

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 November 2011

Present:

Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Pat Antcliff.

Cllr Brian Flude

Cllr Colin Berry

Cllr Cecilia Harper

Cllr Kevin Broughton

Cllr Dawn Hart

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Chris Hutchings

Cllr Lindsey Edwards

Cllr Peter O'Neil

Cllr Stuart Ellis

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

187 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

188 Variation of Order of Business

There was no variation of order of business

189 Declarations of Members' Interest

There were no declarations of interest from Members.

190 Public Forum

Concern was raised about the continuing problem of overgrown vegetation which made for a dangerous exit direct from the footpath onto the road at the bottom of Bole Hill although it was understood that the County Council did intend to have the vegetation cut back. There was also concern about the state of Footpath 34 at the rear of the houses on Longedge Lane between the rear of the houses and the nursery. There was a query as to progress with the proposed new medical centre off Allendale Road – it was understood that the planning authority was satisfied that everything was in order and that they were awaiting the payment of fees and compensation.

In the absence of PCSO Mike Coates, who was away from work, there was no report on crimes and anti-social behaviour for the previous month. The Clerk gave a brief summary of the answers to questions raised at the recent Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting concerning parking problems on Florence Road which explained the situation but didn't appear to offer any easy remedy to residents.

There were no Members of Council making representations or comments to an agenda item in which they had declared a prejudicial interest.

191 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

192 Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on various meetings over the past month including one about the tribute wall at the Parish Hall which was largely in place and featured a balance of past and present service. Another meeting concerned the possibility of the community coming together for a village festival to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee next year. The meeting had been well attended by local organisations and a number of individuals out of which a core group had been established to take ideas forward. Other meetings included the Adlington Focus Group and the Finance Committee, reports of which were covered elsewhere on the agenda, and the Floral Display Group which was making good progress and which would report more fully in due course with the option of an article in Wings.

193 Clerk's Report

a) Matters of Information

1. Policing and Crime Act 2009 – Draft Sex Establishment Policy for NEDDC
2. Invitation to arrange events for Sports Relief 2012

3. Chesterfield Law Centre – notice of AGM on 2 November 2011
4. DCC – Notice of temporary closure of part of Footpath 37
5. DET – Satisfactory completion of Viridor funded work at tennis courts and plaque
6. Adlington Field – clearance of storm wood and further problems
7. Ordinance Survey – granting of licence to Council
8. NEDDC – Replies to requests for clarification about re-cycling concerns
9. NEDDC – Response to resident concerns about unloading of vehicles at Edinburgh Court shops from Planning and Licensing
10. DCC – Requirements for fixed, ground based planters
11. NEDDC – Progress with planning application for new medical centre
12. DCC Highways – Removal of graffiti from street signs

The Clerk expanded on a number of the items including the gaining of an Ordinance Survey licence that now enabled the County Council to produce large scale maps of Wingerworth for the Council. It appeared that the new re-cycling scheme involving the burgundy bins only provided for plastics that were in the form of bottles and that other plastics were not currently provided for either with the house-to-house collections or at most local re-cycling sites. There was confusion about the reported campaign to deposit bagged dog foulings in the nearest bin, even if a litter bin as opposed to the designated dog bins and District Council were seeking clarification. Highways had been notified of the graffiti on the bollard on Langer Lane and had agreed to clean the sign themselves rather than the Parish Council having the graffiti removed. Highways had clarified that there was a need to secure a licence and meet a number of conditions for placing ground based planters close to roads, especially if on Highways property. In the case of fixed units there was a lead time of three months although this was normally reduced to one month for temporary units that were in place for the summer months.

b) Items for Decision

1. Publication of minutes for Council meetings

It was agreed that the minutes of the monthly Council meeting should be posted to the Council's website as soon as possible after each meeting provided that there was a note to the effect that they were unconfirmed minutes. This would avoid the delay currently incurred by waiting until the minutes had been approved at the following month's meeting prior to posting.

2. Derbyshire Pension Fund – Options for contribution rates 2012-2014

It was agreed that the Council would support whichever of the two options were preferable to staff given that the variations in costs affected staff contributions rather than Council payments.

3. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust – Request for donation towards the costs of the "24 Hours at The Avenue" event in June 2012

It was agreed that the Council donate the sum of £100 towards the "24 Hours at The Avenue" event.

4. Request to run the Wingerworth Wobble in 2012

It was not felt that there was a need for any approval from the Council as the event would not be on Council land but mainly on footpaths and lanes although the Council was pleased to hear of the reinstatement of the race run under National Fell Race rules.

194 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

a) Circulars

1. 43/2011 The Bribery Act 2010 and impact on local councils, Countryside Alliance Awards, Finding and bidding for project funding
2. 47/2011 Audit Commission work out to tender, Prince's Fund, Internet Banking and Section 150(5)
3. 48/2011 Code of recommended practice for local authorities on data transparency
4. 49/2011 DALC Training
5. 51/2011 Oil Buying Scheme, Update on Localism Bill, Environment Agency consultation on groundwater issues

b) Other Matters

The circulars were noted and there was a brief outline of the Sport England funding. There were no other matters.

195 Planning Matters

Applications

100910	Spar Shop, Allendale Road	Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign
100913	Spar Shop, Allendale Road	Installation of ATM Cash Machine
100917	Old Rectory, Swathwick Lane	Erection of Outbuilding
110918	Old Rectory, Swathwick Lane	Solar Array in Neighbouring Field
110919	25 Nottingham Drive	New Garage and Conversion of Old G

b) Decisions

100744	CA	Yew Tree Bung, Bottom Rd, HW	Enlarged Extension
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CA = Conditional Agreement R = Refused

c) Appeals

110562		off Matlock Road, Spitewinter	Ext of Solar Conservatory and Lobby
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The planning applications were noted as was the planning decision. It remained unclear whether the planning appeal was within the Parish boundary. Concern was raised about a double garage on Nethermoor Road that was believed to have been built without planning permission.

196 Accounts and Finance

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

The receipts and payments for September 2011 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.

197 Items for Information

Cllr Brian Flude reported on the continuing good fortunes of the Bowling Club and raised a concern about the poor state of the fence between the tennis courts and the green and the poor state of the car park. It was understood that the Tennis Club were planning to effect some repairs and improvements to the fencing round the court and a contractor was on standby to improve the car park. The possibility of having some lights to illuminate the path from the green to the car park was raised and the Clerk undertook to investigate the matter.

Cllr Lindsey Edwards reported on the most recent meeting of the Adlington Focus Group and the intention to complete the third phase of the play area which was being held up because of a shortage of funds although strenuous attempts were being made to close the gap between secured funds and the £35,000 projected costs of the project.

198 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 7 December 2011

199 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 Chairperson for their attendance for the non-confidential section of the agenda.

200 Members were reminded of the contractual relationships with the New Road Nursery and in particular the shortfall in payments for the previous academic year when there had been an error in invoicing for the use of facilities at the Parish Hall. The amount of the shortfall had been the subject of discussions with the sum now close to agreement and it was agreed to support the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Clerk should discuss with the New Road Nursery the possibility of paying off the shortfall at a rate of £200 a month with the outstanding balance at the end of the current academic year being cleared in a single payment at that time.