

## WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 May 2012

Present:

Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Pat Antcliff

Cllr Brian Flude

Cllr Colin Berry

Cllr Cecilia Harper

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Dawn Hart

Cllr Lindsey Edwards

Cllr Chris Hutchings

Cllr Stuart Ellis

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

55 Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Cllr Diana Ruff was elected as Chairperson and Cllr Dawn Hart was elected as Vice Chairperson.

56 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The newly elected Chairperson and Vice Chairperson accepted the posts and signed the Council's Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms

57 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Peter O'Neill

58 Variation of Order of Business

There was no variation in the order of business.

59 Declarations of Members' Interest

There were no declarations of personal interest.

60 Public Forum

PCSO Mike Coates had sent in a report for the previous month which included two reported crimes – an attempted non-dwelling burglary and a common assault (domestic related) – and one incident of anti-social behaviour which was a noise nuisance complaint about a karaoke night at the Barley Mow. He supplied information on a force project under the name of PHOENIX where the Derbyshire Constabulary had pledged to keep communities better informed about the work officers were doing to tackle drugs in the county. More locally, there was also a report on the disturbing number of catalytic converters that had been stolen recently from vehicles in North East Derbyshire with advice for vehicle owners and businesses about protecting their vehicles.

Members of the public raised objections about recent planning applications for Gorsey Place and detailed a series of concerns that the Council noted.

.Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

61 Appointment of Committees and Representatives

The following Members were appointed:

- Standing Orders Committee – Cllr Chris Hutchings, Cllr Dawn Hart, Cllr Cecilia Harper and Cllr Diana Ruff
- Finance Committee – Cllr Stuart Ellis, Cllr Dawn Hart, Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj and Cllr Diana Ruff
- Planning Committee – Cllr Lindsey Edwards, Cllr Brian Flude, Cllr Dawn Hart, Cllr Cecilia Harper and Cllr Diana Ruff
- Parish Hall Committee – Cllr Pat Antcliff, Cllr Brian Flude, Cllr Dawn Hart, Cllr Cecilia Harper and Cllr Diana Ruff

- Youth Activities Committee –Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj and Cllr Diana Ruff
- Playing Fields Committee (All Members)
- Footpaths Committee –Cllr Peter O’Neill with Mr Mike Sims
- Floral Group – Cllr Diana Ruff, Cllr Dawn Hart, Cllr Cecelia Harper and Cllr Colin Berry
- Wingerworth Churchyard Committee – Cllr Pat Antcliff, Cllr Cecelia Harper, Cllr Chris Hutchings and Cllr Diana Ruff
- Wingerworth Tennis Club – Cllr Vince Causey
- Wingerworth Bowling Club – Cllr Brian Flude
- Wingerworth Allotment Holders’ Association – Cllr Vince Causey/Cllr Dawn Hart
- Wingerworth Angling Club – Cllr Colin Berry

## 62 Chairperson’s Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on a relatively quiet month. She had attended a Parish and Town Councils’ Liaison Meeting organised by Derbyshire County Council when there had been a presentation on the youth service and possible ways forward with the service. The Premises Committee had met to review the work to date at the Parish Hall. It was felt that the Council had received good value for money on the monies spent so far and the focus was now on further work involving improvements to the toilets and to storage areas as well as new ideas for increasing usable space in the building. The intention was to set up for work to be done during the summer when usage was lower than in term time.

The main points coming out of a recent walkabout on the Adlington estate were that the pavements were in need of attention (it was believed that Highways were intending to carry out some repair work) and some incidents of vandalism on the Adlington field. The Adlington Focus Group had met and there were continuing concerns about the Trusteel construction used in the houses on the estate and discussions on the provision of a new community centre, possibly in conjunction with new housing developments adjoining the estate. She drew the attention of Members to a draft financial inclusion document from Derbyshire County Council and reported that flyers were now available for the forthcoming Community Festival.

## 63 Clerk’s Report

### a) Matters of Information

1. Residents – Concerns over changes to bus services to Wingerworth – it appeared that the changes were likely to affect some residents who needed public transport to Clay Cross and it was suggested that the Community Transport service be promoted as an alternative to the Stagecoach services for those residents disadvantaged by the alterations
2. DET Viridor – Confirmation of payment in full of the Adlington Activity Zone grant
3. DCC – Draft Financial Inclusion Strategy for Derbyshire 2012-2015
4. DCC – Agenda for the Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum 26 April 2012
5. NEDDC – District/Parish Liaison Group - 11 July 2012
6. Bowling Club offering opportunity to local Beavers
7. Tupton Hall School – Easter Holiday Programme Analysis – the details had been circulated to Members
8. DCC – Acknowledgement of request for tactile crossing at Welbeck Drive
9. DCC – Reply to request for tactile crossing at Welbeck Drive

### b) Items for Decision

1. Section 1 Statement of Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2012 – after going through the items 1-8 the statement of accounts was approved and signed by the Chairwoman
2. Section 2 Annual Governance Statement for Year Ending 31 March 2012 – the annual governance statement was approved and signed by the Chairwoman
3. Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ending 31 March 2012 - noted

4. Balance Sheet at Year End 2011/12 – noted, approved and signed by the Chairperson
5. Analysis of Significant Variations on Statement of Accounts - noted
6. Explanation of Variation between Box 7 and Box 8 - noted
7. Bank Reconciliation for Year Ending 31 March 2012 - noted
8. Annual Internal Audit Report for Year Ending 31 March 2012 - noted
9. Repairs to banks at Wall Pond – it was agreed that the Clerk authorises a reinstatement of the sunken areas behind the boardwalk at a cost of about £450
10. Installation of barrier to section of one edge of bowling green – the Clerk was authorised to have work carried out to protect the green from spectators
11. Request for donation to Derbyshire Children’s Holiday Centre – consideration was deferred in the absence of any response from the Centre about use of services by Wingerworth residents

