

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 September 2007

Present:

	Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)	
Cllr Tom Snowdon (Vice Chairperson)		Cllr John Ollis
Cllr Stuart Ellis		Cllr Bill Pickford
Cllr Chris Hutchings		Cllr Margaret Parker
Cllr Ron Lewin		Cllr Michael Prout
Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj		Cllr Jan Robinson
Cllr Kevin Moore (<i>from 156/2007 to 164/2007</i>)		with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

The meeting opened with a statement from the Chairperson paying tribute to Cllr Terry Fisher who had died during the summer. He had been a Member of the Council for over ten years and Chairman for four of those years. Throughout his period of service he had shown great tenacity coupled with common sense and humour. He was a hard-working Member who willingly involved himself in many matters where his knowledge and experience were of great benefit to the Council. She went on to say that he will be sadly missed and that the Council will be the poorer without him. Members of the Council and members of the public stood for a minute as a mark of respect for Cllr Fisher.

154/2007 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Peter O'Neill and for late arrival from Cllr Kevin Moore.

155/2007 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on on Wednesday 4 July 2007 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

156/2007 Matters Arising

Further to minute 136/2007 it was reported by Cllr Jan Robinson that the wall at Edinburgh Court had been repaired.

Further to minute 137/2007 it was reported by the Chairperson that the meeting concerning the on-site remediation at the Avenue would go ahead as soon as a mutually convenient date could be established for all parties.

Further to minute 145/2007 it was reported by Cllr Chris Hutchings that the £300 deposit appeared to be lessening the number of bookings being made for the Parish Hall.

Further to minute 151/2007 the Clerk briefly explained the expected benefits of a sun pipe.

It was agreed that a matter that had been raised at the previous meeting be considered as an exempt item if time allowed and if not that it would be on the agenda for the October meeting of Council.

(Standing Orders were set aside to allow discussion on agenda item 18 and a report from a member of the public– Bole Hill Quarry Planning Application – which is reported under Minute 170 /2007.)

157/2007 Public Forum

Cllr Bill Pickford offered to investigate a query that was raised about planning application 744.

158/2007 Police Matters

PCSO Janis Naylor had tendered her apologies for absence but had submitted a report. There were 14 notified incidents during the first half of August which included four burglaries and a number of nuisance problems. The Ozbox and GameZone events had run successfully with 17 young people on the former and 24 on the latter which had received financial support from the Council. She alerted Members to the Ringmaster programme for improving communications with the Police and commented on the need to provide facilities for young people in the Adlington area. She also stated that there would be a request of a greater Police presence at next year's Well Dressing.

The Chairperson expressed appreciation to PCSO Naylor for her report and her work in Wingerworth over the summer.

159/2007 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:

512	Hunloke Arms, Derby Road	Open Sided Glazed Roof Struct
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596	Kumango, Middle Road, Hardwick Wd	Two Storey Side Extension
739	2 Belfit Drive	Conservatory to Rear
744	The Avenue Coking Works	Temp Store of Soil and Spoil
752	The Avenue Coking Works	Flood Alleviation Scheme
761	Brooklands, Bottom Road, Hardw'k Wd	Erection of Bungalow
768	78A New Road	Two Storey Rear Extension
770	Green Acre, 19 Mill Lane	Front and Side Extensions
782	24 Deerlands Road	Two Storey Side Extension
803	Barley Mow Inn, Langer Lane	Erection of Canopy to Front
863	17 Woodview Close	Single Storey Side Extension +
920	Stubbing Court, Stubbing	Change of Use of Buildings
921	Stubbing Court, Stubbing	Change of Use of Buildings
943	28 Swathwick Lane	One and Two Storey Extensions
955	Hillhouses Lane	Pumping Station plus ...
972	48 Hazel Drive	Two Storey Side Extension plus

The applications were noted.

