

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 May 2010

Present:

Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)

Cllr Vince Causey (*until 098/2010*)

Cllr Carole Nelson

Cllr Alan Cooper

Cllr Margaret Parker

Cllr Stuart Ellis

Cllr Bill Pickford

Cllr Dawn Hart (*from 085/2010*)

Cllr Michael Prout

Cllr Chris Hutchings

Cllr Diana Ruff

Cllr Peter O'Neill

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

076/2010 Election of Chairperson

Cllr Ann Sainty was elected as Chairperson for the forthcoming year

077/2010 Election of Vice Chairperson

Cllr Diana Ruff was elected as Vice Chairperson for the forthcoming year

078/2010 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The newly elected Chairperson and Vice Chairperson signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms.

079/2010 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj.

080/2010 Declarations of Interest

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

081/2010 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meetings held on 7 April and 20 April 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meetings.

082/2010 Matters Arising

There had been no notification of matters arising.

083/2010 Police Matters

PCSO Mike Coates presented the previous month's Police report for the Parish which included two crimes (a theft and a minor assault) and various incidents of antisocial behaviour which were mainly the causing of nuisance. There were further concerns raised about motorbikes in Hardwick Wood and in response to a question on progress in dealing with these concerns, PCSO Coates informed the meeting that the Police were awaiting information from the County Council, had sought opinion from the Police solicitors and would be seeking views from the Crime Prosecution Service. He reported that there had been a Section 59 seizure of a motorcycle from another part of the Parish.

084/2010 Co-option of a Member

An Expression of Interest Form had been submitted by Mrs Dawn Hart, a resident of the Parish, in respect of being co-opted on to the Council. Mrs Hart was in attendance at the meeting and having been introduced by the Chairperson, she answered a number of questions and confirmed that she was willing to undertake the role of a Member and to abide by the Council's code of conduct. Mrs Hart left the meeting while a vote was taken which was unanimously in favour of her co-option. On her return she was informed of the decision and signed the official declaration enabling her to participate in the remainder of the meeting as a Member of Council.

085/2010 Public Forum

No matters were raised by members of the public present.

086/2010 Appointments of Committees and Representatives

- Standing Orders Sub Committee - Cllrs Chris Hutchings, Carole Nelson, Margaret Parker and Diana Ruff
- Finance Sub Committee - Cllrs Stuart Ellis, Anne Knyhynyckyj and Diana Ruff
- Planning Sub Committee - all Members
- Parish Hall Sub Committee - Cllrs Dawn Hart, Margaret Parker and Bill Pickford
- Playing Fields Sub Committee - all Members
- Footpaths Sub Committee - Cllrs Alan Cooper, Michael Prout and Diana Ruff with Messrs Mike Sims and Mr Dave McDougal
- Wingerworth Churchyard Committee - Cllrs Vince Causey, Chris Hutchings, Margaret Parker, Bill Pickford and Michael Prout
- Wingerworth Community Association - to be confirmed
- Wingerworth Tennis Club – Cllr Diana Ruff
- Wingerworth Bowling Club - to be confirmed
- Wingerworth Allotment Holders' Association - Cllr Bill Pickford
- Clay Cross Angling Association (Wall Pond) - Cllr Vince Causey
- Wingerworth Youth Activities - Cllrs Carole Nelson, Margaret Parker and Michael Prout

087/2010 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:

100271	29 Central Drive	Ground and First Floor Extensions
100265	29 Wheatcroft Close	Rear Extension and Garage Conversion
100288	Gorsey Place	Extension of Time Limit for Extensions
100300	Spitewinter	Erection of Garage

The applications were noted.

The following planning decision was reported:

100093	CA 33 Central Drive	Convert to Two Storey and Rear Ext'n
100127	CA 63 Nethermoor Road	Detached Garage and Room Over
100151	CA 78a New Road	Two Dorner Windows and Porch

CA=Conditional Agreement

The planning decision were noted.

