

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 September 2009

Present: Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson)
Cllr Chris Hutchings Cllr Margaret Parker
Cllr Carole Nelson Cllr Michael Prout
Cllr John Ollis (*from 149/2009*) Cllr Diana Ruff
Cllr Bill Pickford with Mike Taylor (Clerk)

145/2009 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Cllrs Stuart Ellis, Anne Knyhynyckyj, Peter O'Neill and Tom Snowdon.

146//2009 Resignation of a Member

Members were informed of the resignations of Kevin Moore and Jan Robinson who were unable to continue as Members of the Council due to respective circumstances. Members accepted the two resignations and expressed thanks for their service on the Council as well as wishing them well.

147/2009 Declarations of Interest

The only declarations of interest were those of dual-hatted Members listed under planning matters.

148/2009 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting, subject only an agreed addition to minute 132/2009, "It was agreed that the Council should consider and issue a statement about the Council's position on nuisance related issues in the Parish both in general and with reference to Hardwick Wood."

149/2009 Matters Arising

Notification had been received of two matters arising. One concerned the addition to minute 132/2009 detailed in minute 148/2009 and after some discussion it was agreed that the Finance Committee produce a draft statement for consideration by the Council. It was also agreed, once the date for the Finance Committee had been fixed, that all Members be informed of the meeting details and that any interested in contributing to the statement would be welcome to join the Finance Committee for that item of business. It was also agreed that the draft statement should be circulated, if possible, to all Members before the next meeting of the Council.

The second matter arising related to minute 137/2009 and concerned the possible planting of trees on the edge of the Deer Park cricket ground. Initial advice had been received from the Tree Warder since when a specialist contractor had been requested to advise on the matter. There were a number of aspects that needed careful consideration, one of which was the impact of tree roots on the underground services running along the boundary of the field. It was agreed to continue looking into the various issues associated with the proposal.

150/2009 Police Matters

PCSO Mike Coates presented the crime statistics for the previous two months which included 40 recorded incidents with the majority in the categories of burglary, theft and damage. In the same period there were 23 reported incidents of anti-social behaviour which seemed to be lower than in the past for a similar two month period.

It was understood that the next meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team would take place within the meeting of the Wingerworth Community Partnership scheduled for 22 September 2009. This presented a problem as the Council had withdrawn from the Partnership but it was recognised that Members could attend as parishioners rather than as Councillors. The absence of publicity about the meeting was raised as a concern and while formal notification to the Council may have been terminated following withdrawal from the Partnership, there did not appear to be any public notices about either the Partnership or the Safer Neighbourhood Team meetings. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek assurance that the meeting would in future be more widely advertised.

151/2009 Public Forum

A resident of Hardwick Wood reported on the continuing concerns of residents about nuisance and dangers associated with motorbikes. While it had been quieter during the summer it remained a problem and now included the noise from a motorbike circuit on private land. He remained disappointed in what he regarded as the absence of a strong lead from the Parish Council in combating nuisance behaviour and sought confirmation that his most recent letter had been received even though it was not listed under correspondence. Another parishioner reported on damage to eggs at Stubbing Pond and queried the need for the series of new road signs along Swathwick Lane.

152/2009 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:

90334	42 Longedge Lane	Revised Retention for Extension
90381	42 Longedge Lane	Rear and Front Extensions
90408	19 New Road	Two Storey Rear Ext + Change of Use
90494	3 Walton Way	Raising of Roof and Extensions
90515	Hill Rise, Top Road, Hardwick Wood	Erection of Glass Veranda to Rear
90546	Swathwick Cottage, Swathwick Lane	Extensions on Ground and in Roof
90551	Land to Rear of 21 and 23 New Road	Discharge of Conditions 2,3,4,5
90552	28 Longedge Lane	Two Storey Side Ext and Garage Con
90596	174 Nethermoor Road	Domestic Garage to Cattery
90605	73 New Road	Loft Conversion & Single Storey Ext
90629	Watersmeet, Middle Rd, Hardwick Wd	Extension for Additional Bedrooms
90631	24 Longedge Lane,	Two Storey Extension and Snug
90650	2 Barn Cottages, Longedge Lane	Entrance Porch to Side
90676	34 Central Drive	Extensions to Front and Rear
90686	8 Bradbury Drive	Single Storey Extensions to Side and Rear
90716	28 Swathwick Lane	First Floor Side Extension
90598	Land to Rear of 34 & 36 Nethermoor Rd	Change of Use of Land
90636	Hollybrook House, 53 Central Drive	Erection of Double Garage
90728	2 Frances Drive	Extensions to Side and Rear

The applications were noted and concern was expressed about the access problems and consequential dangers for road safety with application 90508 when the lane connecting the land to the road emerged adjacent to the mini roundabout at the end of Deerlands Road. During the course of more general discussions, further concern was expressed about planning applications for residences for agricultural use as well as subsequent applications for extensions to these residences.