The following planning decisions were reported:

478	G 41 Joseph Fletcher Drive	Erection of Garage to Front
494	G Northmoor House, Martins Lane	Erection of Garage
502	G 5 Nottingham Drive	Front Porch
522	G 259 Nethermoor Road	Loft Convers'n - Two Bedrooms
533	G Elsway, 76A New Road	Gabled Front Extension plus
542	G Two Fixed Jumbrellas	The Smithy Pond, Netherm'r Rd
560	G 12m Telecommunicatons Mast	Jnct Martins Lane and Derby Rd
578	G Stubbing Court, Stubbing	Seven Residential Units ...
585	G Stubbing Court, Stubbing	Listed Building Consent
594	G 22 Robincroft Road	Conservatory to Rear
601	G Carr House Farm, Birkin Lane	Conversion of Barn to Residence
618	G 29 Hazel Drive	Two Storey Side Extension Plus
624	G 78 Longedge Lane	Two Storey Side Extension Plus
647	G 132 Longedge Lane	Replacement Garage
651	G 4A Mill Lane	Two Storey Side Extension Plus
713	G Birdholme Farm, Derby Road	Listed Building Consent
714	G Birdholme Farm, Derby Road	Eight Dwellings Plus

G=Granted R=Refused W=Withdrawn

The decisions were noted.

160/2007 Accounts

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in June and July 2007 and details of income and expenditure to the end of June and July 2007 against a phased budget.

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

161/2007 Finance

The Clerk submitted bank details and reconciliations as at the end of June and July 2007.

Resolved: that the reports be received and noted.

162/2007 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- 17/2007 General
 - No Smoking
 - Clerk Vacancy at Shardlow & Great Wilne
- 21/2007
 - Effective consultation
 - Derbyshire Constabulary – 2007 Report
 - Clerk Vacancy at Glapwell
 - Clerk Vacancy at Kirk Langley
 - Clerk Vacancy at Calver
 - Clerk Vacancy at Hognaston
- 22/2007 Training Programme
- 23/2007 General
 - Rights of Way
 - Parish Plan Grants and Workshops
 - Community Response Plans

The circulars were notes.

163/2007 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
 - Parishioner – Concern over Damaged Wall at Edinburgh Court
 - A Number of Parishioners – Concerns over Bolehill Quarry Proposals
 - Parishioner – Request to Inspect Council’s Accounts
 - Wingerworth Community Association – Concern over State of Pavements

There was a query about the request for an inspection of the Council’s accounts which the Clerk confirmed was an entitlement and was in the process of being arranged. There were expressions of concern about the poor state of some of the pavements in the Parish including stretches on Allendale Road. The rest of the correspondence was noted.

- District
 - Ashover Parish Council – Statement on Bolehill Quarry Application
 - NEDDC – Second Major Event for Town and Parish Councils – 19 September 2007
 - NEDDC – Consultation Paper on Grounds Maintenance Arrangements
 - NEDDC – Letter of Thanks for Donation from Chair of the Council
 - NEDDC – Notification of New Address – 29A Central Drive
 - NEDDC – Notification of New Address – Owltrees, 96 Chartwell Avenue
 - Chesterfield BC – Draft Planning Document – Affordable and Special Needs Housing
 - NEDDC – Arts Connections
 - NEDDC – “Everybody’s Talking About Climate Change” Campaign

It was reported that the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson and the Clerk would be attending the Second Major Event run by District Council. The rest of the correspondence was noted.

- County
 - DCC – Request for Information on “Poor State of Roads and Pavements in Wingerworth”
 - DCC – Proposed Recycling of Temporary Stone Tips at Bolehill Quarry
 - DCC – Footpath Matters
 - DCC – Excellence in the Community Awards 2007
 - DCPCT – Acknowledgement of Comments Received
 - DCC – “Everybody’s Talking About Climate Change” Campaign
 - DCC – Estimate of Cost of Footpath on Birkin Lane
 - DCC – Funding for Public Rights of Way in Wingerworth Parish
 - DCC – Footpath 37 (part) – Diversion Order
 - DCC – Footpath 41 and Footpath 32 (part) – Extinguishment Order
 - Derbyshire Constabulary – Acknowledgement of Comments from Parish Council

It was agreed that the Road Safety Committee would meet to compile a list for submission to the County Council in response to the request of information. The Clerk informed Members that the County Council’s estimated cost for providing a pavement on Birkin Lane was £150,000. The footpaths bid from the Parish had been successful. The rest of the correspondence was noted.