088/2010 Accounts

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in March 2010 and 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.

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

089/2010 Finance

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

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

090/2010 Annual Return to the Audit Commission

The Clerk covered the purpose of the Annual Return and in particular the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement. He then summarised details on the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the bank reconciliation as well as supporting papers. Following a few questions Members unanimously approved the documents and the Chairwoman thanked the Clerk for the work that had gone into preparing the year-end accounts and completing the requirements of the Audit Commission.

Resolved: that the Annual Return be approved and that the Chairperson and Clerk be authorised to sign off both the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement.

091/2010 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Circular 20/2010 – Training
- Circular 21/2010 – General
 - Registration of Land
 - Vacancy for Local Council Advocate
 - Vacancies for Parish Clerks
 - Circular 22/2010 – The Power to Boost Affordable Rural Housing

The circulars were noted. The locations of the two training events were in other parts of the county. The Clerk hoped to be able to attend a Land Registry seminar on the recording of Council property on the Land Register. The affordable housing details were provided to an interested Member.

092/2010 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
 - Parishioner – Concerns about Provision of Grit Bins
- District
 - NEDDC – Progress with Bid for Audio Trail and Business Plan
- County
 - DCC – Invitation to Liaison Meeting
 - Derbyshire Biodiversity News
- Other
 - CPRE – Fieldwork Newsletter

The correspondence was noted. It was anticipated that a decision on the bid for the audio trail would not be made until the summer, but that if approved, work on developing the trail could be completed during autumn.

093/2010 Reports from Committees and Representatives

Cllr Michael Prout gave a brief report on continuing progress with the Café WY group who had now opened a bank account and who had managed to secure some funding.

094/2010 Chairwoman's Report

Cllr Ann Sainty reported on a successful opening of the Adlington play area during the Easter holidays which was well attended by residents and well covered in the local press. On the day, the climbing wall proved popular with youngsters and even a couple of adults. She also reported on the second of the County Council's liaison meetings with parish and town councils which focussed on gritting and potholes on roads. Finally she referred to the recent Annual Meeting of Electors for the Parish which was poorly attended by Members with no members of the public present. She emphasised the importance of Members attending this meeting, the holding of which was a regal requirement.

095/2010 Local Environment Concerns

The item had been placed on the agenda after a number of concerns had been received about tipping in the Swathwick Lane area where questions had been raised about the volume and the nature of the dumped material. It was understood from a leading article in the current edition of the Derbyshire Times that legal action had been taken against a land owner in the area and that the activity should now have ceased. Members expressed the hope that this was the case and that all necessary removal and reinstatement would take place.

096/2010 Expenditure

The Clerk sought approval for expenditure to cover the bricking up of the rear of the Main Hall and the removal of the external steps and also for the removal of the stage lights in the Main Hall. There was a considered discussion on the purpose of the Main Hall and a general feeling that the multi-functional aspect should be retained. To that end, it was felt that the stage lights should be checked and either made safe or, if necessary, replaced so that there was a lighting option available for events on the stage.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to proceed with the building work at the rear of the Main Hall and instruct an electrician to make safe or replace the stage lights in the Main Hall.

097/2010 Donations

A request had been received from the Café WY for support for the new venture but it was agreed to defer consideration until a more detailed request had been considered by the Finance Committee.

Exempt Item – The following item was discussed in the absence of any members of the public.

098/2010 Lettings Revenues from the Parish Hall

Members considered issues related to the late payments of invoices for the use of Council premises where a number of invoices had been overdue by a matter of two or three months. It was agreed that such delays were unacceptable as they resulted in the Council waiting for payment and being exposed to risk. It was also agreed that consideration be given to steps that could be taken in the event that payment was not forthcoming on a prompt and timely basis in future.

Resolved: that the Clerk press for prompt payment of all any outstanding invoices and that consideration be given about steps that could be taken if matters were not satisfactorily resolved.

099/2010 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Council was 2 June 2010.

The Chairwoman thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 9.18pm.