64 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

a) Circulars

1. 17/2012 – Play Area Inspection Training; Sport England Funding; Derbyshire Trusted Befriending Network; Support for Parish Clerks from HNRC; Fields in Trust
2. 18/2012 – Employment Law Update; HMRC - PAYE and the Parish Council; Insurance Advice in connection with the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee; Play Equipment and Surfacing Inspections; 2011/12 Audit Return; Code of Conduct
3. 19/2012 – Localism Update; Local Councils and Delivery of Open Public Services; National Planning Policy Framework and benefits to local communities
4. 20/2012 – Request for support on Early Day Motion on Planning Appeals
5. 21/2012 – Derbyshire 2012 Event Fund; Neighbourhood Planning;

b) Other Matters

The circulars were noted and it was agreed that the Clerk write to Natascha Engel MP requesting that she support the Early Day Motion on Planning Appeals. There were no other matters

65 Planning Matters

a) Applications

1200223	Gorsey Place	New Poultry Building plus Extensions
1200311	16 Heathfield Close	Retention of Conservatory to Rear
1200283	34 Greenway	Construction of New Dwelling (land adj)
1200422	off Derby Road	275 Houses + Retail + Commercial +

b) Decisions

1200144	CA	Coppers End. Millfield Park	Replacement Garage
1000951	CA	642 Derby Road (land adj)	Erection of 4 Bed Dormer Bungalow +
1200216	CA	83 Windsor Drive	Single Storey Side and Rear Extension
1200244	CA	Coupe Lane	Six 15m Floodlighting Masts and Lights

CA = Conditional Agreement R = Refused

c) Appeals

110977	D	76 Central Drive	Felling of Lime Tree covered by TPO
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D = Appeal Dismissed

The planning applications were noted as were the planning decisions and the outcome of the appeal. The Gorsey Place application was discussed and a range of concerns were raised. Some concerned Highways issues such as fears that the access road was unsuitable for any increase in vehicle movements due to the surface and the width of the road, given that there were no passing sections. In addition the very long vehicles that had used the road had damaged the verge and a section of walling and at least one had lifted stones at the bottom of the historic fording place across the stream. There was a query about who was responsible for the general upkeep of the road and whether there was an assurance that it would be maintained in good order.

There were also environmental concerns in addition to the damage caused by large and very long vehicles and these included the surface residues from vehicular use that were contaminating the stream which itself was an important feeder into other waterways in the parish.

It was understood that the likely time of heavy traffic use would be early in the morning and it was felt that this was an unacceptable intrusion for the few people living in this relatively remote part of the parish which in any case was believed to have some form of conservation status.

Members echoed the concerns already raised by ramblers in respect of the resulting need to change a public right of way and wished to stress the potential dangers that would be caused by an application approval to the large number of users of the narrow road including walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

In general it was believed that the local infrastructure was inadequate to sustain any expansion as envisaged in the application and that this together with the resulting detriment to the landscape associated with scale of the proposed buildings, the worrying potential odour issues and the significant damage to neighbour amenity were grounds for refusing the application.

On other matters, the Council was concerned as to the extent to which people were aware of the application and its implications since the planning notice was not felt to be in a location that would be seen by many and that for those that were aware of the application it had been difficult to access the details on the NEDDC website. The Council was also concerned that, while there were relatively few people living in the close vicinity, for these residents any approval of the application would have a significantly adverse effect on their general amenity. In addition, there were many more people, from the parish and beyond, who regularly used the road and the footpath for healthy leisure activities and the application would be a significant loss of amenity for such people.

The Clerk was asked to register these many concerns with the Planning Department with the request that they take full account of as many of these concerns as constituted planning reasons for refusing the application.

Members also considered the application of the large development off Derby Road and a number of concerns were expressed both with the application itself and with the spate of major applications in this part of the parish. After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk invite the Planning Services Manager of NEDDC to the next meeting of the Council to provide some background to Members and to try and address some of the concerns that had been raised in general terms about the future development of the land in the parish to the east of Derby Road including the remediated land at The Avenue.

#### 66 Accounts and Finance

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

The receipts and payments for March 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.

#### 67 Items for Information

Cllr Colin Berry reported on two recent meetings of the Clay Cross Angling Association which remained in good health with an increased membership. Subject to the approval of the Council, they intended to net the remaining fish in the Island Pond around March 2013. More immediately there were a series of matches arranged over the next few weeks and the Clerk would inform the contractor to make sure that the resurfacing work would avoid match days.

Cllr Lindsey Edwards gave an update on the Trusteel issues and informed the meeting about the Picnic in the Park on the Adlington field on 5 June, starting at 1pm, when everyone was welcome to bring some food and join in a variety of family games.

Cllr Anne Knyhynckyj reported on the continuing success of the CafeWY project where the number of young people participating had reached 30.

Cllr Stuart Ellis reported on continuing progress at NEDDC with the joint strategic alliance and the savings made. He also reported on steady progress by the County Council with a number of major initiatives. The proposals on changes to the youth service had triggered an extensive debate and many responses which would be used to inform a paper that was to be considered by Cabinet.

68 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.

69 The impact study on change of bookings for hire of Parish Hall was not ready in time for consideration as was deferred until the next meeting.

70 Members were appraised of a looming problem with the increasing amount of work at the Churchyard as areas of mown grass were being replaced by new graves with the attendant need for more time-consuming maintenance with strimming and general care. It was agreed that for the remainder of the current growing season the member of staff undertaking the work should be paid an extra two hours a week in recognition of the extra work involved.

71 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next monthly meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 6 June 2012.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 8.44pm.