

## WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 November 2009

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)
Cllr Stuart Ellis	Cllr Bill Pickford
Cllr Chris Hutchings (until 206/2009)	Cllr Margaret Parker
Cllr Carole Nelson	Cllr Michael Prout
Cllr John Ollis	Cllr Diana Ruff
Cllr Peter O'Neill	Cllr Tom Snowdon with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

#### **192/2009 Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies from Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj.

#### **193/2009 Resignation of a Member**

It was announced that John Ollis was resigning from the Council following the current meeting as a result of a forthcoming move to another part of the country. The Chairwoman expressed disappointment at his leaving and thanked him for his commitment to the Council and the experience and stability that he had given during his time as a Member. These sentiments were echoed by Members.

#### **194/2009 Declarations of Interest**

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

#### **195/2009 Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

#### **196/2009 Matters Arising**

There had been notification of a matter arising from Minute 182/2009 about publicity for the Council's statement on anti-social behaviour and it was agreed that the statement should be attached to the minutes of the last meeting for posting on the website.

#### **197/2009 Police Matters**

PCSO Mike Coates presented statistics for the previous month detailing 17 crimes with the figure inflated by a series of six thefts from motor vehicles during the course of one night. Other reported crimes included theft from and damage to property and cars including three cases of arson. Reports of anti-social behaviour were lower with only six incidents over a period that included Halloween, four of the incidents being in or around the Allendale Road shops.

The next meeting of the Wingerworth Safer Neighbourhood Team was due to take place on 16 December at the Parish Hall starting at 6.30pm. It was suggested that the meeting be advertised in the Wings edition due to be circulated in early December.

#### **198/2009 Dog Fouling – Education and Enforcement**

The Chairwoman introduced Mr Nev Haslam, Assistant Director at NEDDC, who had joined the meeting to address some of the concerns that had been raised by Parishioners about the increasing incidence of dog fouling on open land and public pathways in Wingerworth. He outlined ways in which the District Council sought to combat the problem of irresponsible dog fouling using enforcement powers and fixed penalty fines but such action was limited as there was only one dog warden covering the whole of North East Derbyshire. Mr Haslam outlined measures that could be taken including the banning of dogs from designated areas or the requirement that dogs be kept on leads at specified locations and spoke appreciatively about the effective liaison with PCSOs. He then moved on to ways by which the District Council tried to educate people about the dangers of failing to clear up dog mess and it was suggested that he place in an article in Wings. Other measures included talks to schools and community organisations and the provision of signs in areas that were particularly prone to dog fouling problems. The Chairwoman thanked Mr Haslam for leading the discussion.

## 199/2009 Public Forum

A concern was raised about the deteriorating state of the Setts Path with accumulations of litter and overgrown vegetation as well as some damage seemingly caused by vandalism. There were questions as to who was responsible for the upkeep of the path following the much appreciated investment by the County Council.

## 200/2009 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:

90837	Land adjacent to 34 Greenway	Construction of Dwelling
90626	Woodthorpe Meadows Farm, Ash Rd	Variation of Conditions
90623	High Cliffe, Matlock Rd, Spitewinter	Extension and Change of Use ...
90850	30 Rectory Drive	Front Porch and Detached Garage
90849	174 Nethermoor Road	Garage to Cattery and Isolation Unit
90845	246 Longedge Lane	New Porch and Rear Extension
90855	13 Longedge Lane	Raising of Roof and Dormer Windows
90908	20 Davids Drive	1 & 2 Storey Exts to Front Side & Rear

The applications were noted and concern was expressed over the apparent scale of 90908.

The following planning decisions were reported:

90605	CA	73 New Road	Loft Conversion & Single Storey Ext
90629	CA	Watersmeet, Middle Rd, Hardwick Wd	Extension for Additional Bedrooms
90650	CA	2 Barn Cottages, Longedge Lane	Entrance Porch to Side
90716	CA	28 Swathwick Lane	First Floor Side Extension

CA=Conditional Agreement

The planning decisions were noted.

Resolved: that the Clerk raise concerns over the scale of the 90908 application in relation to the existing size of the house and the impact on the streetscene of the locality.

