

# WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 September 2010

### Present:

|                   |                               |                          |
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|                   | Cllr Ann Sainty (Chairperson) |                          |
| Cllr Vince Causey |                               | Cllr Bill Pickford       |
| Cllr Alan Cooper  |                               | Cllr Michael Prout       |
| Cllr Stuart Ellis |                               | Cllr Diana Ruff          |
| Cllr Dawn Hart    |                               | with Mike Taylor (Clerk) |

### 141/2010 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Cllr Chris Hutchings, Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj, Cllr Peter O'Neill, Cllr Carole Nelson and Cllr Margaret Parker.

### 142/2010 Declarations of Interest

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

### 143/2010 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting subject only to the correction of Rush to Ruff in 136/2010

### 144/2010 Matters Arising

There had been no notification of matters arising.

### 145/2010 Police Matters

PCSO Mike Coates had forwarded Police report for the Parish which covered a two month period and listed eight crimes including two each of theft and damage to vehicles as well as one each of threatening behaviour, minor assault, burglary and arson. There were seven reported incidents of anti-social behaviour, two of which were at the Avenue site, two involving the use of motorbikes and three about the behaviour of young people in the Parish.

Details had been sent in of Police operations to target unauthorised off-road riders in the District and there was a report on the monitoring of the speed of traffic on Nethermoor Road when the monitored speeds was not high enough to warrant special enforcement measures. There was also a short statement confirming that Civil Enforcement Officers (who had replaced parking wardens) would normally only come to the Parish if requested by a resident who was personally inconvenienced by a dropped kerb obstruction.

### 146/2010 Public Forum

Two members of the public expressed appreciation for the help and support of the Parish Council in a planning matter and one member of the public raised concern about the need to cut back vegetation on the Setts Way.

### 147/2010 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:

|        |                                   |                                         |
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| 100485 | Swathwick Cottage, Swathwick Lane | Replace Sun Room with Orangery          |
| 100616 | 40 Nethermoor Road                | New Dwelling                            |
| 100420 | Hill View, Malthouse Lane         | Single Storey Extension to Rear         |
| 100644 | 6 Paddock Close                   | Two Storey Side Extension               |
| 100650 | 119 Nethermoor Road               | Single Storey Extension and Alterat'ns  |
| 100695 | 65 Chartwell Avenue               | Two Storey Rear Extension               |
| 100677 | Stubbing Court, Holme Farm        | 3 Dwellings and Private Drainage System |
| 100555 | 96 Davids Drive                   | Alterations to Bungalow                 |
| 100703 | Former Avenue Site                | Not to Comply Conditions 3, 12, 14      |
| 100700 | 10 Hayfield close                 | Attached Double Garage + Caravan Area   |
| 100737 | 86 Davids Drive                   | Loft Conversion - Raising & Windows     |

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| 100673 | 23 Nottingham Drive        | Retention of Single Storey Extension |
| 100773 | Rear of 21 and 23 New Road | Inclusion of Five Rooflights         |

Application 100677 was a new application to replace an extant permission and there was clarification on 1000616 as to which this was of a number of applications on Nethermoor Road. The rest of the applications were noted.

The following planning decisions were reported:

|        |    |                                     |                                       |
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| 100191 | CA | Belfit House Farm, Birkin Lane      | Erection of Detached Dwelling         |
| 100335 | CA | 24 Swathwick Lane                   | Two Storey Front Ext and Changes      |
| 100371 | CA | 59 New Road                         | Raising of Ridge for Rooms in Roof Sp |
| 100383 | CA | The Old Stables, Birdholme Fm, D Rd | Erection of Satellite Dish            |
| 100397 | CA | 9 Central Drive                     | Front and Side Extensions             |
| 100420 | CA | Hill View, Malthouse Lane           | Single Storey Extension to Rear       |
| 100432 | CA | 5 The Stables, Birdholme Farm, D Rd | Erection of Satellite Dish            |
| 100437 | CA | 5 Central Drive                     | Various Extensions                    |
| 100443 | CA | 758 Derby Road                      | Rooms in Roof and Detached Garage     |
| 100449 | CA | 568 Derby Road                      | Single and Two Storey Extensions      |
| 100473 | CA | Land opp Parish Hall on New Road    | Parking of a Horsebox                 |

CA=Conditional Agreement

The planning decisions were noted.