- Other
 - Vitalise – Letter of Thanks for Donation
 - Derbyshire Coalition for Inclusive Living – Letter of Thanks for Donation
 - STRI – Annual Report on Bowling Green
 - Wheeldon Brothers Limited – Land Registry Title
 - www.disabledgo.info – Request for Information
 - East Midlands Airport – First Environment and Community Report

The correspondence was noted.

164/2007 Reports from Committees and Representatives

Cllr Bill Pickford was due to attend his first meeting with the Allotments Association but commented on the well-maintained nature of the Council's allotments as witnessed on the recent visit by Members. The Chairperson expressed concern that only two Members and the Clerk had joined in this visit and urged Members to make greater efforts to attend the limited number of special Council events.

Cllr Margaret Parker reported that she was due to attend the September meeting of the Wingerworth Community Association but was aware that membership continued to be at a low level.

Cllr Kevin Moore was due to attend a meeting of the Tennis Club but had already attended a meeting of the Bowls Club and reported on a number of matters. The Club was considering a lower priced option for a new pavilion such as a type of portacabin which, at up to £30,000, would be close to half the cost of a brick built building. They were being advised on planning issues and would be keen to receive some form of support from the Council. There were some 80 members and the club continued to organise activities for local schools. The Committee was concerned about a number of matters: the need for new or repaired boards in the gutters; the possibility of vandalism to the water tank; individuals climbing over the railings to retrieve tennis balls; cricket balls being hit onto the green when play was in progress and the poor state of the car park. There was also an issue about the extent to which the maintenance contract was addressing the recommendations from STRI about the care and treatment of the green.

Cllr Anne Knyhynckyj reported on the work of the Youth Forum and the proposal that a meeting be advertised for young people aged 11 plus at the Parish in mid to late October. The purpose of the meeting would be to seek opinions, views and ideas from the young people about what they would like to see and do in Wingerworth. To encourage attendance it was suggested that the meeting be promoted as "Pizza on the Parish" and it was agreed to proceed with the event.

Cllr Ron Lewin reported on continuing good progress by the Footpath Volunteers and a forthcoming meeting to plan for further projects related to footpaths in the Parish.

The Chairperson reported on the most recent monthly meeting of the Listening Service when three parishioners had raised various concerns about the state of Central Drive and the dangerous stretch between Tricketts Brook and Nethermoor Road.

Resolved: That the issues concerning the new pavilion and the STRI recommendations be considered by the Finance Committee; that the Clerk makes arrangements for boards or turf to act as a barrier to cricket balls running onto the bowling green; that the Clerk be authorised to commit up to £200 on the "Pizza on the Parish" event against submitted receipts; that the Road Safety Committee consider dangers on the Tricketts Brook to Nethermoor Road section.

165/2007 Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson asked for a Member to take over as the Council's representative on the Avenue Works Planning Liaison Group. It was agreed that Cllr Tom Snowdon would replace Cllr Terry Fisher on this group but the Cllr Stuart Ellis would try an act as substitute for the next meeting of the group in the event that Cllr Snowdon was unable to attend. It was agreed that the Standing Orders Committee would meet to consider a set of co-option procedures at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18 September. The Chairperson commented on the resounding success of the Well Dressing and the £600 that had been raised for good causes. She also commented on the event held for Cllr Terry Fisher which, by common consent, had been a most appropriate and memorable afternoon.

Resolved: that the Clerk inform the Avenue Works Planning Liaison Group of the Council's representation arrangements; that the Clerk drafts a possible set of co-option procedures for consideration by the Standing Orders Committee; that the Council place on record their appreciation to everyone involved in the success of the Well Dressing; that a new plaque be acquired and placed on a plinth at the Sheepwash.

166/2007 Date of Next Meeting

The Chair confirmed the date of the next meeting of the Council as Wednesday 3 October 2007.

