

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 October 2008

Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)

Present: Cllr Stuart Ellis Cllr Margaret Parker
Cllr Chris Hutchings Cllr Bill Pickford
Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj Cllr Michael Prout
Cllr Kevin Moore (*from 188/2008*) Cllr Diana Ruff
Cllr Peter O'Neill with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

185/2008 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Cllr Carole Nelson, Cllr John Ollis, Cllr Jan Robinson and Cllr Tom Snowdon.

186/2008 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest apart from dual-hatted Members under planning matters.

187/2008 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2008 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

188/2008 Matters Arising

There was notification of one matter arising in respect of minute 175/2008 when a question was raised as to the position of the District Council's Planning Department in terms of responsibility for the current problems of cricket balls flying into the new development off Allendale Road. It was agreed that the Clerk checks the Parish Council's responses to the Planning Department.

189/2008 Police Matters

Crime statistics for September were tabled. PCSO Mike Coates detailed the six incidents listed which included two burglaries, two case of criminal damage and two instances of violence. In addition there had been an increase in anti-social behaviour in the area around the Allendale Road shops.

PCSO Mike Coates informed the meeting of the new Community Watch programme that was being rolled out across the county which could be viewed as an add-on to the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. It had been suggested that Wingerworth would be a good location to launch the first programme in the Chesterfield area, given the problems around the Allendale shops. Some concerns were expressed about the position of volunteers in the programme and it was suggested that the matter be referred on to the Deincourt SNT. There was brief report from the recent meeting of the Wingerworth Community Partnership when two of the main issues of concern raised were the reduction in the frequency of the 95 bus service and the perceived lack of involvement by the Youth Service in the Parish.

Resolved: that the Clerk arranges for a variation to the planned work at the Island Copse so that the vegetation be cut back even further than originally proposed.

190/2008 Public Forum

Appreciation was expressed over the Council's purchase of a new strimmer for use by the Footpath Volunteers but there was concern about the seemingly abrupt decision to go ahead with major work on the Setts Footpath. The Chairperson stated that the renovation of the footpath had long been requested by the Council and that Derbyshire County Council had consulted fully with residents living close to the Setts path. There would be an opportunity to discuss the matter in more detail at the forthcoming meeting of the Footpaths Committee. There was a request for agenda item 14 to be brought forward. This was agreed and the discussion took place as reported under minute 198/2008.

191/2008 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:

855	Oak Dene, Oak Crescent	Change to Private Land plus Wall
890	284 Langer Lane	Single Storey Extension plus
885	Field 3870 Martins Lane Old Tupton	Lawful Development Application
904	222 Longedge Lane	First Floor Extension to Side
915	12 Belfit Drive	Single Storey Rear and Side Extn

The applications were noted and some concern was expressed about sketchy details that has been provided for application 885. Cllr Bill Pickford offered to obtain more details of the application,

The following planning decisions were reported:

693 G	29 Windsor Drive	Two Storey and Single Storey Exts
694 G	8 Longedge Rise	Conservatory to Rear
711 G	Robincroft Farm, Swathwick Lane	Erection of One Dwelling
722 G	22 Hazel Drive	Two Storey Ext to Front & Rear
738 R	Yew Tree Bungalow, Bottom Rd, HW	Conservatory and Garage/Wkshop

G=Granted R=Refused W=Withdrawn

The planning decisions were noted and the reasons for the refusal of application 738 were summarised.

192/2008 Accounts

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in August 2008 and details of income and expenditure to the end of August 2008 against a phased budget. Payments made were:

British Gas Business	630.46	Supply to Parish Hall
PA Wibberley Ltd	67.50	Repairs to Pavilion Roof
Ian Trueman Ltd	293.75	Work on Island Copse
AOL	22.00	Internet Services
NEDDC	176.00	Business Rates
NEDDC	1,189.30	Dog Bin Collection
Audit Commission	646.25	External Audit
Killi's for Kleaners	149.95	Varnish for Main Hall
S Johnson & Son Ltd	42.62	Environment Items
Mr I Stead	300.00	Refund of Deposit
Eurooffice	192.01	Toner & Stationery
Town & Country UK	24.80	Window Cleaning
Birdholme SS	27.00	Fuel for Churchyard
Staff	4,009.11	Salary and Expenses
HM Revenue & Customs	1,952.79	Tax and NI Payments
Derbyshire CC	960.98	LGPS Payments

Resolved: that the accounts be approved and that the phased budget reports be received and noted.

193/2008 Finance

The Clerk submitted bank details and reconciliations as at the end of August 2008.