### **148/2010 Accounts**

The Clerk presented details of income received and payments made in June and July 2010. He also presented details of income and expenditure against a phased budget at the end of July and the current position of the Council's reserves. There was a query about the relative low figure for lettings income for the Parish Hall which was largely due to monies yet to be banked.

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

### **149/2010 Finance**

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

Resolved: that the report be received and noted.

### **150/2010 Audit Commission Annual Return 2009/10**

The Clerk summarised and circulated the Annual Return for the Council for 2009/10 which had been signed off by the Audit Commission. There were no matters of opinion from the Audit Commission which constituted a clean bill of health for the Council's financial affairs for the year covered by the audit although the Audit Commission had requested clarification that the Council did not have any trustee funds, which was the case as none such were held.

### **151/2010 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

- Circular 37/2010 – Local Government Pay 2010/2011 and 2011/2012
- Circular 38/2010 – County Training Partnership
- Circular 39/2010 – HMRC Training
- Circular 40.2010 - General
  - Power of Well Being Resolutions
  - Public Works Load Board Report
  - Powers to Cap Parish Councils' Precept Levels
  - The Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003
- Circular 41/2010 – Derbyshire County Council
  - Corporate Property Pack
  - Highways News for Town and Parish Councils
  - Parish Liaison Meeting – 21 October 2010
- Circular 42/2010 – DALC AGM on 4 September 201

Issues relating to the possible inclusion of parish councils in any capping of precept levels was highlighted, although increases in the Parish precept were normally held to the prevailing rate of inflation with the only exception being to cover the transfer of responsibility for grounds maintenance from District Council to Parish Council a few years ago. The circulars were noted.

## **152/2010 Correspondence**

The Clerk reported on correspondence received during the past month:

- Parish
  - Wingerworth S Cricket Club – Request for Discussions about Facilities
  - Parishioner – Concern about Flying Cricket Ball
  - Parishioner – Concern about State of Wall and Car Park at Edinburgh Court
  - Parishioner – Request for Information on Unearthed Pipes on Windsor Drive
- District
  - NEDDC – 52nd Annual Brass Band Festival – 18 September 2010
  - NEDDC – Confirmation of TPO 258 concerning Trees at 9 Central Drive
  - NEDDC – Appointment of Village Games Co-ordinator
  - Links – Latest Newsletter
- County
  - DCC – Reply to Concerns raised at the Council about the BCPL Site, Wingerworth
  - DCC – Highway News for Parish and Town Councils
  - Derbyshire Wildlife Trust – Message from Chief Executive
  - Rural Action Derbyshire – Latest Newsletter
  - Macmillan Cancer Support – World’s Biggest Coffee Morning on 24 September 2010
  - Derbyshire Biodiversity News – Latest Newsletter
- Other
  - Natasha Engle MP – Reply to Concerns raised about the BCPL Site, Wingerworth
  - Royal Bank of Scotland – Change to Santander Bank
  - National Grid – Essential Gas Engineering Work in Locality
  - Vitalise – Letter of Thanks for Donation
  - HM Revenue & Customs – Authorisation of Council’s VAT Claim

It was confirmed that a meeting was being arranged with the cricket club to hear some of their ideas for improving the facilities and accessing funding. The report of the cricket ball landing in a garden was one of very few such incidents this season which hopefully meant that the measures undertaken by the Council to reduce risk had been largely successful. There was information on the unearthed pipes which had been referred to District Council and the date of the District Council’s annual brass band festival was noted.

Replies from County Council and the constituency MP were noted although it was feared that the requested remediation of the CPL site was not going to be undertaken in parallel with the remediation at The Avenue. It was agreed that the Clerk raise the matter with the Environment Agency and HSE.

Members noted that the Royal Bank of Scotland was due to be taken over by Santander but that existing banking arrangements would continue. It was also noted that the HMRC had authorised the Council’s reclaim on VAT paid in 2009/10,

The Clerk alerted Members to the forthcoming major gas engineering work in the locality which was likely to cause serious disruptions at the Parish Hall both with vehicular access and the supply of gas.

The rest of the correspondence was noted.

## **153/2010 Reports from Committees and Representatives**

Cllr Diana Ruff reported on a site meeting that had taken place with officers of the Tennis Club and Parish Council representatives for discussions with a contractor on the state of the three courts and a range of possible improvements that could be made at some point. This meeting was at the same time as the Club was submitting a bid for funding to meet some of the costs of improvements to the courts.

