

# WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

---

## Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 6 December 2004

- Present** Councillor Brian Long in the chair.  
Councillors Rob Greatorex, Geoff Lester, Kevin Markham, Frank Mason, Don Shimwell, Allan Stone and Judy Williams.
- 
- In attendance** Two members of the public, County Councillor Deborah Read and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
- 
- 140/04 Public open session** One resident thanked the Parish Council for repairing the catch on the Woodhouse Lane play area gate.  
The ivy on the wall on Woodhouse Lane is still outstanding.  
The overhanging growth has now been removed from The Old Bakehouse.  
County Councillor Deborah Read advised that PDNPA is no longer allowing representatives from Parish Councils to attend planning site visits except by invitation. She felt that this reduces the ability of Parish Councils to make informed responses to applications. The County Councillor and Chair will liaise over the implications of this.  
**Resolved** To note the matters raised.
- 
- 141/04 Minutes** **Resolved** That the Minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 11 November and 9 November 2004 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 
- 142/04 Matters arising** **95/04 Gas regulator** This work has been delayed and the Clerk will seek clarification of the new start date.  
**97/04 Woodhouse Lane/Severn Trent** The valuer has advised that any compensation claim be considered once the seeding has taken place in the spring. There is a six year time limit on claims.  
**109/04 Overgrowth on Recreation Ground** Dave Frost has done the tree work and cleared the cattle grid.  
**128/04 Wensley Road** No response has been received from Slacks Coaches. There have been many vehicles mounting the pavement on this area of the road. The Clerk will write to the Public Transport Unit at DCC.  
**132/04 Insurance report on play equipment** The gate catch has been replaced. The seat height needs to be reviewed if more bark chips are placed under the swings. The bark chips from the edge of the area have been moved so there is no need to order any more.  
The stones at Bank Top play area are under the grass growth. They have fallen from the wall and quarry face over time. This is a longstanding problem and work may be required to prevent further stones falling in the future. The wall is owned by Hallows and rented by Asa Cooper.  
**133/04 Transport scheme** Posters have been put up in the village and information placed in the Parish Magazine. Publicity may need to be increased if there is no take-up.

---

**142/04 Matters arising continued**

**134/04 Pond** The hazard warning sign is to be ordered. Larch would be the first choice with ship ply as second choice.

The pond edge, inlet pipe and seats are still outstanding.

Enquiries will be made with the Youth Service to see if they can help with general work in the Parish.

**136/04 Safer Derbyshire Dales** Parish Councillor Kevin Markham attended the meeting. This mainly covered crime and disorder and antisocial orders.

**136/04 Wheeled bins** East Bank and West Bank will stay on bin bags.

**138/04 Recycling area** This has been better over the last few weeks. Monitoring will continue.

**139/04 Village shop** The survey has been completed and a further public meeting arranged.

**Resolved** To note the matters raised.

---

**143/04 Planning applications**

**NPDDD 1104 1159 Extension & alterations at Hill Cottage, West Bank, Winster** Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex expressed a personal interest in this application as the applicant has spoken to him about other matters. The Parish Council has no objections to this application but would like to see the guttering in cast iron or cast iron style to be in keeping with the area. Concern was raised that the plan shows the right of way as being under ownership, which is incorrect.

**62/04 Buckdale Lane** The Clerk will chase this up as the time allowed for improvements has expired.

**NPDDD 0503 282 Winster Moor** The mud on the road is still bad. A photograph will be sent to PDNPA and DCC. This development is spreading very close to the footpath and will be monitored.

**NPDDD 0804 0908 Cow Shed at West Bank** This application has been granted subject to conditions.

**Resolved** To note the applications and decisions received and to write to PDNPA and DCC as outlined above.

---

**144/04 Footpaths, highways and related issues**

**68/03 Cars on the Flat** The letter needed for placing on offending vehicles will be actioned shortly by Parish Councillor Geoff Lester.

**04/04 Bus stop markings** This will be resolved at a meeting in the New Year.

**16/04 Bank Top signage** Some items are still outstanding.

**64/04 Overgrown vegetation** Letters will be sent to properties notified to the Clerk.

**107/04 Richfield** This is still pending.

**131/04 Street light** The street light by the Church is still overgrown. The Clerk will report this again.

**131/04 Fallen leaves** DDDC still need to clear the leaves. The Clerk will contact them again.

**131/04 Salt bins** The Clerk was given authority to arrange for the Parish Council's salt bins to be refilled when required.

