

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 March 2012

Present:

Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Colin Berry

Cllr Dawn Hart

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Chris Hutchings

Cllr Lindsey Edwards

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj.

Cllr Stuart Ellis

Cllr Peter O'Neil

Cllr Cecilia Harper

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

29 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Pat Antcliff

30 Variation of Order of Business

There was no variation in the order of business.

31 Declarations of Members' Interest

There was a declaration of personal interest from Cllr Dawn Hart in respect of agenda item 9 concerning planning application 1000951.

32 Public Forum

Queries were raised about the ownership of the sheepwash and the phone box near Longedge Lane which was no longer in use. Cllr Wayne Lilleyman of NEDDC confirmed that meetings were being arranged with residents living in the Trusteel houses on the Adlington Estate about which there were some concerns over their structural state. Residents were being notified about the details of these meetings which were scheduled to take place within a couple of week's time at Pioneer House.

A concern was raised about a delivery vehicle that was blocking access to houses when delivering to the Edinburgh Court shops and there was a query as to why the Parish Church had been locked mid-morning on a recent day when it was normally open to visitors. Appreciation was expressed about NEDDC's action in clearing litter from the sides of Langer Lane in the long open section between Chesterfield and Wingerworth and it was hoped that the section would be regularly cleared of litter which otherwise blighted one of the main approaches to the village.

PCSO Mike Coates had tendered his apologies for absence but had submitted a report for the previous month when five crimes had been recorded including two of theft, one of burglary, one of attempted burglary and one of common assault. There had been only two reported incidents of anti social behaviour in that time and both concerned groups of young people in the Allendale Road area who were not necessarily from the Parish but who did seem to be in possession of alcohol.

On more general matters, the Police report outlined a campaign to give more help from the Police for people with learning difficulties and warned of a spate of recent thefts in the wider area of tools taken from works vans. The Clerk reminded Members that the next meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team was due to take place at 6pm on Wednesday 21 March at Pioneer House on Mill Lane.

33 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

34 Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on series of meetings she had attended over the past month, some of which were covered under the agenda item on items of information. Other meetings included one of the Jubilee Festival group, which was continuing to make good progress, and one with the New Road Nursery where it seemed that the general position going forward was encouraging. The Footpaths Group had met and the view was that the footpaths were generally in good order with only some minor issues to address. It was noted that the view of Highways was that no further cutting back of

vegetation was at present necessary where the footpath emerged onto Birkin Lane. The floral project with Hunloke Schools was progressing well and a final design had been agreed incorporating aspects from all of the plans drawn up by the groups of children. Cllr Ruff had visited the Café WY and met 14 very enthusiastic young people.

35 Clerk's Report

a) Matters of Information

1. Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Stakeholder Engagement Forum – 30 March 2012
2. Notification about Clearance for Co-option of Member
3. Confirmation of date for Allotments Visit – Sunday 17 June
Members were asked to note the earlier date this year which was felt to be a better time to see the allotments at their best
4. NEDDC – Food Hygiene Rating Scheme
5. NEDDC – Land Adjacent to Longedge Lane near Allendale Road
It appeared that there was scope for discussion with District Council about the Parish Council taking over some form of responsibility for this land
6. DCC – Queries about proposed closure of Setts Footpath
7. Resident of Adlington – Copy of letter about Trusteel Concerns
8. Request for a dog bin at top of Longedge Grove
9. Outline programme for installation of new shelter at bowling green
The new shelter was being delivered the following day and would be placed in storage pending the installation of the footings for the structure
10. Request for a floral display on triangular land at Deerlands Road and Hockley Lane
The request had been noted although it was not on the schedule for the first year of the new displays. Queries were raised about future developments at this point and whether, in general, the extension of ground based floral displays around the village would produce a partly urban feel to the environment
11. Cllr Kevin Gillott – Receipt of cheque for £700 contribution to Adlington project
Appreciation was expressed to Cllr Gillott and also to Cllr Stuart Ellis who was organising another contribution
12. DCC – SACRE Annual Report 2110/11
13. AMEC – Provision of Customer Bus on Monday 19 March at top of Setts Path
The company was aware that there were road safety issues with the proposed parking of the information bus and they were being offered the car park at the Parish Church, subject to there being no funeral services at the Church that day
14. Plantscape – Confirmation of floral baskets at Parish Hall
15. Resident – Report of fly tipping on Birkin Lane
It was reported that the fly tipping had been cleared
16. Chesterfield Borough Council – Publication of Draft Core Strategy February 2012

b) Items for Decision

1. Repairs to path (missing and loose edgings) by Allendale Play Area
The need for these repairs had been highlighted by the annual inspection and it was agreed that NEDDC be requested to undertake the necessary repairs
2. Adoption of Revised Co-option Procedure
The procedure which had been circulated was formally adopted
3. Adoption of Complaints Procedure
The procedure which had been circulated was formally adopted
4. Insurance Policy for Council for 2012/13
There was a discussion as to whether to stay with Zurich Municipal for the third year of a fixed price agreement or to switch to a competitor who had offered a reduced price. However the competitive quote was subject to a number of factors which could alter the final price and while the headline provisions were the same there was some uncertainty about the small print. It was decided to continue with Zurich for 2012/13 but to examine the competitive offer in some detail for a possible switch for the following year.