## 201/2009 Accounts

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in September 2009 as well as details of income and expenditure against a phased budget at the end of the month of September. He also presented the current position of the Council's reserves. Payments made were:

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount (£s)	Detail
09-Sep-09	4657	Post Office	67.00	Postage Stamps
09-Sep-09	4658	GMS	39.00	Strimmer Line and Parts
09-Sep-09	4659	Canx	0.00	Cancelled Cheque
09-Sep-09	4660	Eurooffice	65.50	Stationery
09-Sep-09	4661	Abel Alarm Company	663.15	Maintenance Contract
09-Sep-09	4662	WG Pollard Ltd	49.00	Replacement Set of Keys
09-Sep-09	4663	E.on	323.84	Supply of Electricity
09-Sep-09	4664	E.on	38.38	Supply of Electricity
09-Sep-09	4665	WH Smith Ltd	9.98	Receipt Book and Diary
09-Sep-09	4666	Chair's Appeal (NEDDC)	50.00	Donation
09-Sep-09	4667	3rd Wingerworth Scouts	250.00	Donation
09-Sep-09	4668	Relate	50.00	Donation
09-Sep-09	4669	Rentokil Initial UK Ltd	359.96	Watersafe Contract
09-Sep-09	4670	PHS Group plc	59.80	Duty of Care Certificate
09-Sep-09	4671	Connaught Compliance	90.42	Repairs to Boiler
09-Sep-09	4672	Birdholme SS	27.51	Fuel for Mowers
09-Sep-09	4673-78	Staff	4,136.71	Salary and Expenses
09-Sep-09	4679	HM Revenue & Customs	1,654.68	Tax and NI
09-Sep-09	4680	Derbyshire CC	1,005.85	LGMS
19-Sep-09	DD	NEDDC	185.00	Business Rate
19-Sep-09	DD	AOL	21.28	Internet Service

21-Sep-09	4681	Audit Commission	632.50	Annual External Audit
21-Sep-09	4682	NEDDC	744.66	Servicing of Dog Bins
21-Sep-09	4683	Town & Country UK	24.80	Window Cleaning
21-Sep-09	4684	Ian Trueman	1,610.00	Work at Island Copse
21-Sep-09	4685	NEDDC	222.16	Trade Waste Collection
21-Sep-09	4686	Birdholme SS	5.00	Fuel for Footpath Strimmer
			12,386.18	Total for the Month

Resolved: that the accounts be approved and that the reserves report be received and noted. Some concern was raised at the level of expenditure as although 1% below the phased budget this was relatively high in comparison to previous positions.

### **202/2009 Finance**

The Clerk submitted bank details and a reconciliation as at the end of September 2009.

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

### **203/2009 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

- Circular 54/2009 – General
  - The Power of Well Being
  - Vacancies for Clerks
- Circular 55/2009 – Local Accessibility Partnerships
- Circular 56/2009 – East Midlands Allotments Officers' Forum
- Circular 57/2009 – Derbyshire County Training Partnership
- Circular 58/2009 – Council Tax Bill Format

The circulars were noted.

### **204/2009 Correspondence**

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past two months:

- Parish
  - Parishioners – Complaints about Dog Fouling
  - Parishioner – Concern over State of Tree at Adlington
  - Parishioner – Concerns over Amenities and Access at Chartwell Fields
  - Wingerworth S Cricket Club – Record of Six Hits in 2009 Season
- District
  - NEDDC – Response to Concerns Raised about Use of District Council Land
  - NEDDC – Free Tree Scheme 2009/10
  - NEDDC – Action on Complaints about Dog Fouling
  - NEDDC – Chart LSP Conference – Thursday 5 November
  - NEDDC – North East Derbyshire Accessibility Partnership
- County
  - DCC – Temporary Closure of Footpath 22
  - DCC – Comments on Proposed Improvements to Central Drive
  - DALC – Advice on Donations
  - DRCC – Change of Name to Rural Action Derbyshire
  - Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service – Service Planning and Budget Consultation
- Other
  - Audit Commission – Apology
  - St John Ambulance – Thirst Aid
  - Severn Trent – Probable Abandonment of Watson Lane Project

The correspondence was noted. The problem with the seemingly dangerous tree at Adlington was uncertainty as to ownership but District Council were looking into the matter. The concerns expressed about Chartwell Fields were noted but budget constraints meant that there would be no action in the immediate future. Only one cricket ball had flown towards the new houses during the 2009 season and that had been stopped by the protective netting on the boundary.

