

# WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 5 June 2006

- Present** Parish Councillor Brian Long in the chair.  
Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Kevin Markham, Frank Mason, Allan Stone and Judy Williams.
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- In attendance** Three members of the public, and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
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- Apologies** Parish Councillors Geoff Lester and Don Shimwell, and District Councillor John Moseley.
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- Public open session** A resident enquired whether there is a curfew on the Playing Fields. The lights should be turned off by 10 pm but there is no limit on people using the facilities which are on a public space.  
  
The recent grasscutting on the Common is not to a good standard with some grass left standing and some ground badly churned up. The weather conditions have not been favourable for grasscutting and the cut on this area is meant to be of a lower standard than on other areas. The contractor will be asked to check the height of the cut which should be 4 inches.
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- 376/06 Minutes** **Resolved** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 May 2006 be confirmed as a correct record subject to the removal of the words “to this in principle” under 128/05. The amended minutes were signed by the Chair.
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- 377/06 Clerk’s update on matters in hand and action required**  
**75/04 Birchover Lane** A letter has been received from Brian Lucas, Cabinet Member at DCC confirming that a certain level of minor maintenance will be carried out on this lane.  
**128/05 Wensley Road** DCC has proposed three 4” diameter wooden bollards with white and red reflectors, each placed half way between each drop kerb. The clerk will ask for a detailed plan showing the exact locations.  
**216/05 & 372/06 Cemetery turning area** The stone will be moved as soon as possible at an approved cost of up to £75.  
**254/05 Seeding on Woodhouse Lane** The claim can include compensation for depreciation in the freehold value of the land due to the presence of the pipe, costs of any reinstatement work necessary that Severn Trent's contractors did not do to the Parish Council’s satisfaction, additional costs of ground maintenance work caused by having to deal with reinstated areas and time spent by the Clerk and Parish Councillors in meetings and correspondence with Severn Trent and over the scheme generally. The Clerk was instructed to obtain a report from a Surveyor on any potential depreciation in the freehold value, the cost of the report to be reclaimed from the contractors.  
**269/05 Woodhouse Lane Path** Heavy rain has again washed out the path and the warden has removed matting for safety. Further remedial work is needed.  
**309/05 Weight restrictions** DCC has written to Department of Transport asking about a departure from the standard allowing a 3 tonne limit in Winster due to the special circumstances of East Bank and West Bank. If they agree DCC will contact David Skinner at Police HQ in Ripley asking for his support. DCC has now received several letters from residents about this, probably as a result of an article by a resident in the Village Magazine.

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**377/06  
Clerk's update  
on matters in  
hand and action  
required  
continued**

**330/06 Wall on Woodhouse Lane** The letter from DDDC confirming that the wall is not considered to be structurally unsafe has been received. In the interests of public safety the Chair had authorised the Clerk/Warden to purchase some chestnut paling and the Warden has been asked to erect this around the area. This action was approved by Council. The insurance company has been advised of the action taken but will not come and inspect the site. A Land Registry search will be carried out to ascertain the owner of the wall.

**330/06 Wall on West Bank** The Clerk will obtain quotes from wallers on PDNPA's list of walling contractors.

**369/06 Grit bin on East Bank** The resident has been informed that this will be moved as soon as possible and replaced in the autumn.

**375/06 Rubbish outside shop** This was dumped on Wyntor Avenue. It has been removed by DDDC after being reported by residents as fly tipping.

The following items are still pending or being monitored.

**16/04 Dog fouling**

**321/06 Cemetery expansion**

**62/04 Buckdale/Lower Westhills**

**333/06 Yew trees in churchyard**

**216/05 Cemetery turning area**

**334/06 Land Registration**

**229/05 Main Street bus shelter light**

**342/06 Rights of Way survey**

**241/05 Footpath at bottom of  
Woodhouse Lane**

**345/06 Handrail in Churchyard**

**244/05 Rubbish on Common outside  
Wesson Cottage**

**352/06 Football on Leacroft Road**

**269/05 Woodhouse Lane Path**

**355/06 Mosey Mere**

**270/05 Noticeboard**

**356/06 Affordable Housing/  
Housing needs**

**309/05 Verges on Leacroft Road**

**357/06 Headstone survey**

**311/05 Westhills/allotment gate**

**368/06 Surface on East Bank/The  
Flat**

**312/05 Warning signs for Warden**

**370/06 Burma Road**

**319/06 Pedestrian Safety - Elton Rd**

**NPDDD 0405 0406 Chesterfield Hse**

**Resolved** To note the matters in the report and to take the action outlined.

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**378/06 Donation  
for Church clock**

