

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 October 2006

Present: Councillor Mrs A Sainty (Chair)
Councillor SJ Ellis Councillor Mrs M Parker
Councillor T Fisher Councillor W Pickford (*from 161/2006*)
Councillor CE Hutchings Councillor RAC Scothern
Councillor K Moore Councillor T Snowdon
Councillor PW O'Neill Councillor R Stafford
Councillor J Ollis Councillor K Walker
with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

157/2006 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence although Councillor W Pickford had apologised for a late arrival.

158/2006 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2006 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

159/2006 Matters Arising

Further to minute 145/2006 the Clerk reported that there were no suggestions from District Council for alternatives to the post and wire protection for the cricket square. Cllr CE Hutchings suggested a similar system with the addition of a second wire as a possible improvement.

160/2006 Public Forum

There were a number of questions from members of the public about the future of the Wingerworth Centre. The Chair summarised the background to the current situation including the attempts by the Parish Council try and secure a future for the County Council owned facility. Strong feelings were expressed about the continuing need for the Centre and the damaging loss to the community should it be closed. It was felt that the poor state of the building was entirely due to neglect by the County Council over many years and that the closure would result in the downgrading of youth services at a time when local government was expected to invest in provision and support for young people.

Following a request for information on any progress with the proposed development of new houses at the junction of Allendale Road and Central Drive, the Clerk stated that he had received confirmation that morning that the Deed of Grant had been executed and that he had made arrangements to bank the consideration due to the Council for granting the easement rights.

Resolved: that Clerk writes to the County Council expressing grave dissatisfaction about the threatened closure of the Wingerworth Centre and that a copy be sent to Natascha Engel MP; that local schools be invited to make representations against the closure and that a notice be placed encouraging parishioners to write personal letters to the County Council opposing the closure.

161/2006 Police Matters

The Chair welcomed PC Anderson to the meeting and asked for a summary of recent crimes. There were eight reported crimes in the Parish in September including three thefts from vehicles and one incident of damage to a motor cycle. In addition there was a theft of personal property, damage to the cricket pavilion and two cases of assault. A complaint about young people creating a bike track in Speighthill Woods had been investigated and while there may have been some noise on occasions there was no evidence of damage to the trees or any behaviour that would be of concern. The young people concerned seemed very responsible and it had been suggested that some form of suitable

facility be made available for them to use. The Chair informed the meeting that she had already taken steps to convene a meeting of the Council's Youth Forum and thanked PC Anderson for his report.

Resolved: that the Youth Forum consider the provision of appropriate facilities and submit a report to the Council.

162/2006 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:

780	Hunloke Farm, Derby Road	Construction of Stable Block
1000	31 Nottingham Drive	Construction of Orangery
1004	31 Deerlands Road	Single Storey Rear Ext & Porch
1066	Woodthorpe Meadows Fm Ashover Rd	Change to Residential Dwelling
1074	Pioneer House, Mill Lane	Visitor Centre
1054	4 Florence Road	Erection of Boundary Fence
1095	25 Elm Tree Drive	Erection of Cantilevered Balcony
873	Field opp Parish Hall	Erection of Stable Block
874	Rear of 21 and 23 New Road	Erection of Three Dwellings

The Clerk confirmed that a second letter had been sent to the Planning Authority following the receipt of the amended plans for application 873 as it was felt that the revised entrance would have serious implications in terms of jeopardising road safety for pedestrians and vehicles. The application was due to be considered by the District Council's Planning Committee on Tuesday 10 October and the Chair asked that any Member able to attend that meeting and make representations inform the Clerk in time for the notification deadline of 10am on Friday 6 October.

The following planning decisions were reported:

670	R	Stubbing View, Steep Lane	Erection of Agric. Building
734	G	12 Nethermoor Road	Extension to Existing Garage
864	R	The Hideaway, Nethermoor Road	Agric L'nd to Domestic Curtilage
867	G	47 Longedge Lane	Conservatory to Rear
876	G	4 Wheatcroft Close	Access Ramp and Railings
881	G	9 Hockley Lane	Extension to Garage
771	G	30 Longedge Rise	Single Storey Side and Rear Ext

G=Granted R=Refused W=Withdrawn

The decisions were noted.

163/2006 Accounts

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in August 2006. The negligible income figure was commented upon which was even lower than normal for what was usually a quiet month. The Clerk explained that other than one delayed payment there were no implications for reaching budgeted income targets for the year.