The following planning decisions were reported:

90103	CA	Pumping Station, Hillhouses Lane	Removal of 2 Sections Hedgerow
90221	A	22 Hazel Drive	Retention of Conservatory to Rear
90234	CD	Nether House Farm, Stubbing	Conversion Outbuilding to Dwelling
90331	CD	22 Oak Crescent	Two Storey Ext to Side and Porch
90362	CA	Woodthorpe Meadows Farm, Ash Rd	Erection of Detached Store & Carport
90386	CA	6 Longedge Rise	Side and Rear Extensions
90424	CA	45 Oak Crescent	Erection of Conservatory to Rear
90425	CA	196 Nethermoor Road	New Side and Rear Extensions
90429	CD	Alinor, Middle Road, Hardwick Wood	Erection of Replacement Dwelling
90455	CA	51 Central Drive	Increase in First Floor Accommodation
90505	CA	Birdholme Farm, Derby Road	Conversion to Three Dwellings
90506	CA	Birdholme Farm, Derby Road	Listed Building Consent for 505

CA=Conditional Agreement R=Refused A=Approved CD=Condition Discharged

The planning decisions were noted.

Resolved: that the Clerk reports to the District Council's Planning Department the concern of the Council in connection with application 90508; that the Clerk seeks an assurance from the Planning Department that the Council would be notified about any further application in respect of the newly erected house at Robincroft Farm.

153/2009 Accounts

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in June and July 2009 as well as details of income and expenditure against a phased budget at the end of the months of May, June and July. He also presented the current position of the Council's reserves. Payments made were:

Date	Reference	Payee	Amount (£s)	Detail
03-Jun-09	4587	Ian Trueman	425.50	Allendale Tree Felling
03-Jun-09	4588	NEDDC	660.95	Dog Bin Servicing
03-Jun-09	4589	Town & Country UK	24.80	Window Cleaning
03-Jun-09	4590	Connaught Compliance	566.45	Heating Contract
03-Jun-09	4591	Focus DIY	11.69	Footpath Materials
03-Jun-09	4592	Wickes	16.63	Footpath Materials
18-Jun-09	4593	Vitalise	50.00	Donation
18-Jun-09	4594	Rentokil Initial UK Limited	340.39	Watersafe Contract
18-Jun-09	4595	E.on	47.18	Electricity Supply
18-Jun-09	4596	E.on	477.68	Electricity Supply
18-Jun-09	4597	Eurooffice	58.53	Stationery
18-Jun-09	4598	Heron Publications	138.00	Council's Page in Wings
18-Jun-09	4599	Town & Country UK	24.80	Window Cleaning
18-Jun-09	4600	NEDDC	142.92	Goal Posts and Ad Locks
18-Jun-09	4601	Birdholme SS	5.00	Petrol for Footpaths
18-Jun-09	4601	Wingerworth Tyres	8.37	Repairs to Wheelbarrow
18-Jun-09	4602	Birdholme SS	21.77	Petrol for Churchyard
18-Jun-09	4603	Canx	0.00	Cancelled Cheque
18-Jun-09	4604-9	Staff	4,210.81	Salary and Expenses
18-Jun-09	4610	HM Revenue & Customs	1,700.13	Tax and NI
18-Jun-09	4611	Derbyshire CC	1,005.85	LGMS
19-Jun-09	DD	Public Works Loan Board	1,543.99	Loan Repayment
20-Jun-09	DD	NEDDC	185.00	Business Rate
20-Jun-09	DD	AOL	21.74	Internet Service
			11,688.18	Total for June
01-Jul-09	4612	Jackson Building Centres	30.95	Safety Boots
01-Jul-09	4613	Plantscape	494.50	Litter Bins
01-Jul-09	4614	Bitz 'n' PC'Z Ltd	300.00	Year's Computer Contract
01-Jul-09	4615	Eurooffice	90.72	Toner for Printer
01-Jul-09	4616	GMS	108.09	Repairs to Mower
01-Jul-09	4617	GMS	6.00	2-Stroke Oil
01-Jul-09	4618	B&Q	11.68	Rake
01-Jul-09	4619	WFS Water Systems	92.00	Service to Green Sprinkler
15-Jul-09	4620	S Johnson & Co Ltd	35.37	Environment Items
15-Jul-09	4621	British Gas Business	671.23	Supply of Gas
15-Jul-09	4622	E.on	364.12	Supply of Electricity
15-Jul-09	4623	E.on	36.78	Supply of Electricity
15-Jul-09	4624	Paul Smart	152.37	Installation of Litter Bins
15-Jul-09	4625	Mrs A Sainty	130.00	Chairperson's Allowance
15-Jul-09	4626	NEDDC	239.25	Trade Waste Collection
15-Jul-09	4627	Town & Country UK	24.80	Window Cleaning
21-Jul-09	4628	Connaught Compliance	23.00	Repair to Boiler
21-Jul-09	4629	NEDDC	23,969.45	Grounds Maintenance
21-Jul-09	4630	Canx	0.00	Cancelled Cheque
21-Jul-09	4631	Birdholme SS	24.50	Fuel for Mowers
21-Jul-09	4632-37	Staff	4,456.25	Salary and Expenses
21-Jul-09	4638	Canx	0.00	Cancelled Cheque
21-Jul-09	4639	HM Revenue & Customs	1,863.45	Tax and NI
21-Jul-09	4640	Derbyshire CC	1,005.85	LGMS
22-Jul-09	DD	NEDDC	185.00	Business Rate
22-Jul-09	DD	AOL	20.88	Internet Service
22-Jul-09	DD	BT Payments Ltd	56.61	Phone Line
14-Jul-09	CHG	Royal Bank of Scotland	30.13	Bank Charges
			34,422.98	Total for July