**Resolved** To make a donation of £50 towards the upkeep of the clock.

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**379/06  
Matters arising  
from Annual  
Parish meeting**

**PM3/05 Noticeboard** The new noticeboard is nearly complete. There will be costs associated with installation.

**PM7/06 Antisocial behaviour/vandalism/fly tipping** The Police have increased the number of patrols in the area which has helped. Some of the alleged offences are criminal acts rather than antisocial behaviour and the Police are dealing with them. There was a theft on West Bank over the weekend.

**PM8/06 Streetlights** The Parish Council will continue to carry out an audit and seek a full consultation before any more streetlights are installed. Enquiries will be made about timers for the existing streetlights.

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**379/06**  
**Matters arising**  
**from Annual**  
**Parish meeting**  
**continued**

**PM9/06 Bonfires** It was felt that the matter raised related to common sense and consideration for neighbours. Many properties have log burners or open fires which were similar in effect to bonfires. The Clerk will put a report in the Village Mag to the effect that this was raised at the Annual Parish Meeting and having liaised with DDDC they recommend the guidelines prepared by the National Society for Clean Air.

**PM10/06 Bus service** The surveys on public transport relate to bus services and the wealth of the communities they serve. This may mean that Winster loses out on grants in the locality due to the make-up of the village. This will be monitored and action taken as appropriate.

**PM11/06 Litter pick** Litter in Winster is not felt to be as bad as in previous years. A litter pick will be considered for the autumn and in the meantime insurance implications will be investigated.

**PM11/06 Dog bin by The Bowling Green** This was agreed a few years ago but has not been installed. DDDC will be approached about a suitable site and a normal size bin will be installed as soon as possible.

The draft minutes which were circulated to all Parish Councillors will be put on the website.

**Resolved** To note the matters raised at the Annual Parish Meeting and take the action outlined above.

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**380/06**  
**Taxi voucher**  
**scheme**

This will end on 30 June 2006 when a report will be sent to the Countryside Agency. All taxi companies involved have been thanked for their involvement and asked to send their final invoices for payment. All posters will be removed and a notice placed in the Village Magazine advising that the scheme will be closed from 30 June 2006.

**Resolved** To take the steps outlined above to close the scheme and to refund the balance of funding to the Countryside Agency once all invoices have been paid. This is likely to amount to £1,100 to £1,200.

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**381/06**  
**Japanese**  
**knotweed**

Japanese knotweed is present in a few sites in Winster, both Parish Council and private land. The main area on the Common is being kept under control by regular strimming/mowing. There is a new area between Woodhouse Lane and the pond. As mowing is less frequent in this area an alternative is to spray. DCC has quoted £60 for two sprays. Japanese knotweed is invasive and it will take 2 to 3 years of spraying to get it under control. DCC has a database of all known sites in Winster.

**Resolved** To approve the DCC quote for £60 for two sprays and monitor the situation thereafter.

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**382/06**  
**Planning**

Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex declared a prejudicial interest in the school's planning application (being a governor sitting on the buildings committee (and left the room. The Clerk also declared a personal interest, being school clerk.

**NPDDD 0506 0441 Alterations at Winster Primary School, Wensley Road, Winster** This application was approved by the Council.

**NPDDD 0206 0167 Conversion of toilet at The Old Brew House, Main Street, Winster** This application has been granted.

**NPDDD 0206 0181 Extension at Ashlea, Woodhouse Lane** This application has been granted.

382/06 Planning continued

**NPDDD 0306 0189 Alterations at Heathcote House, Main Street** This application has been granted

**NPDDD 0306 0201 Extension and alterations at Winster Village Shop** The listed building consent has been granted. The planning application has been granted subject to a Section 106 Agreement on the second flat.

