

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 October 2011

Present:

Cllr Diana Ruff (Chairwoman)

Cllr Pat Antcliff.

Cllr Brian Flude (*until minute 183*)

Cllr Colin Berry (*from minute 175*)

Cllr Dawn Hart

Cllr Kevin Broughton (*from minute 175*)

Cllr Chris Hutchings

Cllr Vince Causey

Cllr Peter O'Neil

Cllr Lindsey Edwards

with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

172 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Stuart Ellis, Cllr Cecilia Harper and Cllr Anne Knyhynyckj.

173 Variation of Order of Business

It was agreed to bring forward agenda item 7 b) 1 concerning the co-option of Members.

174 Co-option of Members

It was agreed to co-opt Colin Berry (for the Wingerworth Ward) and Kevin Broughton (for the Woodthorpe Ward).

175 Declarations of Members' Interest

From Cllr Chris Hutchings in respect of Agenda Item 7 concerning the proposed medical centre because of particular benefit from easier access to the new surgery.

176 Public Forum

Concern was raised about the continuing dangers posed by overgrown vegetation at the point where a footpath exited abruptly onto a busy road at Bole Hill.

PCSO Mike Coates had tendered apologies for absence but had submitted a report detailing three crimes in the previous month and one incident of anti-social behaviour. PCSO Mike Coates was away from work on sick leave and Members wished him a speedy recovery.

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

177 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.

178 Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on discussions with the New Road Nursery including leaks from the roof in the Main Hall and summarised meetings that had taken place within the Council's co-option procedures.

179 Clerk's Report

a) Matters of Information

1. Removal of plastic recycling banks at NEDDC's Bring Sites
2. Action by RSPCA over injured duck at Avondale Road
3. Situation with Wingerworth Medical Centre
4. Publication of Derbyshire Local Transport Plan
5. Local Policing Review 2011
6. Consultation on possible deregulation of Schedule One of the Licensing Act 2003
7. Appreciation for donation to NEDDC Chair's Appeal

8. Alterations at the Sheepwash
9. Temporary closure of Nethermoor Road between 9am and 3.30pm from 31 October to 11 November
10. Damage to tree adjacent to Adlington field
11. NACL Guide to Supporting Communities and Neighbourhoods in Planning
12. Saving The Great Trees of Derbyshire
13. 2011 Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership conference on 5 November
14. SLCC flexible distance learning package for CiLCA
15. Request to join steering group for District's Olympic Games Steering Group
16. All Saints' Church – Quiz Night 8 October, Festival of Christmas Trees 2-5 December, local celebrations of national events in 2012
17. Completion of roofing work on cricket scorehut
18. Commencement of major work at Parish Hall
19. Agreed deferral of installation of new shelter at bowling green
20. Cut back of vegetation along Setts Way

The Clerk expanded on a number of the items and there were questions from Members. Concern was expressed about the removal of the plastic recycling bank off Allendale Road as the new burgundy bins did not take all plastics and the Clerk was asked to raise this concern with NEDDC.

b) Items for Decision

1. Co-option of Councillors
2. Community access and charges for tennis courts
3. Request for memorial to Shay Ryan
4. Request for replacement seat at junction of New Road and Longedge Lane
5. Implementation of a total ban on fires at the Watson Road allotments
6. Request for a donation from Relate

In respect of b2 above it was agreed that the new scheme of charging £2 an hour for the use of a tennis court by members of the community should proceed for a one year trial. It was also agreed that school use be free of charge but that the use of the courts by any other group should be the subject of a request to the Club who would liaise with the Council over the fees to be charged.

In respect of b3 above it was agreed that the Standards Committee should meet to produce a draft policy on the placing of any form of memorial on Council land. This draft policy would be considered by the full Council and in the meantime the Clerk was to reply to the request for a memorial by deferring any decision pending the adoption of a new policy.

In respect of b4 above it was agreed that a replacement seat could be installed subject to all costs being met by the family concerned.

In respect of b5 above it was agreed that there should be a total ban on fires at the Council's allotments following the request for such action from the Allotment Holders' Association and it was believed that such a ban was in any case necessary to conform to relevant regulations.

In respect of 6b above it was agreed to make a donation of £50 to Relate in recognition of the work that they undertook for parishioners.

180 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

a) Circulars

1. 45/2011 Sport England's Ionic Facilities Fund; Village SOS Active
2. 46/2011 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England; The Future of Standards of Conduct of Members of Local Authorities in England (Update); Derbyshire Police Authority – Local Policing Review 2011

b) Other Matters

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

181 Planning Matters

Applications

100799	59 New Road	Variation of Condition for 2.5m Fence
100859	off Matlock Road, Spitewinter	New Entrance Hall/Conservatory
100784	Swathwick Cottage, Swathwick Lane	Tractor and Implement Store

b) Decisions

100692	CA 27 Wrenpark Road	Extensions to Front, Rear and Side
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CA = Conditional Agreement R = Refused

c) Appeals

The planning applications and decisions were noted. There were no appeals to report.

182 Accounts and Finance

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

The receipts and payments for August 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.

183 Items for Information

Cllr Dawn Hart raised a number of issues related to the allotments and it was agreed that the Clerk should look into ways of disposing of the hedge cuttings in an environmentally friendly way and that the Association could proceed to make some alterations to the junctions within the allotments site.

Cllr Lindsey Edwards reported on a de-silting exercise at the Lido which if successful could be used at the Wall Pond. Consideration was being given to a transfer of fish provided that the Environment Agency gave approval,

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on discussions that had taken place over a switch from a floral display based on hanging baskets to one featuring ground based displays which could include artefacts of interest related to Wingerworth's heritage. It was noted that there would still be a need to secure approval from Highways.

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on the recent meeting of the Footpaths Committee which included the good progress on the work at Martins Lane as well as the concerns about the footpath exiting onto Bole Hill and the state of the Setts Path.

Cllr Diana Ruff expressed appreciation to Cllr Dawn Hart for representing the Council at the opening of the new tennis courts,

The Clerk reported on the recent meeting of the Churchyard Committee. The Church had arranged for the relaying of the central path which had now been completed and work was due to take place on cleaning the other paths. Appreciation had been expressed for the continuing good work of the Council in maintaining the Churchyard.

Cllr Lindsey Edwards reported on the recent meeting of the Adlington Focus Group who had extended an invitation to the Chairperson to join the group.

Cllr Lindsey Edwards reported on developments with The Avenue and stressed the importance of the Council being involved in the forthcoming series of meetings concerned with the future of the site once remediation had been completed,

The Clerk reported on the recent meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Although no new priorities for policing had been set, there had been concerns about the problems posed by parked vehicles at a number of locations in the Parish.

Cllr Pat Antcliff reported on developments at NEDDC including the possible withdrawal of green bin collections for the winter months which was of concern to Members and the Clerk was asked to convey these concerns to NEDDC.

184 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 2 November 2011

185 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.

186 The contractual relationships with the New Road Nursery

The Clerk gave a brief update on the continuing attempts to resolve the accounts with the New Road Nursery for the academic year 2011/12 where progress had been made although the matter had not yet been concluded.