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

194/2008 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Circular 45/2008 - General
 - Climate Change – The CO2 Message
 - East Midlands Expo 2008
 - Proposal to Combine Dates of Local Government and European Parliament Elections
 - Derbyshire LINK
 - Vacancy for Clerk at Doveridge
- Circular 46/2008 - General
 - Affiliation to DALC
 - Subscriptions 2009/10
 - Applications for Appointment to the Commission for Rural Communities (CRC)

The circulars were noted with a highlighting of the opportunities provided by Derbyshire LINK for individuals to register concerns and suggestions about the provision of health services.

Resolved: that the Clerk forwards the Derbyshire LINK information on to Wings for broader dissemination around the Parish.

195/2008 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
 - Parishioner – Request for Plot at Allotments
 - CCAA – Damage to Lifebuoy at Wall Pond`
- District
 - NEDDC – Adopt- and Sponsor a Kiosk (Red Phone Boxes)
 - CBC – Shop Front Design Supplementary Planning Document – Comments Requested
 - LEADER – Funding for the Rural Economy
 - North Derbyshire Voluntary Action – Newsletter
 - Clay Cross Community Police Consultative Group – Notice of Meeting on 13 October 2008
- County
 - DCC – Child Car Seat Checking Events – September 2008
 - PD&D – Tourism Bulletin
 - DRCC – Newsletter
 - Derbyshire Well Connected – Information Sheet
 - DCC – Cultivation Licence Application 242 Longedge Lane
- Other
 - Post Office Limited – Acknowledgment of Objection to Proposed Closure of Post Office
 - CPRE - Newsletter

The correspondence was noted. There was some uncertainty about the Cultivation Licence Application. Resolved: that the Clerk contacts the County Council to seek further information on the Cultivation Licence Application and in particular the type and scope of the cultivation.

196/2008 Reports from Committees and Representatives

It was reported that the Community Association had held a successful meeting although membership remained at a low level. The Youth Forum had met and was pursuing a proposal for a regular meeting place for young people. Various locations were identified including the Small Hall on some Friday nights and the Chairperson offered to raise the matter with the Table Tennis group who currently use the facility.

197/2008 Chairperson's Business

There was no business to report.

198/2008 Progress towards New Pavilion at the Bowling Green

The Clerk reported on a meeting between the Finance Committee and officers of the Bowling Club's Committee about progress towards the building of a new pavilion at the bowling green following the arson of the previous pavilion. It seemed likely that the shortfall in funding was of the order of £17,000 although this relied on the eventual receipt of the Virador grant and compensation awarded by the court. From the Club's perspective there was an urgent need to close the funding gap to enable construction work to commence as soon as possible given that the new pavilion was needed for the start of the new season next year.

Issues raised by Members included the extent to which the Virador grant was time limited, although the Club's officers stated that this was not a factor, and the reasons for the Club not exploring a Council suggestion for a modular building. The possibility of gaining a grant from a District Council fund were being explored as were ways of contracting the work once funding was in place. The Finance Committee was due to meet and consider the matter further with a view to reporting more fully to the November meeting of the Council.

199/2008 Report on Discussions with HSE over Provision of Protection at the Cricket Field

The Clerk reported on a meeting with the HSE about concerns that had been raised with the Executive about the dangers posed by cricket balls flying into the new residential development adjacent to the playing field. The HSE appeared satisfied with the Council's detailed response to the concerns and the actions taken by the Council to lessen risk in the short term.

However it was clear to all parties that further work was necessary before the commencement of the 2009 cricket season. In particular there was a need to extend the protective netting in such a way as to improve the protection offered and thereby reduce the likelihood of balls flying into the houses and gardens of the new development. The Clerk had entered into discussion with various parties as to options including specifications and prices for a more extensive run of netting.

Resolved: that the Clerk continues to explore options and reports back to the Council.

200/2008 Pitch Allocations for Summer 2009

The District Council had yet to complete the process of allocating cricket pitches for the 2009 season but the Council was scheduled to make recommendations at the current meeting in line with the expectations of the Derbyshire County Cricket League.

Resolved: that the Clerk informs District Council that the Council recommends that its Deer Park cricket field is allocated to Wingerworth S CC for the use of their two teams and that no other club is given approval to play on the ground.

201/2008 Community Response Plan

It was still felt that Wingerworth should have a community response plan, although to date no-one had volunteered to co-ordinate the plan.

Resolved: that Wings be asked to carry a short article on community response plans and to advertise the opportunity for a small team of parishioners to form a team to produce a plan.

202/2008 Expenditure

Approval was sought for an increase in the approved expenditure on a toddlers' slide. The original estimated cost had been £4,500 but the lowest price obtained by District Council had been £5,479.

Approval was also sought for three new flat seats and six new cradles on equipment at the Allendale Road play as replacements for worn items following recommendations from District Council.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to increase expenditure on the toddlers' slide to £5,479 and to commit an estimated £1,080 to the replacement of work seats and cradles at the Allendale Road play area.

203/2008 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting of the Council as 5 November 2008.

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.39pm