167/2007 Adoption of Code of Conduct for Members

The Clerk reminded Members of the Model Code of Conduct for Members which had been produced by the Standards Board for England and which had been circulated previously. Members had an opportunity to formally adopt the Code before 1 October 2007 after which it would be deemed that the Council was covered by the Code. In considering its adoption, Members were able to opt in to Section 12 (2) which would provide a Member with the right to speak on matters where there was prejudicial interest before withdrawing from the meeting and prior to any voting taking place. This would be similar to the position at District Council. There was some discussion on the matter

Resolved: it was unanimously agreed that the Council would opt in to Section 12 (2); it was unanimously agreed that the Council would adopt the Code with the opt in to Section 12 (2); that the Clerk informs District Council of these decisions.

168/2007 Development of a Local Plan

The Clerk reminded Members of the session held with the District Council's Forward Planning Team when a number of issues were discussed to aid the development of a Core Strategy which would set out the key elements in the Local Development Framework. It had been agreed that Members would progress from this exercise to developing a local plan for the Parish and it was suggested that one way forward would be to invite the Derbyshire Rural Community Council to lead a session on planning for Members to assist in determining a framework and process for the planning exercise.

Resolved: that the Clerk contact DRCC to seek support on the development of a plan for the Parish.

169/2007 Revisions to Hiring Conditions and Regulations

A series of seven variations to the hiring conditions and regulations for rooms at the Parish Hall were considered. There was some concern about the more restricted use of the kitchen and it was agreed that alcoholic drinks could be prepared in the kitchen where express approval was given as part of the letting arrangements.

Resolved: that the variations be adopted subject to the provision that alcoholic drinks could be prepared in the kitchen where express approval was given as part of the letting arrangements.

170/2007 Bole Hill Quarry Planning Application

Cllr Bill Pickford did not contribute to this agenda item other than to provide some factual information.

The Chairperson reported on issues raised at the special Listening Service dedicated to this application which included concerns over noise, health and traffic. Mr Neil Stuart was invited to report on the recent discussions that had taken place at County Offices between planning officers and local residents which were largely restricted to planning issues. It had been stated that it was necessary to meet with the applicants or their agent in order to discuss more detailed aspects of the application and a request for such a meeting from the Parish Council had been forwarded through the County Council. Advice was being sought on particle transmission and contact had been made with the Police's Northern Roads Policy Unit. Cllr Bill Pickford agreed to seek clarification on what was meant by the term "strategic link to the east".

Resolved: that the various issues be followed up; that advice is given to the Clerk on conditions that should be requested to be imposed on any agreement to the planning application so as to limit the impact and effect on the local community.

171/2007 New Partnership Arrangements from District Council

The Clerk summarised some of the points outlined by the Deputy Chief Executive of the District Council at a recent meeting with the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Clerk concerning ideas for a new form of partnership arrangements with town and parish councils. It was agreed that these ideas should be presented to the next full meeting of the Council.

Resolved: that the Clerk contact the Deputy Chief Executive of the District Council and invite him to make a presentation on proposed new partnership arrangements at the October meeting of the Council.

172/2007 Request for Use of Parish Hall Car Park

Following the recent decision to retain a service at the New Road Surgery it had been reported that there were plans to improve the facilities. However it was necessary to have identified parking places for cars for people visiting the surgery and to that end the practice had requested that four or five parking places on the Parish Hall car park be allocated for the use of the practice when the surgery was in operation from 8.30am to 11am on Mondays to Thursdays with a possible extension to include two afternoon surgeries from 3.30pm to 5.30pm should a new surgery be built on the New Road premises.

Resolved: that the Clerk confirms that the parking facilities as outlined would be available to the practice.

173/2007 Issues Concerning Improvements to Central Drive by Wall Pond

This item was deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

174/2007 Donations

Members considered requests for donations to the County Air Ambulance, Relate (Chesterfield and North Derbyshire) and Victim Support Derbyshire

Resolved: that the Clerk arranges for the payment of £100 to the County Air Ambulance, £50 to Relate (Chesterfield and North Derbyshire) and £50 to Victim Support Derbyshire

175/2007 Any Other Business

There were no items of any other business.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.42pm.