

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 June 2010

Present:

Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Peter O'Neill (*from 104/2010*)

Cllr Alan Cooper

Cllr Margaret Parker

Cllr Stuart Ellis (*until 116/2010*)

Cllr Bill Pickford

Cllr Dawn Hart

Cllr Michael Prout

Cllr Chris Hutchings

Cllr Diana Ruff

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

100/2010 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Cllr Carole Nelson

101/2010 Declarations of Interest

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

102/2010 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 May 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

103/2010 Matters Arising

There had been no notification of matters arising.

104/2010 Police Matters

PCSO Mike Coates presented the previous month's Police report for the Parish which included seven reported crimes made up of two thefts, two incidents involving motor vehicles, a minor assault, a minor arson and an air rifle incident. There was one reported incident of anti-social behaviour which was motor cycle nuisance.

Concerns were raised about motor cycle nuisance generally and there were questions about the status of roads in Hardwick Wood which remained unclear pending a reply from the County Council. Questions were also raised about irresponsible car parking on Welbeck Drive which included the blocking of drives and tactile crossings as well as damage to a fence. Concerns were expressed over the length of time taken to repair the damaged wall at the Edinburgh shops which was felt to be dangerous and the surface of the car park at the shops which was badly potholed and where the dust from some of the potholes that had been filled constituted a nuisance for local residents. There were further concerns about the spread of general litter and packing material from the shops to nearby houses. It was stressed that the parking problems were normally a matter for the new civil enforcement service rather than the Police and although PCSO Coates offered to relay the concerns on to the new service the Chairwoman stressed the importance of individual letters being sent from residents. It was agreed that the Clerk formally write to the owner of the shops on the other concerns with copies to District Council and County Council although the Chairwoman again stressed the value of individual letters from concerned residents. The possibility of a petition was raised as it was believed that this may have some influence with the shop owners.

The Chairwoman reminded Members and members of the public of the forthcoming meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team which was due to take place Wednesday 16 June and which was the forum for concerns about crimes and anti-social behaviour.

105/2010 Public Forum

No matters were raised by members of the public present.

106/2010 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:

100383 The Old Stables Birdholme Fm Derby Erection of Satellite Dish

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100397	9 Central Drive	Front and Side Extensions
100443	758 Derby Road	Rooms in Roof and Detached Garage
100349	off Allendale Drive	Medical Centre and Pharmacy
100369	57 Windsor Drive	Attached Double Garage and Utility
100329	12 Lakelands	Felling of One Silver Birch Tree
100371	59 New Road	Raising of Ridge for Rooms in Roof
100374	78 Windor Drive	Single Storey Extension to Rear
100384	Burton Lodge, 2 Lodge Drive	Variation on Erection of Two Houses
100420	Hill View, Malthouse Lane	Single Storey Extension to Rear
100437	5 Central Drive	Various Extensions

The applications were noted. Details were provided on application 100437 and concerns were raised about application 100384 which sought to vary a number of conditions on the original approval for the erection of two houses on Lodge Drive. It was feared that the relaxing or removal of these conditions would produce outcomes which had been raised previously as concerns by the Council.

The following planning decision was reported:

90623	CA	High Cliffe, Matlock Rd, Spitewinter	Extension and Change of Use ...
100176	CA	20 Davids Drive	Single and Two Storey Extensions
100122	CA	Glenorr, Ashover Road, Old Tupton	Alterations and Extensions
100192	CA	2 Hazel Drive	Extension above Garage to Side
100175	CA	231 Nethermoor Road	Single Storey Rear Ext and Garage
100243	CA	10 Wrenpark Road	Erection of an Orangery to Side/Rear
100251	D	Land to Rear of 34/36 Nethermoor Rd	Change of Use - Stables and Tack Rm
100265	CA	29 Wheatcroft Close	Rear Extension and Garage Conversion

CA=Conditional Agreement D=Deferred

The planning decisions were noted. The details of application 90623 were provided although it remained uncertain as to whether the location in question was within the Parish boundary.

107/2010 New Medical Facility for Wingerworth

There was a discussion of various aspects of the planning application for the new medical facility off Allendale Road and while there was general support for the application there were a few concerns that the Clerk was asked to submit to the Planning Department. The main issue was the colour of the large roof as it was felt that the Wedgewood Blue in a metalised form would be out of character for the location and that a more non-descript colour would blend in better with the attractive surroundings.

It was pointed out that a reference to the re-routing of a path by the Parish Council was mistaken as the path in question was the responsibility of the County Council who had originally laid the tarmac surface. Another stretch of footpath was to be removed as a result of the development and it was felt that this should be reinstated alongside but outside the fencing of the new development. The possibility that this work could be undertaken as a goodwill gesture by the developers, perhaps when the ground work for the car parking areas was in progress, would be welcomed as this was a community asset and would be useful for patients with the added attraction of lessening the demand for car parking at the new medical centre. This would be consistent with the hope that the new development would enhance rather than reduce facilities for the community.

