

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 June 2011

Present:

Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Pat Antcliff

Cllr Cecilia Harper

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Dawn Hart

Cllr Lindsey Edwards

Cllr Chris Hutchings

Cllr Stuart Ellis

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj

Cllr Brian Flude

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

108/2011 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Peter O'Neill.

109/2011 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest other than those from dual-hatted Members who were Members on NEDDC's Planning Committee.

110/2011 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2011 be confirmed as true and correct record of the meeting.

111/2011 Matters Arising

There had been no notification of matters arising.

112/2011 Police Matters

Before detailing the statistics for the previous month, PCSO Michael Coates introduced the new beat manager, Rachel March, who spoke about her strong roots in and attachment to the Parish. Her shift patterns made it difficult to attend Council meetings but she was delighted at being able to attend the current meeting and to meet Councillors.

During the previous month there had been seven reported crimes, although three of these were all related to a domestic matter. The other four crimes were all thefts of which two were from motor vehicles which were prevalent of late, involving both thefts of items from within cars and car number plates. There were no reported instances of anti-social behaviour although parking remained an issue with irresponsibly parked vehicles often causing obstructions. A member of the public offered to provide photographs to the Police where such problems were encountered.

113/2011 Public Forum

A Parishioner asked about progress with the new medical centre which, as far as anyone at the meeting was aware, was expected to go ahead with building work hopefully starting before the end of the year.

114/2011 Consideration of Planning Applications and Related Matters

The following planning applications were reported:

110296	129 Longedge Lane	Single Storey Rear Extension plus ...
110302	145 Longedge Lane	Pitched Roof over Flat Roof Extension
110331	off Matlock Road, Spitewinter	Ext of Solar Conservatory and Lobby
110367	130 Longedge Lane	Erection of Conservatory to Front
110384	34 Central Drive	Erection of 2m high Brick Wall plus ...

The following planning decisions were reported:

110017	R	1 Ridd Way	Raised Decking with Balustrade
110201	CA	219 Longedge Lane	Erection of Summer House
110210	CA	3 Hilltop Road	Side Extension and Roof Changes
110260	CA	15 Hockley Lane	Two Storey Side Extension
110265	CA	15 Church Close	First Floor Extension
110296	CA	129 Longedge Lane	Single Storey Rear Extension plus ...
110302	CA	145 Longedge Lane	Pitched Roof over Flat Roof Extension

The applications and decisions were noted.

115/2011 Accounts

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in April 2011. He also presented details of income and expenditure against a phased budget at the end of April and the current position of the Council's reserves.

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

116/2011 Finance

The Clerk submitted bank details and a reconciliation as at the end of April 2011. A variation between total expenditure on the sheet against the summary was explained by the extra £9.02 that had been paid for the business rate.

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

117/2011 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Circular 24/2011 – Future Standards of Conduct of Members of Local Authorities
- Circular 29/2011 – Sport England – Protecting Playing Fields
- Circular 30/2011 – Election for Executive Committee 2011-2015

The circulars were noted.

118/2011 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
 - Parishioner – Request for Lopping of Overhanging Branches
- District
 - NEDDC – Report on Signage at Smithy Pond
- County
 - DCC – Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum – 23 June 2011
 - DCC – Emergency Temporary Road Closure of Bolehill Lane, Wingerworth from 23 May
 - DCC – Part Night Street Lighting
 - Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service – Review of Emergency Cover
- Other
 - CPRE – Membership Confirmation

The Clerk highlighted the DCC consultative document on part night street lighting and there was a brief discussion on the proposals.

Resolved: that the Clerk contacts DCC for any proposed excluded categories in the part time night street lighting proposals and examples or illustrations of how these would apply in Wingerworth; that the Clerk contacts DCC to request that an officer the Council's meeting on 6 July to lead a discussion on the proposals with particular reference to Wingerworth.

119/2011 Reports from Committees and Representatives

After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Youth Activities Committee should continue with a composition of five people including two non-Councillors and one young person from the Parish. It was agreed that Cllr Diana Ruff and Cllr Anne Knyhynyckj were to be the Councillors on the Committee and that Cllr Lindsey Edwards be included for Adlington activities.

It was reported that the Café wy project was continuing and it was agreed that the Council should continue to meet the costs of the premises used for the meetings at the reduced introductory rate that had been extended by the Church Centre. The Clerk pointed out the need for an audit trail whereby there was some confirmation that the meetings invoiced had taken place. It was also agreed that the Council should receive a report on progress with supporting attendance figures at its meeting in September and thereafter every three months.

Cllr Diana Ruff reported that the audio trail for Wingerworth was almost complete and arrangements were in hand for a formal launch.

The Clerk reported on discussions with the Bowling Club about the possibility of a shelter alongside the Bowling Pavilion to protect scorers from the occasional ball flying over when cricket matches were in progress. He also reported that the re-surfacing of the tennis courts was due to commence shortly and that notices warning of the work and some related disruption to the car park had been placed on the tennis court fencing.

120/2011 Chairwoman's Business

There were no matters to report.

121/2011 Applications for Hire of Football Pitches for 2011-2012 Season

The Clerk reported that only one application had been received for use of a football pitch for 2011-2012 which was from the Wingerworth Barley Mow FC for one senior team to play on the Allendale Road pitch.

Resolved: that the Clerk informs NEDDC that the application is approved.

122/2011 Co-option of Members

The Clerk reported that the necessary actions to gain permission to co-opt were well under way and that he was advertising the opportunity for people to express an interest in becoming a co-opted Member in the Council's page in the next edition of Wings. It was agreed to establish an appointments panel in line with the Council's agreed procedures.

Resolved: that Cllr Diana Ruff, Cllr Dawn Hart, Cllr Chris Hutchings and Cllr Stuart Ellis be appointed to the appointments panel.

123/2011 Disposal of Equipment

The Clerk sought permission to dispose of a very old Brother laser printer and a lap-top computer which had been used by the recently retired Chairwoman which was still in good working order but not needed by the new Chairwoman. It was agreed that the laser printer be disposed of subject to it being disposed of responsibly and if possible to an organisation that could make use of a broken printer and it was also agreed that the lap-top be sold to the retired Chairwoman at price consistent with prices for similar used computers which would enable electronic communications to continue which would be to the benefit of the Council given the former Chairwoman's extensive knowledge of the background to decisions and positions taken by the Council over the past twelve years. In both cases, once disposed of, the items would be removed from the inventory list.

124/2011 Date of Next Meetings

The next monthly meeting was due to take place on Wednesday 6 July.

The Chairwoman thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 8.02pm.