**62/04 Buckdale/Lower Westhills** The officer concerned will be chased about the visit.

The PPPF liaison meeting with National Park Officers is on 14 June 2006.

**Resolved** To write the letters as outlined above and note the matters raised.

383/06  
Footpaths,  
highways and  
related issues

**04/04 Bus stops** There is still concern that the buses are not pulling into the bus bays. The Clerk will arrange a site visit with a representative from Hulleys, and Bill Lear and Simon Tranter of DCC. Hulleys will be asked to bring a bus so that the size of the bus bays can be tested.

**75/04 Birchover Lane** The Parish Council does not feel that this lane is receiving the basic maintenance DCC claims. There are other similar unclassified highways in Derbyshire which are in better condition. The Clerk will write to Brian Lucas stating that this highway is not getting the level of maintenance he indicated in his letter, that there are safety concerns and that the Parish council needs assurances of when the work will be carried out.

**295/05 Grasscutting** The standard and frequency of grasscutting on Leacroft Green is unsatisfactory. The Parish Council is paying for two additional cuts to achieve a higher standard than previously and so far the standard is no better. The frequency of the cuts should be about every 26 days, although these could be more frequent at the beginning of the season with a gap after Secret Gardens when growth is less vigorous. The Clerk was asked to contact DDDC and express the Council's dissatisfaction with the timing and standard of the cuts and advise that this will be monitored closely, and that payment for the extra cuts may be withheld. The Warden could also monitor the grasscutting in all areas and liaise with the Clerk.

**Gennels** The standard of cleansing of the gennels and Woodhouse Lane is poor. There are weeds and the areas are untidy. This Clerk will be take this up with DDDC.

**Resolved** To note the reports and write the letters outlined above.

384/06  
Financial update

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| <b>Resolved</b>           | To note:  | £         |
| <b>Income</b>             | s/o Clerk's salary  |           |
| <b>Payments</b>           | s/o Warden's salary   |           |
| <b>requiring approval</b> | 187 Post Office Ltd re tax on clerk's (£34.32) and warden's salaries (£34.10) | 68.42     |
|                           | 189 Winster PCC for clock maintenance   | 50.00     |
| <b>Balances at 5.6.06</b> | Current account   | 4,562.24  |
|                           | Savings account   | 13,075.00 |
| <b>Including</b>          | Earmarked reserves for open spaces  | 1,650.00  |
|                           | Earmarked reserves for taxi voucher scheme                                    | 1,295.68  |

The Warden's salary is reduced to take account of the underpayment of tax during the financial year 2005/2006 as previously notified.

The high balance in the current account is due to in excess of £3,800 in uncleared cheques.

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| <b>385/06</b>                         | PPPF  | Liaison meeting on 14 June 2006    |
| <b>Correspondence</b>                 | PPPF  | News                               |
|                                       | Environment Agency  | Focus newsletter                   |
|                                       | DALC  | Circular 19/2006                   |
|                                       | PDNPA   | Statement of Community Involvement |
|                                       | Parish Councillor Brian Long will attend the Police Force Merger meeting on 10 June 2006.   |                                    |
|                                       | Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex and Brian Long will attend the PPPF meeting on 14 June 2006 as committee members.  |                                    |
|                                       | The Clerk will attend training on 29 June 2006 and will claim the fee through her expenses.   |                                    |
|                                       | The report from the Ombudsman on headstone safety is being circulated. The Open Spaces Committee needs to meet before the next meeting.                                       |                                    |
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| <b>Public open session</b>            | No matters were raised.   |                                    |
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| <b>386/06 Matters for information</b> | The lift at the Burton Institute is out of order again which restricts access to less mobile users. This will be brought to the Management Committee as a matter of priority. |                                    |
|                                       | The Carnival Committee has been granted road closures for Main Street on 25 June and 1 July 2006.   |                                    |
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| <b>Next meeting</b>                   | Monday 3 July 2006.   |                                    |
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