Resolved: that the accounts be approved.

164/2006 Finance

The Clerk submitted bank reconciliations as at the end of August 2006.

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

165/2006 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

The following circulars had been received:

- Circular 34/2005
 - The Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006
 - National Minimum Wage
 - Licensing Act 2003 – Raffles
 - Vacancies for Clerks

- Circular 35/2005
 - Derbyshire Constabulary – Annual Parish Councils’ Evening – Wednesday 15 November 2006

There was a brief discussion on the new age regulations which did not appear to present many difficulties for the Council. The Chair reported that she would be attending the Police Evening and would be accompanied by Cllr T Fisher.

166/2006 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
 - Parishioner – Concerns about Motor Bikes at Chartwell Fields and Adjoining Woods
 - Parishioner – Request for Improved Play Area at Chartwell Fields
 - Parishioner – Request for New Play Area at Adlington Fields
 - Wingerworth Women’s Institute – Request for Notice Board
 - Parishioner – Concern over Aggressive Behaviour by Dogs

The correspondence was noted.

- District
 - Annual Brass Band Concert – Dronfield
 - Use of Land to North of Nethermoor Land

The correspondence was noted and Cllr T Fisher commented on the Annual Brass Band Concert which had been an excellent night with some wonderfully talented young musicians.

- County
 - Animals on Allotments Survey
 - Derbyshire Local Transport Plan 2001-2006 Delivery Report
 - Child Car Seat Checking Events 2006

The correspondence was noted.

- Other
 - Derbyshire Constabulary – Crime Report at Pavilion and Score Hut
 - Derbyshire Constabulary – Crime Report at Allendale Road Play Area
 - Bolsover District Council – Sustainable Residential Design Supplementary Planning Document
 - UNISON – “Keep the NHS Working in North Derbyshire” Campaign
 - Derbyshire Development Plans Joint Advisory Committee – Revision to Document
 - BRM – Confirmation of Completed Deed of Grant and Cconsideration

The correspondence was noted.

167/2006 Reports from Committees and Representatives

Cllr SJ Ellis had held the most recent of the Council’s Listening Services although no matters had been raised.

The Chair announced that Cllr T Snowdon had resigned from the Footpaths Group as he was no longer able to continue as the Council’s Representative. She took the opportunity of thanking him for his work with the Footpaths Group which was in large part responsible for the many projects taking place in the Parish. The Group urgently needed a replacement representative and any Member interested was asked to contact the Chair. The Clerk highlighted items in a report from the Footpath Group. It was agreed that the group continue to be supported in the projects under way but that the Family Walk should not be presented as a Council event.

The Chair reported that there was still no representative from the Council to the Tennis Club and any Member interested should contact her outside the meeting. The Clerk was due to arrange a meeting with officers of the Tennis Club when the Council would be represented by the Chair and Cllr T Snowdon.

The Chair informed Members that a meeting was going to be arranged with the Chairman of the Wingerworth S Cricket Club following recent correspondence.

168/2006 Chair’s Business

The Chair reported on her attendance at the Annual Neighbourhood Partnerships evening. It had been an enlightening meeting and there had been further lobbying for Wingerworth to establish a partnership which was a matter that the Council needed to keep under review. She commented on the recent fire at Hunloke Park Junior School and there was a brief discussion on ways in which the school was coping in difficult circumstances.

Resolved: that the Clerk write to the Head Teacher of Hunloke Park Junior School to congratulate them on the way in which the Head and her staff as well as the parents and pupils appeared to have managed such a high level of stability in what has clearly been a very difficult period; that the Clerk writes to the Chair of Education at the County Council to lend weight to the view that the school needed to be rebuilt as much as possible in the interest of the community.

169/2006 Clerk's Report

The Clerk presented his report which covered vandalism, new litter and dog bins, the Parish Hall, the new watering system at the Bowls Club, the purchase of a mower, the annual meeting with the Derbyshire Constabulary, concerns from parishioners and staffing and training matters

The report was noted.

170/2006 Date of Next Meeting

The Chair confirmed the date of the next meeting of the Council as Wednesday 1 November 2006.

171/2006 Any Other Business

Matters raised by Members included the conditions of pavements, the latest breakdown of the clock in the Small Hall, attempts to re-establish the annual fete, the County Council's current views on speed humps and the difficulties of regulating speed on narrow roads.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions before declaring the meeting closed at 8.45pm.