District Council had reported back on progress in dealing with the unauthorised use of their land at Longedge Lane and anticipated a decision before the next meeting of the Parish Council as to what action would be taken. The Clerk reported on the unambiguous advice from the County Council that no work should be undertaken on Central Drive other than by the owners of the land.

Resolved: that the Clerk contacts the District Council to stress the extent of the unauthorised use of their land at Longedge Lane, to point out a continuing deterioration of the site and to press the Council's view that the unauthorised use of their land in this fashion was unacceptable.

### **205/2009 Reports from Committees and Representatives**

Cllr Chris Hutchings gave a brief report from the recent meeting of the Churchyard Committee where the standard of maintenance remained good and continued to be appreciated by everyone at the Church. Spoil from new graves was due to be removed from the site as it had damaged Council equipment when spread over the grassed area. A reconstructed seat with a new memorial plaque was due to be unveiled at the Remembrance Service on Sunday.

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on a good meeting of the Footpaths Committee when two Rangers from the Countryside Service had attended and when a planned programme of work had been agreed. There was interest in the "Adopt a Footpath" scheme and it was agreed that this be explored further.

There had been a meeting of the Youth Forum team including the volunteers working with the café project and Cllr Mike Prout was in the process of producing a questionnaire for the Forum.

### **206/2009 Chairwoman's Report**

Cllr Ann Sainty reported on the first liaison meeting for town and parish councils organised by the County Council which had opened with an exhibition of stands covering many of the County Council's departments prior to the meeting which had been largely concerned with a briefing from Highways. The event had seemed successful and it was intended to have two similar meetings a year.

She reported on the first medical liaison meeting concerned with the planned new medical facility at Allendale Road involving the PCT, doctors, architect, County Council Estates and Parish Council. Plans were reviewed and the consultation process debated. Issues affecting the Parish Council included the probable need for the use of some Council land, the impact on a couple of footpaths and the Section 106 contribution.

The Chairwoman and Vice Chairwoman were due to attend a Live and Local Event in Ashover when they would represent the Council.

### **207/2009 Adlington Focus Group - Developments**

The Chairwoman gave a brief update on progress with the work of the Focus Group after a constructive meeting at Pioneer House. Members of the Group were visiting houses on the estate to canvass views on the latest outline proposals for play and family facilities on the Adlington fields. The Clerk was liaising with manufacturers over a range of possible schemes which would include the toddlers' play area as a priority element in view of the need to claim the County Council funding by the end of the current financial year.

### **208/2009 Progress towards Filling of Vacancies on Council**

The Clerk reported briefly on the application of the Council's agreed procedures to filling what would be three vacancies on the Council by co-option subject only to clearance to fill the latest vacancy in this way. A notice had been placed in the Derbyshire Times to try and secure more expressions of interest from parishioners for co-option on to the Council and co-option decisions were due to be taken at the December meeting of the Council.

### **209/2009 Expenditure**

The Clerk reported that repairs to the tiled areas on the roof of the Parish Hall had had to be carried out at a cost of £310. He sought approval for commissioning District Council to look after all aspects of the Council's Christmas Tree (at a reduced estimate of £495) with the tree being purchased from Troway Nurseries at an expected cost in the order of £200. He also sought approval for the removal of all the redundant water supply and associated systems at the rear of the stage and in the bar area at a revised cost of £483 as a component in the agreed project of improvements to the Parish Hall. There was a rationale for the need to insert a window and some air vents in the Committee Room, but estimates had not been received in time for the meeting.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to make payment for the items above with the exception of the work in the Committee Room which would be considered once estimates were available.

### **210/2009 Donations**

A request had been received for a donation to support the CPRE's Green Belt Campaign. The Clerk had sought advice from DALC as to whether such a donation was permissible within the Council's remit and the advice was that it was in order provided a modest donation in this case.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to make a payment of £50 towards the CPRE's Green Belt Campaign.

### **211/2009 Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for 2 December 2009 with the annual Budget Meeting due to take place on Wednesday 9 December.

Members were reminded of their invitations to the Remembrance Service at the Parish Church at 10.30pm on 8 November and the Council's own Remembrance Day Ceremony on 11 November as well as the Switching on of the Lights on 11 December with their invitation to a reception after the event.

The Chairwoman thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 9.00pm.