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

154/2009 Finance

The Clerk submitted bank details and reconciliations as at the end of June and July 2009.

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

155/2009 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Circular 33/2009 – East Midlands Regional Plan
- Circular 34/2009 – Local Authority Investments
- Circular 35/2009 – General
 - Bus Shelters
 - Community Forums
 - Vacancies for Clerks
- Circular 36/2009 – General Update
- Circular 37/2009 – Power of Well Being
- Circular 38/2009 – British Youth Council
- Circular 39/2009 – Training
- Circular 40/2009 – General
 - Parish Council’s Meeting with Police – Tuesday 15 September 2009
 - National Minimum Wage Increase
 - Vacancies for Clerks
- Circular 44/2009 – General
 - Swine Flu and Community Response Plans
 - Active Derbyshire Campaign
 - Training
 - Clerk Vacancies
- Circular 42/2009 – Election of DALC President
- Circular 45/2009 - Strengthening Local Democracy
- Circular 46/2009 - General
 - Energy Audits
 - Report on Traditional Retail Markets
- Clerk Vacancies

The circulars were noted.

156/2009 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past two months:

- Parish
 - Parishioner – Request to Clear Hedge Obstruction
 - Parishioner – Request to a Pedestrian Refuge on A61
 - Parishioner – Complaint over Misleading Diversion Notices
 - Parishioner – Damage to Swan and Duck Eggs at Lido
 - Parishioner – Request for an Allotment
 - Parishioner – Concern about Vandalised Nets at Deer Park Cricket Ground
 - Cricket Club – Update on Sixes and Other Matters
 - Parishioner – Request for Improvements to Facilities at Chartwell Fields
 - Former Parishioner – Request to Use the Council’s Crest in a Project
- District
 - NEDDC – House to House Collections – Deafblind – June 2009 to June 2010
 - NE|DDC – House to House Collections – Scope – 31 August 2009 to 4 October 2009
 - NEDDC – Tree Preservation Order – Trees at 9 Central Drive
 - NEDDC – Confirmation of Pitch Allocations – Winter 2009/10
 - NEDDC – Core Strategy Issues and Options – Acknowledgement of Response
- County
 - DCC – Parish and Town Council Liaison – 22 October 2009
 - DCC – Excellence in the Community Awards 2009
 - DALC – Alert over Standards Board Questionnaires
 - DCC - Concerns about Delays over Liaison Group for New Medical Facilities
 - DCC – First Draft of Plans for New Medical Facilities
 - Derbyshire Chamber – New CCTV Monitoring Service for Parish Councils
 - Derbyshire Constabulary – Damage to Cricket Nets
 - Derbyshire Constabulary – Damage to Fence on Setts Path

- Derbyshire Film – Enquiries about a Film Club in the Parish
- Derbyshire County PCT – Living with Long Term Conditions
- Derbyshire Biodiversity - Newsletter
- Other
 - CPRE – Fieldwork Newsletter
 - Vitalise – Letter of Thanks for Donation
 - British Youth Council – Local Councillor Shadowing Programme
 - East Midlands Regional Assembly – Regional Plan – Options Consultation

The correspondence was noted. The letter complaining about misleading and unnecessary diversion signs related to Longedge Lane, but further instances were raised relating to Birkin Lane and New Road. There was some discussion on the nets at the cricket ground, the request for improvements at Chartwell Fields and the use of the Council's crest. There were queries about the Tree Preservation Order at Central Drive and the apparent delayed progress with the new medical facilities off Allendale Road.

