

## WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 June 2012

Present:

	Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)	
Cllr Pat Antcliff		Cllr Stuart Ellis
Cllr Colin Berry		Cllr Chris Hutchings
Cllr Vince Causey		Cllr Anne Knyhynckyj
Cllr Lindsey Edwards		Cllr Peter O'Neill
		with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

#### 72 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Cecilia Harper and Cllr Dawn Hart

#### 73 Variation of Order of Business

There was a request for Agenda Item 7.a.1 to be brought forward before the Public Forum to avoid detaining any longer than necessary the District Council's Planning Services Manager (Mr Adrian Kirkham)

#### 74 Declarations of Members' Interest

There was one declaration of personal interest from Cllr Diana Ruff in respect of planning application 1200466.

#### 75 Planning Authority's Views on the Development in the Parish

Members had previously raised a number of questions and concerns about a series of major developments in the Parish with particular reference to those on the east side of the A61 and how they fitted into the District Council's planning framework as well as key planning considerations and the process for determining a series of such major applications that were closely adjacent to each other. Adrian Kirkham, the Planning Services Manager at NEDDC had kindly agreed to address these issues, and he was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairwoman.

Mr Kirkham gave a brief overview of foreseen major new proposals, one of which constituted a submitted application (Mill Lane), in the Parish as well as progress being made on The Avenue. He confirmed that the sites of the Mill Lane application, any proposed new application at Deerlands Road and the land to the west of Avenue, all lay outside the Settlement Development Limits established in the 2005 Local Plan. The Avenue site did have a designation in the Local Plan for its redevelopment. The Local Plan specified an employment led development. He referred specifically to the Deerlands Road development but was unable to be very helpful on the proposal as the Council had not received a new application although he understood a consultation event had recently been held.

Specifically on the outstanding application at Mill Lane Mr Kirkham stated no additional consultation would be carried out and that residents who live close to the site should comment on the application at this stage and that the matters that can be given planning weight was a matter ultimately for the Council.

He replied to a number of queries pointing out that an open cast application was dealt with by the County Council and explaining that the application for some 275 new homes near the A61 related to a request from the developers as to whether an application needed to be accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment. Concerns were raised about the impact of major developments on road traffic, both with the A61 and the possibility of Mill Lane becoming a major thoroughfare and the extent to which there would be infrastructure sufficient to support all of the new homes.

Questions were raised as to the extent that the District Council's current plan was sufficiently robust to deal with major applications. Mr Kirkham stated that the extant Local Plan remained that adopted in 2005 and this defined the settlement development limits referred to earlier. However, he also indicated that the District Council had subsequently adopted an interim housing policy which sought to establish a framework to determine applications submitted outside settlement development limits which were

being made in view of the Council's housing land supply which was insufficient to meet the requirement currently placed on it by the homes targets required by the Regional Plan. A new Local Plan was being developed although this was unlikely to be adopted until 2014. In the meantime the District Council would continue to rely on the current Local Plan although the Interim Housing Policy, whilst not as important in planning terms as the Local Plan, had attracted some weight from Inspectors so the Council was not completely open to the advances of developers.

The placing of some sort of moratorium on major new developments pending an area wide consideration would not be supported by Officers of the Council. Members would continue to be advised on the planning issues for each application and if Members considered applications were unacceptable they would be advised to refuse them. As such, Mr Kirkham accepted that until a replacement Local Plan was in place the District Council would continue to deal with all applications on an as submitted basis.

The Council were reminded the SHLAA was not a policy document and did not allocate sites

Mr Kirkham stressed how welcome responses were to planning applications, whether raising objections or offering support, and said that any objections could cover any issue even if these were not subsequently regarded as able to carry weight for the purposes of determining an application.

In closing Mr. Kirkham identified the redevelopment of the Avenue site as a priority and the Council would need to give careful consideration to any proposal that affected the deliverability of that site in favour of nearby green field sites.

The Chairperson expressed appreciation to Mr Kirkham who stated that he was always willing to attend a Council meeting if there were concerns about planning issues, either specific or general.

#### 76 Public Forum

PCSO Mike Coates had tendered apologies for absence but had sent in a report relating to the previous month which listed three crimes in the Parish. These were a minor assault, the possession of an offensive weapon and the theft of sign. There were no reported incidents of anti social behaviour although PCSO Coates and colleagues discovered a group of 10 or more young people on the Allendale Road land. The group quickly dispersed but six were detained on Joseph Fletcher Drive. Alcohol was recovered and one 15 year old was arrested for being drunk and disorderly. Some of the group were found at Tupton at a later date, again in possession of alcohol. Nuisance letters had been sent to the parents of all involved. Some of these young people originated from Wingerworth and had been warned about the serious consequences of continuing to act in this way, There was a query as to how the group had acquired alcohol and it was stated that this had been supplied by an adult who had purchased the drink from a local store.