---

**144/04  
Footways,  
highways and  
related issues  
continued**

**Bank Top car park** Jason Oldfield will be asked to sweep this.

**Florence Gladwin Close** There is a loose drain cover outside Number 13.

**Horsecroft Lane** There are stones by the squeeze stile which are unsafe and need to be removed. This should be carried out by the landowner but it was felt best to remove the risk before an accident occurred.

**Moorsfold** The holly hedge needs cutting back.

**Resolved** to note the reports and take the action indicated.

**145/04**

**Financial update**

<b>Resolved</b>	To note:	£
<b>Payment</b>	s/o Clerk's salary	112.38
<b>Cheques requiring approval</b>	89 Tax on clerk's salary	31.70
	90 Pam Lamb bus shelter	60.00
	91 Burton Institute copying and room hire for 09.04 (£5 VAT)	33.55
	92 DCC inv 10030652 Bank Top planting (£39.15 VAT)	262.85
	93 Burton Institute Transport survey copying and other (VAT £2.32)	15.60
94 Dryad Trees - Woodhouse Lane (VAT £70)	470.00	
95 Justin Salisbury - rent for bus shelter	0.05	
<b>Balances as at 6.12.04</b>	Current Account	169.02
	Business High Interest Account	7119.65
<b>Including</b>	Earmarked reserves for open spaces	1,650.00
	Earmarked reserves for taxi voucher scheme	1,462.00

Councillors Rob Greatorex and Brian Long liaised with Dave Frost over the tree work on Woodhouse Lane and his price was in line with the Parish Council's previous estimate, but also included clearing the cattle grid.

The cheque to DCC is for the Bank Top planting which took place in January 2004. The invoice has only now been received.

Parish Councillor Allan Stone carried out an internal check on the accounts to 31 October 2004 and these were in order.

The fee paid to The Audit Commission was higher this year as the Parish Council's payments were in excess of £25,000. The fee should be less in the next financial year.

**146/04  
Wages**

**Jason Oldfield - grounds maintenance** The current rate is £5.85 per hour in line with the National Agreement. As this is a sub-contract post it is up to Jason Oldfield to pay tax and National Insurance. This rate will be increased to £6.00.

**Pam Lamb - bus shelter** This retainer is currently £60 and was increased last year. It will be increased to £70 for 2005.

**Clerk** This will rise in line with the National Agreement and be revisited when the Clerk qualifies.

**Resolved** To make the increases mentioned above.

147/04	Parish Councillor Geoff Lester left the meeting during this item.
<b>Precept</b>	<b>Resolved</b> To set a precept of £8,300 for 2005/2006.
148/04	Following a visit by Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex, the School Council has raised concerns about speeding in the village.
<b>School Council</b>	<p>Various requests have been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two zebra crossings in the village - it was not felt that a zebra crossing could be placed near Wyntor Avenue as there is no clear sight line. One close to the shop would have a visual impact and cause parking problems. Perhaps a school crossing patrol near Wyntor Avenue would be an option and should be investigated.</li> <li>• Longer opening hours at the Post Office - this will be passed on to the Postmistress.</li> <li>• More play equipment for older children on Woodhouse Lane - this area has always been intended for younger children, with the older children being catered for at Wensley Road. The cost of including more equipment would be very high and funding would need to be raised.</li> <li>• The pond needs to be cleaned and rubbish removed.</li> <li>• Play equipment on Wyntor Avenue - there is no suitable space available for this.</li> <li>• The mobile library to visit school - this will be fed back to the Library Service.</li> <li>• Cleaner public toilets - this will be fed back to DDDC</li> <li>• Better public transport for the elderly and more buses to Matlock.</li> </ul>
	<b>Resolved</b> To arrange for representatives from the Parish Council to visit the School Council to discuss the matters raised.
149/04	<b>Resolved</b> To continue to hold meetings at 7.30 pm on the first Monday of each month except when this is a Bank Holiday. The meeting dates for 2005 which are not on the first Monday will be 10 January and 9 May .
<b>Meeting dates</b>	
150/04	A leaflet has been received regarding Quality Councils. No further action will be taken on this.
<b>Correspondence</b>	<p>Resident's letter regarding employing a grit/salt operative.</p> <p>Cars are being parked on the Woodhouse Lane area which is meant for Disabled Badgeholders who are visiting the play area only. Notices will be placed on these vehicles asking that they are not parked there regularly.</p>
	<b>Resolved</b> To note the correspondence received since the last meeting.
151/04	The new information boards in the car parks are drying out and need coating with teak oil.
<b>Matters for information</b>	The fans in the Burton Institute need to be kept on all the time to keep humidity at the correct level.
<b>Next meeting</b>	Monday 10 January 2005.