

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 October 2010

Present:

Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj

Cllr Alan Cooper

Cllr Peter O'Neill

Cllr Stuart Ellis

Cllr Margaret Parker

Cllr Dawn Hart

Cllr Michael Prout

Cllr Chris Hutchings

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

162/2010 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Cllr Carole Nelson, Cllr Bill Pickford and Cllr Diana Ruff

163/2010 Declarations of Interest

There were declarations of interest from Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj on correspondence concerning the donation to the Well Dressing Committee and from Cllr Vince Causey on issues related to correspondence on the CPL site. The only other declarations of interest were those of dual-hatted Members listed under planning matters and 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.

164/2010 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

165/2010 Matters Arising

There had been no notification of matters arising.

166/2010 Police Matters

PCSO Mike Coates was present to report on six crimes over the previous month, including three of burglary and one each of damage, public order and possession. During the same period there had been two reported instances of anti-social behaviour, one for the activities of youths near the Allendale shops and one for riding a motor cycle in Hardwick Wood. He also summarised the results of the latest Operation Relentless campaign when vehicles were checked on Derby Road over a five hour session. 70 drivers were either warned or given a fixed penalty notice and other enforcement agencies generated further cases for DSS (5), taxi enforcement (5), Environment Agency (4) and VOSA (10).

There was a brief report on the most recent meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team which had included clarification on the vexed issues of traffic enforcement in Hardwick Wood and the closing of the old priority about motor scooter nuisance in the Allendale Road area. No new priority had been set. There was a query from a member of the public about action against drivers who parked irresponsibly, whether on pavements and verges or across drives. It was confirmed that this would normally be a matter for the new civil enforcement service and not the Police, but it was also acknowledged that it would be most unlikely for action to be taken as the civil enforcement officers were rarely if ever in the village. Given that this matter, which endangered safety in all sorts of ways, did not seem to be covered effectively by current legislation, the Clerk offered to write to the constituency MP with a request that she look into the matter.

167/2010 Public Forum

A member of the public expressed appreciation at the repairs and improvements at the Edinburgh Court shops. He also commented on a rare but much appreciated visit by a road sweeping machine and queried whether this machine could visit the area around the shops on a regular basis. Another member of the public questioned the ownership of and responsibility for the path to the rear of the shops which was in a very bad state of repair. There was also a question about the reported £15,000 compensatory payment for the loss of the open air recreation area as a result of the development of the new medical centre.

168/2010 Consideration of Planning Applications and Related Matters

The following planning applications were reported:

100700	A	10 Hayfield Close	Attached Double Garage + Caravan Area
100739		31 Longedge Lane	New Hipped Roof and Porch
100650	A	119 Nethermoor Road	Single Storey Extension and Alterat'ns
100578	A	115 Nethermoor Road	Extensions and Remodelling Bungalow
100559	A	2 Hockley Lane	Single Storey Extension and Standing
100821		72 New Road	Erection of Detached Double Garage
100555	AA	96 Davids Drive	Alterations to Bungalow
100869		Cornor of Stubbing and Steep Lane	Construction of Manège
100780		Lothorian, Hillhouses Lane	Extensions to Side and Rear + Decking

A = Amended AA = Amended Amendment

The following planning decisions were reported:

100593	CA	Field by Moorlands, Matlock Road	Erection of Garage
100650	CA	119 Nethermoor Road	Single Storey Extension and Alterat'ns
100485	CA	Swathwick Cottage, Swathwick Lane	Replace Sun Room with Orangery

CA=Conditional Agreement

The planning applications and decisions were noted.

169/2010 Accounts

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in August 2010. He also presented details of income and expenditure against a phased budget at the end of August and the current position of the Council's reserves.

Resolved: that the accounts be approved and that the reserves report be received and noted.

170/2010 Finance

The Clerk submitted bank details and a reconciliation as at the end of August 2010.

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

171/2010 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Circular 44/2010 - General
 - Annual Countryside Alliance Awards
 - Changes to Big Lottery Grant Funding
 - Vacancies for Clerks

The circulars were noted.

