

# WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 3 July 2006

<b>Present</b>	Parish Councillor Brian Long in the chair. Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Geoff Lester, Kevin Markham, Frank Mason, Don Shimwell, Allan Stone and Judy Williams.
<b>In attendance</b>	Two members of the public, and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
<b>Public open session</b>	A resident commented that she was not sure that the proposed posts/bollards on Wensley Road near the school would help the traffic problems in that area.
<b>Apologies</b>	None received
<b>389/06 Minutes</b>	<b>Resolved</b> That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 June 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.
<b>390/06 Clerk's update on matters in hand and action required</b>	<p>The Clerk reported that she had had a very frustrating month with little to show for the many telephone calls and letters issued. A large number of hours had been spent on issues relating to grasscutting and street cleansing in the village.</p> <p><b>04/04 Bus stops</b> The proposed site visit with a representative from Hulleys, and Bill Lear and Simon Tranter of DCC has yet to be arranged due to holiday commitments. It is anticipated that this will occur before the next meeting.</p> <p><b>62/04 Buckdale/Lower Westhills</b> The officer at PDNPA has not visited the site yet, stating that other work commitments have taken precedence. This has been outstanding for many months. The Chair has also liaised with Wendy Ruddick, the liaison officer at PDNPA. The Parish Councillors expressed their bitter disappointment that the officer has not even spent half an hour having a quick look at the site so that she can prepare a report later. No action has been taken by PDNPA since John Davis attended the Parish Council meeting in September 2005 and PDNPA prepared its top ten priority list of enforcements in the spring of 2006. The Chair will again contact Wendy Ruddick and advise her that unless a full report is received in time for the next Parish Council meeting the matter will be referred to Jim Dixon, Chief Executive of PDNPA. Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex will take the matter up through the Members' Forum.</p> <p><b>128/05 Wensley Road</b> This is on the agenda.</p> <p><b>216/05 &amp; 372/06 Cemetery turning area</b> The stone has been sited in the wrong place. The contractor will be asked to move it to the required position.</p> <p><b>241/05 Footpath at bottom of Woodhouse Lane</b> The Clerk has asked for a quote for this work as DCC says that overgrowth/shrubs encroaching on the footpaths is not in the specification. The Clerk has reminded DCC that this problem was advised over two years ago and the overgrowth has got worse over this time. The Clerk will check the specification for the grounds maintenance and liaise with DCC accordingly.</p> <p><b>254/05 Seeding on Woodhouse Lane</b> The Clerk met with Nigel Young from Bagshaws on site. He will prepare a report which can be sent to Copelands to support a claim for compensation. The amount which can be reclaimed is unlikely to be high. His fees will be included in any compensation.</p> <p><b>309/05 Verges on Leacroft Road</b> DCC has reported that the parking on this area has stopped and no action will be taken. This needs to be monitored.</p>

**390/06  
Clerk's update  
on matters in  
hand and action  
required  
continued**

- 321/06 Cemetery expansion** This work is scheduled for September 2006.
- 330/06 Wall on Woodhouse Lane** The chestnut paling has been erected around the area. The Land Registry search has not been carried out yet.
- 330/06 Wall on West Bank** The Clerk will obtain quotes from wallers on PDNPA's list of walling contractors.
- 345/06 Handrail in Churchyard** An account will be set up at Twiggs and the material ordered so that it can be installed as soon as possible.
- 352/06 Football on Leacroft Road** Dales Housing will not get involved in this as the area concerned is not their land. It is generally Dales Housing tenants or their children who are causing the problems. It is not just playing football, but deliberately kicking the ball against parked cars, and people retrieving their football from people's gardens at all hours of the day and night. A co-ordinated approach to this is required with residents complaining to the Police and Dales Housing. Residents have been asked to keep a log for Neighbourhood Watch.
- 356/06 Affordable Housing/ Housing needs** Rob Coggins at DDDC suggests waiting until September for the survey. This will allow him to complete larger surveys now in progress and also leave more time between the recent district survey and the Winster one. The Parish Council may be asked to deliver and collect the surveys to ensure a good response.
- 368/06 Surface on East Bank/The Flat** DCC has confirmed that remedial work will be undertaken. Some potholes have been filled, but this work is not considered complete or in any adequate. The Clerk will seek clarification on this.
- 369/06 Grit bin on East Bank** This has been removed for the summer.
- 370/06 Burma Road** The Parish Council has been offered some tarmac scalping at no cost. The Council will need to pay for transport and spreading. This will be dealt with at a future agenda when more information is available.

The following items are still pending or being monitored.

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| <b>16/04 Dog fouling</b>                    | <b>312/05 Warning signs for Warden</b>     |
| <b>75/04 Birchover Lane</b>                 | <b>319/06 Pedestrian Safety - Elton Rd</b> |
| <b>229/05 Main Street bus shelter light</b> | <b>333/06 Yew trees in churchyard</b>      |
| <b>244/05 Rubbish at Wesson Cott</b>        | <b>334/06 Land Registration</b>            |
| <b>269/05 Woodhouse Lane Path</b>           | <b>342/06 Rights of Way survey</b>         |
| <b>270/05 Noticeboard</b>                   | <b>355/06 Mosey Mere</b>                   |
| <b>309/05 Weight restrictions</b>           | <b>357/06 Headstone survey</b>             |
| <b>311/05 Westhills/allotment gate</b>      | <b>NPDDD 0405 0406 Chesterfield Hse</b>    |

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

**391/06  
Planning**

**NPDDD 0606 0533 Roof works at Marmalade Cottage, East Bank, Winster**  
This application was approved by the Council.

**The Old Manse, East Bank, Winster** Some work is being carried out on the entrance steps and wall. This is a Grade II Listed Building but Listed Buildings Approval has not been obtained. Whilst the work has been carried out to a high standard it is a new structure on this important property in the Conservation Area. It was felt that the Parish Council needs to be consistent with its approach to such matters. All Councillors will look at this and the possibility of any further action will be considered at the next meeting.

