over Dangers Posed by Bikes on Footpaths
 - Parishioner – Update on BOAT Applications
 - Footpath Volunteers – Completion of Surfacing for the Cheese Play Equipment
 - Community Partnership – Cancellation of June Meeting and Notice of SNT Meeting
 - Parish Planning Group – Copy of a Request for a Meeting with the NEDDC Chief Executive
- District
 - NEDDC – House to House Collections – National Deaf Children’s Society
 - NEDDC – Granting of Licence for Notice Board at Adlington Avenue
 - NEDDC – Request to Wheeldons for Attention to Cricket Nets
 - NEDDC – Copy of Unwillingness of Wheeldons to Attend to Cricket Nets
 - Chesterfield and District Community Transport – New Website
- County
 - Derbyshire Constabulary – “Have Your Say” Report for 2008
 - Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership – Progress Report
 - DRCC – Newsletter
 - Derbyshire Children’s Holiday Centre – Letter of Thanks for Donation
 - Derbyshire Children’s Holiday Centre – Information about the Centre
 - DCC – Invitation to a Minerals and Waste Planning Workshop – 20 July 2009
 - Derby and Derbyshire Local Access Forum – Recording of Paths not on Definitive Map
 - DCC – Request for Dedication of Land off Allendale Road for New Surgery
- Other
 - Citizen of Republic of Georgia – Request for Help with a Work of Fiction about a Non-Existent Watersport based in the Chesterfield Area in the 19th Century

The correspondence was noted including the good report on the work of the New Road Nursery, the possibility that two of the BOAT applications in Wingerworth could be approved and the valued work of the footpath volunteers. It was also reported that there had been an initial inquiry about the possibility of the Council dedicating land to the proposed new surgery in order to address issues raised by Highways in connection with the development. It was agreed that the County Council be asked to present the request in detail so that Members were aware of the extent and implications for the Council. At the same time, the Clerk was asked to convey a firmly held view that the best way forward may be to revive an earlier proposal to provide a route for delivery vehicles to the shops that took them round the rear of the shops and back onto Longedge Lane. Because of the issues raised and other matters of mutual concern, the Clerk was requested to suggest to the County Council that consideration be given to the establishment of a liaison group including the Council.

117/2009 Reports from Committees and Representatives

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on the most recent meeting of the Footpaths Committee when the volunteers had presented a schedule of work completed, work in progress and work planned.

118/2009 Chairperson's Business

Cllr Ann Sainty described a successful opening of the Council's new pavilion at the bowling green when herself and Cllr Bill Pickford had been the only Members present in an otherwise well attended event. As well as some finishing touches still needed, including the removal of the temporary wooden building, the Bowling Club was intending to seek approval from the Council for some further work at the green.

119/2009 Internal Audit Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2009

The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been completed on 12 May 2009 and had resulted in a clean report with no issues raised.

120/2009 Request from Bowling Club for New Green Fees

The Bowling Club had requested that the charges for casual use of the green be set at £2 per person per session with a session considered to be of two hours' duration.

Resolved: that the charges for casual use of the green be set at £2 per person per session with a request that the Club be sympathetic to any existing casual users who find the fees too expensive.

121/2009 Progress Report on the WY Café

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj reported on recent meetings when further consideration had been given to the constitution and supporting policies and procedures and when progress had been made with some of the child protection issues including CRB clearances for volunteer workers. A number of comments had been received on some of the resulting papers and these were due to be considered. Visits to a number of youth organisations in the Parish were due to take place over the next couple of weeks when there would be an opportunity to advertise the proposed Y Café which was now expected to open in September and then on every second Friday at the Church Centre. The Chairperson stressed the need to clarify the relationship of the Y Café management committee to the Council and one way forward could be that the Council's Youth Forum continued to promote youth activities and overviewed all developments including the Y Café as well as acting as a forum for reporting back to the Council on all supported activities including the Y Café.

122/2009 Protective Netting at the Cricket Ground

Members had received a summary of the Council's concerns about a variety of issues relating to the protective netting at the Deer Park cricket ground and the Clerk summarised a recently received reply to the points from the District Council. After some discussion it was agreed that clarification be sought about the relative ability to influence planning applications and resulting conditions at the outline as opposed to the full application stage. It was also agreed that a line be drawn across the long running saga of the protective nets on the Council's land and that the Council take responsibility for the care, repair and maintenance of the nets including an adjustment to raise the bottom of the netting to a higher position. The possibility of planting trees to create a more natural barrier would be investigated.

123/2009 Issues Concerning the Parish Christmas Tree for 2009

The Clerk alerted Members about the need to look into new arrangements for the Council's annual display of an illuminated tree in the run up to Christmas. This followed a very large increase in the costs levied by the District Council and new concerns over the safety aspects of the use of the usual coloured light bulbs. There was general agreement that the tradition of the illuminated Christmas tree be continued and the Clerk undertook to seek a reduced price for the transporting, erecting and decking of a tree as well as an alternative form of illumination which could take the form of LED lights.

124/2009 Data Base of Village Service Provision in Wingerworth

The District Council had requested help in compiling a data base of services in the Parish including facilities such as bus stops and shelters, schools and shops, green spaces and recreation areas. Copies of the draft list of facilities were circulated and Members agreed to review the listed facilities.

125/2009 Disposal of the Council's Keyboard

The Clerk requested approval to dispose of the old electronic keyboard which was stored in the Committee Room. The Women's Institute, who used to use the keyboard, had been consulted about the disposal and had not raised any objection and in any case the difficulties in moving the machine meant that it never left the Committee Room where it was taking up valuable space. Discussions with the major retail music outlet in Chesterfield indicated that there was little demand and little value in these old keyboards which were so unwieldy and so expensive to repair. There had been one expression of interest in making an offer for the old machine.

Resolved: that the machine be offered to Mr T Watts, a member of the Council's staff, at a cost of £10, sold as seen, subject to its removal at no cost to the Council.

126/2009 Donations

Vitalise had requested a donation towards the costs of providing care break weeks which had included ten weeks of residential care for seven local residents in the past year.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to make a payment of £50 to Vitalise as a donation to support their continuing work which benefited local families.

127/2009 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting of the Council was 1 July 2009 and 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 Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 9.10pm.