A member of the public asked questions about settlement development limits and the extent to which they could be moved as well as precedents both inside the county and beyond. There was a request that the Council supported a campaign to object to any application for open casting alongside the A61 towards Clay Cross which was a matter for later in the agenda. Questions were raised about progress with the proposed new medical centre and the planning applications related to Gorsey Place but the Council awaited further information in both cases.

#### 77 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

#### 78 Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported a meeting with Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj on activities for young people which had included discussions on the provision of a youth shelter and an event for young people, possibly a music based event in October/November, which would compensate for the absence of anything much of direct interest to young people in the recent Festival. Along with other Members she had visited the exhibition about the housing development off Deerlands Road and she was looking forward to a meeting of the Premises Committee which would consider both the state of the Parish Hall at present as well as future developments. Finally she commented on the outstanding success of the recent

Wingerworth Festival which brought together people from all parts of the village and included people of all ages.

## 79 Clerk's Report

### a) Matters of Information

1. District Council – Response on Planning Authority's Views on the Development in the Parish.
2. District Council – Agreement in principle for a floral display on the Adlington half island – a meeting was being arranged
3. Wingerworth Arts Festival – Programme of events
4. Residents – Concerns about “theft of public access land” – this related to an alteration of a footpath from Hayfield Close to Longedge Lane but the matter had been investigated by the District Council and the Clerk and it seemed that the revised arrangements were adequate insofar as meeting the original purpose of the path
5. Residents – Complaints about removal of dog bins along Setts Path (due to work on replacing gas mains) – appreciation was expressed to District Council for making temporary arrangements with a bin placed in the layby for the duration of the work
6. Concerned persons – Dangers of children swimming in the Lodge Pond – the Clerk had informed Tupton Hall School of the dangers given that one person who had been in the pond was from that school
7. Resident – Concern about length of grass on Chartwell Fields – District Council had been struggling to maintain their schedule given the amount of rain over a protracted period but had promised to prioritise the work
8. Derbyshire Community Health Services – Invitation to become a member or a governor of the NHS Foundation Trust
9. The Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Derbyshire: Draft Recommendations
10. Rural Action Derbyshire – Newsletter
11. CPRE - Newsletter

### b) Items for Decision

1. Registration of formal interest in producing a Neighbourhood Plan – it was agreed that the Clerk express an interest
2. Approval for the Clay Cross Angling Association to complete the netting of fish in the Island Pond in Spring 2013 – this was deferred pending the receipt of more details from the Association
3. Installation of a dog bin near the style for Footpath 8 on Swathwick Lane – it was agreed to ask District Council to examine the site with the intention of installing a new bin
4. Response to Audit Commission proposal to appoint Grant Thornton UK LLP to audit the annual return of Wingerworth Parish Council for five years from 2012/13 – it was agreed that the proposal be accepted
5. Request for donation to Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre – it was agreed that a donation of £50 be made to the Centre
6. Request for support from the Hilltop Action Group – it was agreed that the Council register concerns about any application for open casting alongside the A61 near Clay Cross given that such an activity could effect the Parish by dust pollution and increased traffic flows as well as possibly endangering the health of the many young people from the Parish who attended the Tupton Hall School which would be very close to the proposed open casting
7. Request for views on the County Council's part night street lighting scheme – it was agreed that the proposals including A1 sized plans could be exhibited at the Parish Hall and it was agreed to consider the proposals in more detail at the July meeting of the Council.

## 80 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

### a) Circulars

1. 22/2012 – DCC Parish Council Liaison Forum; Allotment Regeneration Initiative
2. 23/2013 – Possibility of training sessions for Neighbourhood Plans
3. 24/2012 – Freedom of Information Request – Braile and Audio; Funding arrangements for localising support for Council Tax

### b) Other Matters

Members were reminded on the special training session being organised by DALC for the Council on Thursday 12 July at the Parish Hall which was ahead of the county wide sessions being organised. It was agreed to ask the Council's web master to either apply the Bobby test or some other audit of the website with a view to trying to ensure that it was accessible by all.

## 81 Planning Matters

### a) Applications

1200432	2 Pear Tree Avenue	Ground Floor Side Extension
1200451	76 Central Drive	Pruning of a Lime Tree (TPO)
1200344	Land at Jnct Oak C, Central D, Allendale	6 New Houses
1200466	Garden Centre, Birkin Lane	New Gospel Hall, access, parking

### b) Decisions

1200270	CA 16 Church Close	Pruning Work to Lime Tree Garage and Two Storey Extension to Rear
1200278	CA 26 Davids Drive	Rear

CA = Conditional Agreement R = Refused

Concerns were expressed about application 1200344. One area of concern related to the impact on road traffic on a difficult section of Allendale Road which was on a bus route and which had been made more difficult by the number of cars being parked on the roadside in front of homes in the Wheeldon development. If the application was to be approved, Members requested that parking restrictions be placed all along the Allendale Road border of the site and if possible on the opposite side of the road to ease the passage of traffic and reduce what was viewed as a hazardous stretch of road while ever vehicles were parked on it at that point. Other concerns were about access from the new homes onto the public highway and whether this would pose road safety problems and whether the placing of six homes on the site would be too high a density to the detriment of the local streetscene.