172/2010 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
 - Parishioner – Letter of Thanks for Council's Involvement in Edinburgh Court Repairs
 - Allotment Holders' Association – Problem with Fallen Branch
 - Well Dressing Committee – Donation from Council
- District
 - NEDDC – Review of Statement of Licensing Policy
 - ndva – Network Newsletter
- County
 - DCC – View on Setts Way
- Other
 - Environment Agency – Acknowledgement of Letter about CPL Site
 - emda – The Avenue Newsletter
 - Bluebell Wood – Newsletter
 - CPRE – Membership Changes
 - No Need for Nuclear – House of Commons Early Day Motion No 557

The Chairwoman read out the letter from the Well Dressing Committee and regretted the way her comments from the previous meeting had been reported when she had been summarising the views of the Finance Committee. She apologised for any unintended hurt this had caused. It was acknowledged that the Setts Way was in need of attention and it was agreed that the Clerk contact Wayne Bexton to investigate ways of funding the clearance of overgrown vegetation and accumulated litter on and around the path. The Clerk reported that the Environment Agency had promised a reply to the concerns expressed about the state of the CPL site.

The rest of the correspondence was noted.

173/2010 Reports from Committees and Representatives

Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj reported on discussions at the Bowling Club including maintenance costs and fees. She also reported on three successful meetings of the Café WY. It was reported that the Tennis Club was very optimistic about the chance of securing external funding to help meet the costs of work at the courts. Cllr Michael Prout reported that the Adopt a Footpath scheme was proving very popular with 15 footpaths now adopted. However thought was being given to a new name for the scheme where it was hoped that participants would monitor the adopted footpath and report on issues. It was hoped to be able to organise a small walking group to tour sections of some of the footpaths. The Clerk reported that the bid for an Audio Trail for Wingerworth had been successful.

The Chairwoman reported on the most recent meeting of the Adlington Focus Group. The NIB bid for work at the new toddlers' play area had been successful and the group was exploring funding opportunities for the second phase of the development on the Adlington field. There remained some confusion over some of the land ownership issues and it had not been possible to clarify access rights to the land with the garages.

174/2010 Chairwoman's Business

The Chairwoman alerted Members to the intended closure of a section of Longedge Lane from 29 November 2010 to 12 January 2011. More details were due to be sent to the Council.

175/2010 Co-option Procedure and Induction Process

Cllr Chris Hutchings reported that the reference to political membership had been removed from the latest draft documents and it was confirmed that Members were willing to adopt the documents which would be presented in the revised form to the Council.

176/2010 Anti-Social Behaviour on Council's Cricket Field

There was a report on the activities of a group of youngsters who were playing football on a regular basis at the edge of the cricket field adjacent to a resident's house. The resident concerned had complained about trespass, damage to his garden and verbal abuse as well as threatening behaviour and felt that the cricket netting should be taken down as this seemed to attract the youngsters to play football at that point. However the protective netting was erected as part of a planning condition and could not be removed without a variation to the planning condition. Even then it would be difficult as the netting had been part of the case that the Council had made to the HSE in addressing previous complaints about cricket balls flying out of the ground. The taking down of the netting after every season was felt to be both impractical and expensive and it was agreed that the better way forward would be to address the anti-social behaviour by requesting the PCSO to keep an eye on the area.

177/2010 Expenditure

The Clerk sought approval to extend the floral display for a few weeks longer given that the baskets were still in such a good state and given that the cost was marginal to cover the continued watering and feeding of the plants. He also sought outline approval to hire heating equipment to cover for the loss of the gas supply, should this happen during the extensive work to gas mains planned over the winter months.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to extend the duration of the floral display and to hire such temporary heating equipment as may be necessary to enable the Parish Hall to continue in operation during any interruptions to the gas supply in the months ahead.

178/2010 Donations

A request for a donation had been received from the 3rd Wingerworth Scout Group for their annual Community Bonfire and Firework Display which was due to take place on 6 November.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to make a payment of £250 to the 3rd Wingerworth Scout Group.

179/2010 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Council was 3 November 2010.

The Chairwoman thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 8.42pm