

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 May 2011

Present:

Ann Sainty (Chairwoman) *(for 081/2011 and 082/2011)*
Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman) *(from 083/2011)*

Cllr Pat Antcliff

Cllr Cecilia Harper

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Dawn Hart

Cllr Lindsey Edwards

Cllr Chris Hutchings

Cllr Stuart Ellis

Cllr Peter O'Neill

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

081/2011 Opening and Welcome from Retiring Chairwoman

Ann Sainty opened the meeting as the retiring Chairwoman and welcomed everyone to this first meeting of the newly elected Council as well as wishing them well.

082/2011 Election of Chairperson

Cllr Diana Ruff was elected unopposed as Chairwoman for the Council for 2011/12. She agreed to take the position and she signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

083/2011 Election of Vice Chairperson

Cllr Dawn Hart was elected unopposed as Vice Chairperson for the Council for 2011/12. She agreed to take the position and she signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

084/2011 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Brian Flude.

085/2011 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest other than those from dual-hatted Members who were Members on NEDDC's Planning Committee and a declaration of interest from Cllr Chris Hutchings on the agenda item concerning the protective netting at the Deer Park Cricket Ground.

086/2011 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2011 be confirmed as true and correct record of the meeting.

087/2011 Matters Arising

There had been no notification of matters arising.

088/2011 Police Matters

PCSO Michael Coates detailed the crime list for the Parish over the past month which contained five assorted crimes including two of burglary. During the same period there were no reported incidents of anti-social behaviour.

089/2011 Public Forum

A Parishioner raised the serious problems that continued to be caused by irresponsible parking in various places in the Parish. Members sympathised with the complaint and it was confirmed that the Council would continue to press for action with the Police, Highways and the Civil Enforcement Service. In addition it was agreed that a plea be placed in Wings for more considerate parking and the parishioner concerned agreed to take photos of irresponsible parking to illustrate the resulting problems. Concern was expressed about a fish and chip shop sign but this had now been removed. There was also a query about the metal bin for litter and plastic bottles installed near the Edinburgh Court shops which, whilst welcomed, was felt would have been better placed near the seat at the other end of the shops. The Clerk offered to investigate the matter. Concern was raised about the amount of growth of vegetation on the edge of the Island Copse as it was beginning to provide a cover for activities within the copse which included the lighting of a fire. The Clerk took note of the concern and would arrange for the shrubs to be cut back in advance of the normal September date.

.090/2011 Appointment of Committees and Representatives

The following Members were appointed:

- Standing Orders Sub Committee (3) – Cllr Chris Hutchings, Cllr Diana Ruff and vacancy
- Finance Sub Committee (3) – Cllr Vince Causey, Cllr Stuart Ellis and Cllr Diana Ruff,
- Planning Sub Committee (All Members)
- Parish Hall Sub Committee (4) – Cllr Cecilia Harper, Cllr Chris Hutchings and Cllr Diana Ruff
- Playing Fields Sub Committee (All Members)
- Footpaths Sub Committee (5 including 2 non-Councillors) – Cllr Pat Antcliff, Cllr Peter O’Neill, and Cllr Diana Ruff with Mr Mike Sims and vacancy
- Wingerworth Churchyard Committee (5) – Cllr Lindsey Edwards, Cllr Chris Hutchings, Cllr Diana Ruff and vacancies
- Wingerworth Tennis Club (1) – Cllr Diana Ruff
- Wingerworth Bowling Club (1) – Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj
- Wingerworth Allotment Holders’ Association (1) – Cllr Vince Causey and Cllr Dawn Hart
- Wingerworth Angling Club (1) – Cllr Lindsey Edwards

091/2011 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

The applications were noted.

There was some discussion on the scoping consultation for a proposed expansion of the poultry unit at Gorsey Place. It was noted that the expansion would close to double the capacity but that the scoping consultation would cover all of the potential problems that could be a concern so it was a matter of seeing the results of this exercise against any subsequent planning application for an expansion to the operation at this site.

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

CA=Conditional Agreement R = Refused

The decisions were noted.

092/2011 Accounts

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

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

093/2011 Finance

The Clerk submitted bank details and a reconciliation as at the end of March 2011.

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

094/2011 Annual Return for Year Ended 31 March 2011

The Clerk referred to the previously circulated documents for the previous financial year which included the income and expenditure account and the balance sheet as well as an analysis of significant variations on the statement of accounts. In addition there was a technical explanation of the variation between Box 7 and Box 8 on the statement of accounts as well as a bank reconciliation for the year end. Also circulated had been copies of Section 1 – the Statement of Accounts and Section 2 – the Annual Governance Statement. Both documents were approved unanimously and it was agreed that the documents should be signed off in preparation for submission to the Audit Commission. There was comment about the improved position at the year end with the resulting transfer of funds to reserves as well as the need to consider carefully the possible use of reserves.

095/2011 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Circular 22/2011 – General
 - Abolition of the Default Retirement Age
 - Vacancies in Parishes

The circulars were noted.