Resolved: that the Clerk contacts Highways to convey the concerns about diversion signs during recent work in the Parish and to seek assurances that signage is improved for the forthcoming major Severn Trent work along Swathwick Lane; that the Clerk seeks clarification from his predecessor about restricted rights on the use of the crest.

157/2009 Reports from Committees and Representatives

There was little to report following the summer holiday period apart from a brief update by Cllr Michael Prout on progress with the Café project. Some concern was expressed as to whether the project was still on course for the planned September opening.

158/2009 Chairwoman's Business

Cllr Ann Sainty gave a brief report on some of her work during the summer which had included officiating at the annual Well Dressing (and being a judge for the associated scarecrow competition) as well as at an event to celebrate the century of girl guiding. She had been at the annual visit to the allotments when she was disappointed that no other Members had been able to be present. She gave a brief summary of a forthcoming review meeting on developments at the Adlington Estate which was to be held in the Parish Hall at 2pm on Saturday 26 September 2009. She closed her report by sharing the contents of a letter that had been sent to her as Chairwoman which contained an allegation that she regarded as offensive and there was then some discussion as to whether the matter should be taken further up to and including legal advice.

159/2009 Long Term Absence of Members

Members needed to consider the position of two Members who had been on long term absence from Council duties, although one of the two had now resigned due to health issues with the resignation having been accepted earlier in the current meeting. The remaining Member was about to finish a lengthy period of working away from Wingerworth and expected to be able to fully resume his Council duties within the month.

Resolved: that the Council acknowledged the good grounds for the lengthy absence of Cllr Tom Snowdon and agree that he continue as a Member in the knowledge that he would soon be able to resume Council duties.

160/2009 Restrictions on Parking of Vehicles on Council Land

The Clerk reported on complaints about a vehicle parked on Council land that appeared to be used for overnight accommodation. A number of concerns were raised about overnight parking in general on Council land other than in certain exceptional circumstances.

Resolved: that no overnight parking be permitted on Council land other than where express permission had been given; that the Clerk be authorised to place notices to this effect as appropriate.

161/2009 Construction of Pumping Station alongside Council Allotments

The Clerk reported that it looked increasingly likely that there would be major work on Watson Lane over a lengthy period as Severn Trent intended to construct a pumping station on the car park adjacent to the allotments. In addition to taking over the car park for the work, it was almost certain that the

road would be closed for a long period, although it was intended that vehicular access to the allotments (or at least close to) would be maintained from the Stubbing end.

The work should not impinge on the allotments or the brook and once the work was completed the car park would be restored. Subsequently, only occasional access would be needed for maintenance of the new facility which would be largely underground with a small building on one edge of the car park..

It is anticipated that the landowners (Derbyshire County Council) will agree to the work which is essential for the secondary supply route to Chesterfield. The Allotment Holders' Association have been informed that the work is likely to take place over the winter months and information of road closures and diversions would be in place for the duration of the work.

162/2009 Extension to Direct Debit Payments

The Clerk raised the increasing pressure to switch to direct debit payments for regular supplies and services due in part to the incentives sometimes offered by way of a discount but also because of a growing reluctance of organisations to accept cheque payments. Payments by direct debits were covered by a banking code of practice and did result in a small saving of time and cost to the Council. Current approved direct debit payments were to NEDDC, AOL and BT, and approval was sought to convert other payments to direct debit as an when appropriate.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to switch payment for supplies and services to direct debit payments when such a switch seemed advantageous to the Council.

163/2009 Expenditure

The Clerk sought approval to spend Council monies on the repair of the new fencing on the renovated Setts Path following apparent vandalism which had been reported to the Police. The total expenditure was expected to be less than £50 but it was important that authority was given because of the uncertain state of the ownership of the fencing which had been erected by a County Council contractor but appeared now to be the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to commit expenditure to the repair of the damaged section of fencing on the Setts Path.

164/2009 Donations

Three requests for donations had been received

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to make payments of £50 to the NEDDC Chair's Appeal for the Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice Fund, £250 for the 3rd Wingerworth Scout Group's community bonfire and firework display and £50 to Relate towards the provision of their counselling service which had benefited a number of parishioners over the previous year.

Exempt Item - Members of the Public were asked to leave the meeting for the following item to be discussed in private session.

165/2009 Staffing Matters

The Clerk sought approval to increase the monthly hours of a member of staff to allow for the regular cleaning of the new bowls pavilion. The hours would be mainly during the bowling season and would be agreed between the Bowling Club Committee and the member of staff with the Bowling Club informing the Clerk of the hours and meeting the cost.

Resolved: that the hours of a member of staff be increased to allow for the cleaning of the new bowls pavilion with the cost being met by the Bowling Club Committee.

166/2009 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for 7 October 2009

The Chairwoman thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 9.11pm.