5. Trial Extension of Nursery Operation

Exploratory discussions with other users had taken place but there was no easy way of implementing changes to allow the nursery to operate for a full ten sessions each week and so there was no decision to take on financial arrangements for an extension of the nursery service. There was a brief discussion on the position of the Council in respect of the user groups and it was agreed to have an exempt item on the next agenda dealing with the Council's relationship with the nursery operation.

36 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

a) Circulars

1. 08/2012 – Section 137 Expenditure; QE II Fields Challenge; Community Commissioning; Information Commissioner's Office Guidance on Information held in Private email Accounts; Vacancies
2. 09/2013 – Neighbourhood Planning
3. 10/2012 – Meetings of Local Councils
4. 11/2012 – Prayers at Council Meetings; Repeal of Local Government Discretionary Payments; Chesterfield Police Community Safety Planning Day

b) Other Matters

The circulars were noted and there were no other matters

37 Planning Matters

a) Applications

1200072	Land to S of Pioneer Hse, Mill Lane	178 New Dwellings. Retail Unit plus IS
1000951	642 Derby Road (land adj)	Erection of 4 Bed Dormer Bungalow +
1200125	25 Nottingham Drive	Conv of Garage and New Double Garage
1200133	Alinor, Middle Road, Hardwick Wd	Two Rooflights in Front Pitch on Roof
1200144	Coppers End. Millfield Park, Old Tup	Replacement Garage
1100992	44 Nethermoor Road	Amended retention of garage and access

b) Decisions

110917	R	Old Rectory, Swathwick Lane	Erection of Outbuilding
111117	CA	Junction of Spitewinter	Revised Scheme for Conservatory
111123	CA	78 New Road	Replacement Conservatory
111126	CA	Moorlands, Matlock Road	Erection of Gen Purpose Agric Building

CA = Conditional Agreement R = Refused

c) Appeals

110977	76 Central Drive	Felling of Lime Tree covered by TPO
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The planning applications were noted as were the planning decisions and the appeal. It was decided that the Clerk should repeat the concerns raised previously in connection with application 1100992.

38 Accounts and Finance

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

The receipts and payments for January 2012 had been circulated and were approved while the profiled budgets and capital reserves as at the end of that month were noted as were the bank statements and bank reconciliation at that time. The Clerk alerted Members to the impending change in the level of reserves as a result of some major capital expenditure currently being undertaken against balances that were inflated due to the prior receipt of grants towards this expenditure

39 Items for Information

Cllr Colin Berry reported that the Clay Cross Angling Association was prepared to run a coaching programme for youngsters at the Wall Pond with a qualified coach and reported also on work that had been undertaken in restocking the pond. It was hoped that the agreed work on the boardwalk would soon commence as the materials were being delivered but there was a concern about holes appearing

on the landside of the boardwalk which would be not easily be seen in summer when covered with vegetation. There was a need to cut back some overhanging foliage on the footpath and the Clerk confirmed that the work to the car park was due to take place close to the start of the bowling season. However there were also concerns about the poor state of the short stretch of road leading from the newly surfaced section of Central Drive to the car park entrance. It was agreed that the Clerk look into this, although it was not clear what could be done other than possibly erecting a warning sign advising users of the poor state of the road.

The Chairwoman reported on a suggestion from the Floral Group for a permanent feature in the Jubilee Garden at the Parish Hall to commemorate this year's Queen's Jubilee.

Cllr Lindsey Edwards reported on the latest meeting of the Adlington Focus Group when a well attended meeting had seen the DVD of The Avenue but when most of the discussion had been centred on the fears associated with the Trusteel method of construction employed when building the houses on the estate. The County Council had now installed a number of disability crossings on the estate and it was hoped that some of the damaged paths would be repaired in due course.

Cllr Vince Causey reported on some changes at the Tennis Club and mentioned coaching sessions that were being planned to take place at the courts.

It was noted with some concern that a strategic spatial plan for The Avenue was being issued and it seemed that this was in advance of consultations with the Parish Council.

Cllr Chris Hutchings reported that all was well with the Churchyard and that there was appreciation for the delivery of some grit to the car park. He also mentioned that permission had been granted for the parking of the National Grid information bus on the Church car park.

Cllr Stuart Ellis reported that District Council was freezing the level of Council Tax for the 2012/13 and explained the reason for the continuing delay in the granting of planning permission for the new medical facilities which was due to work being done on a legal covenant carried over from before the reorganisation of local government. He also mentioned changes in the Housing Review Asset System which should be to the advantage of NEDDC.

Cllr Ellis also provided an update on matters at the County Council including plans for a major new investment in a care for the aged programme over the next few years and possible major changes in the provision of youth support following a consultation exercise

40 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 4 April 2012.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 8.37pm.