096/2011 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
 - Parishioners – Concerns over Litter on Mill Lane
 - Wingerworth WI – Request for Well Dressing with Funds to Derbyshire Air Ambulance
- District
 - NEDDC – Response to Concerns about Advertising Signs in Wingerworth
 - NEDDC – Next Parish Liaison Group – Wednesday 27 July
 - NEDDC – New Re-cycling Arrangements with Burgundy Bins
- County
 - DCC – Temporary Closure of Wingerworth Footpath 35 (Whole)
 - DCC – Temporary Closure of Wingerworth Footpath 37 (Part)
 - DCC – Extinguishment Order for Wingerworth Footpath 4 (Part)
 - DCC – Future Installations of Bus Shelters
 - DET – Confirmation of Receipt of Third Party Contribution for Tennis Courts Project
- Other
 - CPRE – Fieldwork Newsletter

The Clerk detailed the concerns about the litter on Mill Lane which seemed largely to result from cars parking to consume fast food meals and picnics. It was agreed that NEDDC be asked to visit the site to clean it up and to advise on the advisability of installing a litter bin at a suitable location. It was reported that the chip shop signs off Langer Lane had been removed but there remained concern about a large illuminated sign at the Smithy Pond and the Clerk undertook to ask NEDDC Planning to ensure that the sign was covered by planning permission. DCC were seeking views on the possible need for new or replacement bus shelters over the next couple of years even though resources were at a premium and it was agreed to afford parishioners the opportunity to submit views by making reference to the exercise in Wings. The Clerk confirmed that the Third Party Contribution was from DCC through the intervention of Cllr Stuart Ellis for which there was general appreciation.

097/2011 Reports from Committees and Representatives

There were no reports.

098/2011 Chairwoman's Business

The Chairwoman reported on the intention to redecorate the Small Hall prior to displaying a number of items featuring service to the country's armed services by residents of the Parish in time for the 2012 Remembrance Service.

099/2011 Vacancies on the Council

The Clerk sought views on ways to fill the three vacancies on the Council following the recent elections. It was agreed that Wings be used to seek expressions of interest about being co-opted on to the Council although this would be conditional on authorisation from NEDDC Elections Office.

100/2011 Access Improvements to Wingerworth Library

The Clerk informed Members of discussions that had taken place with DCC about improving access to the Small Hall for the library. Although the intention to improve access was appreciated, a number of issues were raised and it was agreed that the Clerk should liaise with the Library Service to arrange a meeting with the Parish Hall Committee and/or the Finance Committee to discuss the broad proposal as well as to consider various options and related matters.

101/2011 Protective Netting at Deer Park Cricket Ground

A number of concerns had been raised in a lengthy letter from a resident whose house bordered the cricket ground and it was agreed that the concerns be referred to the Finance Committee for more detailed consideration.

102/2011 Martins Lane

Cllr Stuart Ellis reported that the proposed meeting with the Clerk and Mr Mike Sims had not taken place as he awaited possible dates from Mr Sims who, it was believed, had been away on holiday. The meeting would take place as soon as possible but in the meantime it did appear hopeful that DCC would be able to action some work in connection with Martins Lane.

103/2011 Confirmation of Revised Annual Charges to Wingerworth Bowling Club

The Clerk reminded Members of the new arrangements with the maintenance of the bowling green where it had been proposed that the Bowling Club pay half of the maintenance fees. The new contract in place was for an annual sum of £4,680 which meant that the Club would be asked to contribute £2,340. This was agreed as an annual charge to the Club in addition to the peppercorn rent paid for the pavilion which was by way of an acknowledgement for the £23,000 contribution from the Club towards the construction costs.

104/2011 Expenditure

In response to a request from the Clerk it was agreed to make payments to Rentokil Services by direct debits and to instruct the Council's bank to make standing order payments to David Robins to cover the year's charges for the maintenance of the bowling green.

105/2011 Bank Signatories

The Clerk outlined the need for more Members to be approved signatories for the Council's bank accounts as, following recent changes at the Council, there were only two current signatories. Ideally signatories should be available to sign cheques and other financial documents in day-time hours. It was agreed that Cllr Diana Ruff, Cllr Cecilia Harper, Cllr Vince Causey, Cllr Lindsey Edwards and Cllr Dawn Hart be approved as signatories with Cllr Stuart Ellis and Cllr Peter O'Neill continuing as signatories. The new signatories would have to visit the Royal Bank of Scotland with supporting documents to be taken on as signatories unless they already had an account at that bank.

106/2011 Donations

There had been a request for a donation from the Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre and it was agreed that a sum of £50 be sent to the Centre subject to the Clerk receiving confirmation from the Centre that the service had been used by someone from the Parish or from an S42 post code as a proxy during the past year.

107/2011 Date of Next Meetings

The next monthly meeting was due to take place on Wednesday 1 June which would be the first meeting of the newly elected Council.

The Chairwoman thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 8.41pm.