Although there were no objections in principle to application 1200466, there were concerns about a number of aspects. One was the nature of the building with a fear that it may appear as too intrusive and thereby out of keeping with the streetscene. Another concern related to whether there would be sufficient off road parking to ensure that cars would not be parked on Birkin Lane as it was felt that on-road parking on the lane would endanger the safe passage of vehicles as well as pedestrians and horse riders who used the narrow lane. Finally, there was a concern as to whether any noise resulting from the development would constitute a nuisance to the few residents living near the location.

The other planning applications were noted as were the planning decisions.

## 82 Accounts and Finance

### a) Receipts and Payments

The schedule of payments for the month was detailed:

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount (£s)	Detail
11-Apr-12	5381	Derbyshire CC	242.34	Grit
11-Apr-12	5382	Heron Publications Ltd	144.00	Wings Page
11-Apr-12	5383	NEDDC	976.56	Servicing of Dog Bins
11-Apr-12	5384	P Wibberley	1,310.00	Work to Parish Hall
11-Apr-12	5385	P Wibberley	2,350.00	Work to Hall and Pavilion
11-Apr-12	5386	Paul Smart	327.60	Work to Cricket Nets
11-Apr-12	5387	S Johnson & Son Ltd	27.95	Environment Items
11-Apr-12	5388	GMS Ltd	40.37	Care of Strimmer

11-Apr-12	5389	Bibby Financial Services	3,216.00	Shelter for Bowling Green
11-Apr-12	5390	NEDDC	69.29	Trade Waste Collection
11-Apr-12	5391	NEDDC	191.49	Trade Waste Collection
11-Apr-12	5392	Eurooffice	462.24	Stationery
11-Apr-12	5393-8	Staff	4,607.40	Salary and Expenses
11-Apr-12	5399	HM Revenue & Custom	1,530.61	NI and Tax
11-Apr-12	5400	Derbyshire CC	1,070.34	LGPS Payments
11-Apr-12	5401	Alfred Jones Ltd	16.01	Fuel and Oil for Churchy'd
11-Apr-12	5402	Post Office	164.00	Postage Stamps
11-Apr-12	5403	British Gas Business	2,947.26	Gas Supply
19-Apr-12	DD	AOL Services	34.88	Internet Services
13-Apr-12	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	27.42	Bank Charges
16-Apr-12	DD	NEDDC	93.00	Business Rate
16-Apr-12	DD	BT Services	71.24	Phone Connections
			19,920.00	Total for the Month

- b) Profiled Budgets
- c) Capital Reserves
- d) Bank Statements and Reconciliation

The receipts and payments for April 2012 had been circulated and were approved. The profiled budgets were noted and it was agreed that payments in the current year that had been provided for in the previous year's accounts should be extracted so that only new expenditure was in the table. The capital reserves as at the end of that month were noted with the observation that there was current balance should be adjusted to take account of a credit received and expenditure made during the past month. The bank statements and bank reconciliation were also noted.

### 83 Items for Information

Cllr Colin Berry reported on a recent meeting of the Clay Cross Angling Association where there were concerns about the way a tree had been chopped back near the first fishing peg (no 9) while the willow near the school had not yet been cut back where it was overhanging the path. There were also worries about the state of the car park and the water connection systems into and out of the Island Pond with a particular worry about the volume of water entering the Island Pond.

Members were reminded of the annual visit to the allotments which was due to take place at 10am on Sunday 17 June and Cllr Pat Antcliff raised concerns about the poor and potentially dangerous state of the footpath along Langer Lane. After some discussion, it was suggested that the County Council be asked to undertake an audit of pavements in the Parish with a view to establishing a priority plan for improving the ones in the poorest condition. Cllr Lindsey Edwards reported on the Adlington Focus Group where the recent meeting had focussed on planning and related highways issues, since when there had been a very successful community event in the form of a picnic in the park when 51 people of all ages participated in a Jubilee event with games and activities.

Cllr Stuart Ellis reported that District Council was expected to be within budget for 2011/12 and that there was continuing good progress with the strategic alliance with Bolsover which was producing savings while maintaining service levels. At the County Council most programmes were proceeding well although there could be some changes in the new youth offer from January 2013.

84 The Meeting resolved that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw from the meeting after being thanked by the Chairwoman for their attendance for the non-confidential section of the agenda.

85 The impact study on change of bookings for hire of Parish Hall had been included in the papers circulated with the agenda. This paper demonstrated the importance of the nursery and after school club to the financial well being of the operation of the Parish Hall but it also highlighted the danger of being reliant to such a degree on one user. There were contrasting views on the operational advantages of having such a large degree of time and space allocated to one user as against the difficulties of making the facilities more widely available to community groups. One way forward

could be to make better use the facilities by enlarging the usable space and this was due to be considered by the Premises Committee.

86 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 4 July 2012.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 9.27pm.