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**392/06  
Footpaths,  
highways and  
related issues**

**“Routes for People” weight limits** DCC is issuing new weight restriction orders for the “Routes for People” areas. It is believed that this should not affect Winster but the Clerk will write to DCC to confirm that this will not allow lorries visiting the recycling area or any other heavy vehicles to use East Bank or West Bank.

**Road signs** The 30 MPH signs by the school are overgrown and a sign at Bank Top has been vandalised.

**Footpath 23** This is overgrown.

**Blocked gullies** The gullies at the top of Water Lane are blocked and will be reported by the Clerk.

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

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**393/06 Wensley  
Road bollards**

All Parish Councillors have seen the proposed locations of the bollards. The Parish Council approved the installation of wooden bollards at these locations.

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**394/06  
Street cleansing  
and grasscutting**

**Street cleansing** The streets have now been cleansed to a good standard. Concern was raised that these works are always reactive. The Clerk has spent a lot of time chasing and monitoring the work. It is not felt that Winster is receiving the same level of service under the current arrangements. The December cleanse has been brought forward three weeks which will hopefully cover the leaf fall. The Clerk has now been advised that the schedule is available on DDDC’s website.

**Grasscutting** This was carried out late following many telephone calls from the Clerk to DDDC. DDDC has advised the Clerk that the timing of the cuts has been changed from the original agreement of five normal cuts, one “special cut” and two cuts paid for by the Parish Council spread evenly over the growing season to leave one extra cut in hand. This has not been agreed by the Clerk. The Clerk will write to David Green at DDDC:

1. Asking for confirmation in writing that the basis on which the Parish Council agreed to pay for two extra cuts was for them to be spread evenly throughout the year from March to October
2. Stating that the Parish Council is not happy with the standard and timing of grasscutting undertaken so far this year and that payment for additional cuts may be withheld.

If a satisfactory response is not received the matter will be referred to a more senior officer. DCC will be asked how much funding they would provide to the Parish Council if the Parish Council were to take on and oversee all grasscutting in the future.

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**395/06  
Proposed  
merger of the  
East Midlands  
police forces**

The Chair had attended the recent forum on this topic and outlined his serious reservations on the proposals. The briefing notes for this had been received too late to circulate before the meeting. It is now clear than any mergers will not go through before the summer recess.

The Clerk will send a response opposing the proposal. The Chair will put an article in the Village Magazine with details of the proposals and contacts for residents’ responses.

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**396/06 Noticeboard** This has now been made and due to its weight needs to be fitted on posts in the ground. The new noticeboard will stand out further from the wall than the existing one. It was felt safer to locate this on the present site at the bottom of East Bank. The existing noticeboard will then be refurbished and located at the top of Woodhouse Lane.

**Resolved** To locate as previously discussed the new noticeboard on the present site at the bottom of East Bank. To seek erection quotes and liaise with DCC on pavement disturbance etc as soon as possible.

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<b>397/06 Financial update</b>	<b>Resolved</b> To note:	£
	<b>Payments</b> s/o Clerk's salary	112.60
	<b>requiring</b> s/o Warden's salary	114.08
	<b>approval</b> 190 Post Office Ltd re tax on clerk's (£34.32) and warden's salaries (£34.10)	68.42
	<b>Balances</b> Current account	619.19
	<b>at 3.7.06</b> Savings account	13,074.39
	<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.

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**398/06 Correspondence** Age Partnership Group Information on discrimination in the workplace  
Charter 88 Community decline etc  
DALC Circular 20/2006  
E Midlands Regional Assembly Review of East midlands Regional plan  
Patrick McLoughlin The End of a Derbyshire Police Force?  
PDNPA Statement of Community Involvement  
Policing Matters Annual Report  
Simon Tranter Further communications re weight limits

The Clerk has received a letter from David Bentley at The Bowling Green Inn about young people using the public toilets building during the night. He has offered to lock the toilets every night and open them again in the mornings. His letter will be passed to DDDC which is responsible for the toilets and to the Police. Mr Bentley will be advised to contact the Police every time there is an incident so that it can be recorded to support his claim. Another resident had also offered to lock the toilets at night but has since withdrawn this offer due to fear of recrimination.

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**Public open session** No matters were raised.

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**399/06 Matters for information** The grass in the Cemetery is due a cut which is probably overdue due to the Warden being unable to get in because of two funerals and then tidying up in the village for Carnival and Secret Gardens.

The sandstone in the Market House is friable and needs conservation work. The National Trust will be informed.

The Carnival week was very successful.

Antisocial behaviour is continuing to be of concern. One resident reported an incident to the Police and has been subjected to harassment from young people.

The open spaces committee needs to meet as soon as possible.

Susan Welch received an MVO in the recent Queen's Honours List.

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**Next meeting** Monday 7 August 2006.