Concerns were also raised about the parking of vehicles in the vicinity of the new development. It was believed that the widened access road would be made subject to severe parking restrictions with double yellow lines and associated enforcement to prevent difficulties in accessing the shopping car park or even emergency access to the medical centre. Given the anticipated high demand for parking spaces, it was agreed that District Council should be requested to erect some form of barrier to ensure that vehicles did not park on the grassed area to the side of the access road which otherwise would take over and damage part of the attractive open vista of the Allendale open land.

Resolved: that the Clerk contacts the Planning Department regarding concerns over the proposed colour of the roof of the medical facility, alerts the planners to the confusion over the responsibility for a footpath, raises the request for a replacement connecting path (even if provided as a goodwill gesture) and seeks assurances about parking restrictions on the new access road and on action to prevent cars from parking on the open grassed land adjacent to the road.

108/2010 Accounts

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in April 2010 with a correction to the staffing costs although the total expenditure figure for the month remained unchanged. 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.

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

109/2010 Finance

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

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

109/2010 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Circular 24/2010 – General
 - Employee Absence due to Volcanic Ash
 - “Bringing People Together” Campaign
 - Credit Union Services across Derbyshire
 - East Midlands Allotment Officers’ Forum
 - Training for People Responsible for a Children’s Play
 - Car Allowances 2010/2011
- Circular 26/2010 – Derbyshire Constabulary Annual Parish Councils’ Evening – 12 October

The circulars were noted.

110/2010 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
 - Allotment Holders’ Association – Confirmation of Annual Visit – 8 August
- District
 - Parish and Town Councils’ Liaison – change of date to 21 July
- County
 - DCC – Local Transport Plan - Consultation
 - DCC – Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Core Strategy – Key Issues and Options Report
 - DCC – Temporary Closure of Footpath – Wingerworth Footpath 35 (Whole)
 - Derbyshire Children’s Holiday Centre – Letter of Thanks for Donation
- Other
 - Bluebell Wood Children’s Hospice - News

The correspondence was noted.

111/2010 Reports from Committees and Representatives

It was confirmed that Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj would continue on the Finance Committee and the Youth Activities Group and that that she would act as the Council’s representative to the Wingerworth Bowling Club. It was also confirmed that Cllr Peter O’Neill would be on the Parish Hall Committee.

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj reported on excellent progress with the Café Y project. Most of the CRB checks had been completed and work was underway on a new logo and flyers with the opening planned for Friday 27 August. Two new volunteers had come forward and training on the safeguarding of children was arranged for all volunteers. A further grant had been received, this one for £1,500 with the help of Rykneld Homes. A formal request for financial support would be submitted to the Council, probably in respect of the hiring cost of the premises at the Church Centre.

The Chairwoman reported on the recent meeting of the Adlington Focus Group who were looking to involve some younger members of the community and were keen to support and promote the Café Y project. Cllr Chris Hutchings reported on the work of the Standing Orders Committee which was continuing in two main areas – the induction of new Members and the co-option process. A more detailed report would be made to the Council in due course. Cllr Diana Ruff reported on behalf of the Footpaths Committee that there were some continuing concerns on a number of issues but that good progress had been made with the “Adopt a Footpath” scheme with ten couples having expressed an interest and having been invited to a practical meeting on 14 June.

112/2010 Chairwoman’s Report

There was nothing further to report.

113/2010 Internal Audit Opinion

The Clerk referred to the circulated report from the Council's Internal Auditor which provided a clean bill of health for the Council's financial affairs for the previous financial year. This opinion had been conveyed to the Audit Commission.

114/2010 Risk Management Schedule 2010/2011

The Clerk briefly explained the purpose and methodology of the schedule.

Resolved: that the schedule be approved subject to a reduction in the risk score likelihood alongside fraud under the operations risk section where the factor was reduced from 3 to 2.

115/2010 Review of Lettings Deposit

Members were informed of the discussion at the Finance Committee to which the review had been referred. It was felt that the number of bookings could increase with a reduction in the deposit to a level that would still provide some protection for the Council. It was also agreed that the extra work associated with any significant increase in bookings could be met by an extension in the casual staffing arrangements that were already in use even if this necessitated an extra casual member of staff.

Resolved: that the lettings deposit be reduced from £300 to £200 for the relevant bookings and that the matter be reviewed again in a year's time.

116/2010 Commencement of Remediation at The Avenue and Concerns about the CPL Site

Cllr Vince Causey alerted Members to concerns that the apparent lack of any clean-up at the CPL site could result in cross contamination once the adjacent site at The Avenue had been remediated as there was a risk of toxic leaching on to the cleaned-up site. It was understood that the CPL site was not as badly contaminated as The Avenue site, but it had been hoped that both sites would be remediated at the same time and this was firmly felt to be the preferred option although much depended on the owners of the CPL site.

Resolved: that the Clerk raises the concerns and stresses the desirability of cleaning up the CPL site while the remediation at The Avenue is taking place by contacting District Council, County Council, the MP for the area and emda.

117/2010 Donations

Members considered a request for support from Chesterfield and District Shopmobility to support their work in recovering and repairing mobility scooters which included services for 98 residents of the Parish.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to make a payment of £50 to Chesterfield and District Shopmobility.

118/2010 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Council was 7 July 2010.

The Chairwoman thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 9pm.