The Chairperson reported on the opening night of the Café WY which had taken place at the Church Centre and which had been very successful with up to 25 young people dropping in at various times during the evening. She commented on the good atmosphere created by the volunteers and the good response from the young people.

## **154/2010 Chairperson’s Business**

The Chairperson reported on the District Council’s Parish Liaison meeting in July where that had been updates on planning and DALC as well as a counter terrorism presentation. She also reported on recent events including the opening of the Wingerworth Well Dressing at the Sheepwash, which was a

well attended event with garland dancers, music and a variety of events throughout the day, and the Council's annual visit to the allotments, which was once again an excellent visit with the plots in good order and good measures in place to protect wildlife habitats.

The Adlington Focus Group had met again when a small group of dedicated residents were working on ways of generating funding for the second stage of the play area and there had been a Neighbourhood Walkabout with Rykneld Homes and the Police when the Neighbourhood Champion, from Rykneld, had once again been very helpful in dealing with the few issues that were of concern.

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson had spent time identifying a range of improvements to the Parish Hall, many of which were either under way or already completed, with the intention of tidying up and brightening up the Committee Room as well as the foyer and main corridor. They were also looking at changes to the Jubilee Garden and would report back in due course.

#### **155/2010 Co-option Procedure and Induction Process**

The item was deferred to the next meeting of the Council by which time the Standing Orders Committee would have met to consider responses to the draft documents and report back to the Council.

#### **156/2010 Transfer of Tench from Island Pond to Wall Pond**

Cllr Vince Causey relayed the explanation from the Clay Cross Angling Association for the removal of tench from the Wall Pond to the Island Pond which had happened prior to the Association assuming stewardship responsibilities for the Wall Pond. The removal had not been approved and should not have happened, and the fish concerned should be returned to the Wall Pond which provided a more suitable home.

Resolved: that the Association be given permission to transfer the tench and other fish as appropriate from the Island Pond to the Wall Pond at a time and in a manner to be determined by the Association under their continuing stewardship role for the Wall Pond.

#### **157/2010 Use of Council Land**

Concern had been expressed about the increasing use of Council land for organised events when, in most cases, the Council had not been contacted for approval. The issue was not so much the use of Council land, but a fear that without prior clearance with the Council there could be conflict between the event and other activities already approved. Such conflict could result with formal football or cricket matches, either by impinging on the games themselves or taking up the limited parking space.

Resolved: that all future use of the Council land for organised events should not be arranged or advertised without the prior agreement of the Council and that even with approval the organisers should take full responsibility for managing the event through effective stewarding and appropriate safety measures and through the provision of appropriate insurance cover.

#### **158/2010 Expenditure**

Following a request for support for the Café WY Project, which had its genesis in the Council, it was agreed to cover the costs of hiring the Church Centre facilities for a six month period based on the Café WY meeting twice a month. The Church Centre had offered the Council a discounted rate for the three hour sessions on a Friday night and had agreed to make the kitchen available free of charge which meant that the nightly charge would be £30.

Long awaited improvements to the Lavender Way had now been agreed with all parties and to pay for the work on this heritage footpath it was agreed that the Council could contribute up to £500 in addition to using some or all of the small annual allocation from the County Council for improvements to public rights of way. This together with a major contribution from the County Council should ensure that there was sufficient funding to complete the work.

The Clerk reported on some extra work to the outside of Parish Hall including new fascia boards, which had been completed while the Nursery was closed for the summer, and anticipated extra work to the Jubilee Garden.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to commit a total of up to £360 to meeting the costs of using the facilities at the Church Centre for the Café WY and up to £500 for work on the Lavender Way.

### **159/2010 Donations**

There had been requests for donations for Chair of North East Derbyshire District Council's Appeal and for the Wingerworth Well Dressing.

Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to make a payment of £50 to the Chair of North East Derbyshire District Council's annual appeal and a payment of £250 to the Wingerworth Well Dressing Committee.

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

### **160/2010 Discussions with New Road Nursery**

A further meeting was due to be held with the proprietors of New Road Nursery to try and finalise arrangements for the forthcoming year.

Resolved: that the arrangements in place for academic year 2009/10 be extended to this new academic year pending any changes to the arrangements subsequently agreed by the Council.

### **161/2010 Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting of the Council was 6 October 2010.

The Chairwoman thanked Members for their attendance before declaring the meeting closed at 8.20pm