

WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 7 August 2006

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| Present | Parish Councillor Brian Long in the chair. Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Geoff Lester, Kevin Markham, Don Shimwell, Allan Stone and Judy Williams. |
| In attendance | Two members of the public, and Veronica Kemble, Clerk. |
| Public open session | Nothing was raised. |
| Apologies | Parish Councillor Frank Mason |
| 400/06 Minutes | Resolved That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 3 July 2006 be confirmed as a correct record, subject to MVO in 399/06 being changed to MRVO. The minutes as amended were signed by the Chair. |
| 401/06 Clerk's update on matters in hand and action required | 04/04 Bus stops A meeting took place between Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex, the Clerk, Bill Lear of DCC and Richard from Hulleys buses regarding various issues discussed at previous meetings. DCC had to look into the possibility of a bus boarder before it could be brought to the Parish Council. This is now not an option. Once all information is collated, this will be placed on a future agenda. 62/04 Buckdale/Lower Westhills The Chair has spoken with Bob Bryan, Head of Development Control at PDNPA concerning the lack of progress in this matter. Mr Bryan apologised for the length of time this has taken. The next step is to make a forced entry to site as the owner has not co-operated and there are dogs loose on the site at all times. This process will take about three weeks to set up and Mr Bryan assured the Chair that it will be completed and a report produced by the September Parish Council meeting. He also asked the Parish Council to supply information about changes to the site over the last few years. The Parish Councillors have no photographic or other information as they have not had access to the site for many years, although it is believed someone may be living on site. 128/05 Wensley Road The bollards should be installed soon. 216/05 & 372/06 Cemetery turning area The stone has still to be moved. DDDC has been asked to confirm whether their vehicles use this area as a turning point. 241/05 Footpath at bottom of Woodhouse Lane After providing a quote for this work, DCC has agreed to carry out this work at no cost as the area should have been kept clear under the schedule. It is likely that DCC will increase the price next year above the normal percentage rise. 254/05 Seeding on Woodhouse Lane The Clerk now has the plans and will seek the report from Bagshaws. 269/05 Woodhouse Lane Path This was again washed out during recent heavy rain. The Clerk asked the Warden to cut back the exposed liner and reduce the trip hazard caused by washed out stone. DCC is considering ways of improving and stabilising this path. The Warden may also have found a collapsed drain under the path which needs to be investigated. 321/06 Cemetery expansion This is dealt with later in these minutes. |

**401/06
Clerk's update
on matters in
hand and action
required
continued**

330/06 Wall on Woodhouse Lane Ownership of the wall has been confirmed as The Old Coach House. Another letter will be sent to the residents and personally handed over if possible.

345/06 Handrail in Churchyard This is still outstanding.

352/06 Football on Leacroft Road The Clerk will write to the resident concerned advising that Dales Housing will not take any action on this matter.

368/06 Surface on East Bank/The Flat The Clerk has left messages at DCC about this and will clarification on what further work is planned.

391/06 The Old Manse, East Bank The Clerk has sought clarification from PDNPA as to whether the works required Listed Building Consent or other planning approval. There is a note on PDNPA's file that previous work has been carried out sympathetically, but further investigations are being made.

392/06 "Routes for People" weight limit DCC has confirmed that this will not affect the outstanding enquiries relating to weight limits on East Bank and West Bank. It is intended that the Bank Top recycling facility will be excluded from the restriction to prevent goods vehicles gaining access to the site via West Bank. This is subject to approval at a future meeting of the Cabinet Member.

The following items are still pending or being monitored.

16/04 Dog fouling

75/04 Birchover Lane

229/05 Main Street bus shelter light

244/05 Rubbish at Wesson Cott

309/05 Verges on Leacroft Road

309/05 Weight restrictions

311/05 Westhills/allotment gate

312/05 Warning signs for Warden

319/06 Pedestrian Safety - Elton Rd

321/06 Cemetery expansion

330/06 Wall on West Bank

333/06 Yew trees in churchyard

334/06 Land Registration

342/06 Rights of Way survey

355/06 Mosey Mere

356/06 Affordable Housing

357/06 Headstone survey

369/06 Grit bin on East Bank

370/06 Burma Road

NPDDD 0405 0406 Chesterfield Hse

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

**402/06
Planning**

Rock View Cottage & "The Tardis", Bank Top It was reported that some residents have expressed concern that the standard, quality and visual effect of the stone work on the walls abutting the footpath which passes between the two sites is not consistent with other stone work in the area and is visually detrimental to the area. The Clerk will ascertain whether this stone work meets the PDNPA's requirements and whether a sample was inspected before the work was undertaken as is often the case. The Clerk will also ascertain whether the original plans were altered before planning permission was granted, as it is believed that some of the work being undertaken on one or both sites is not in accordance with the plans which were seen by the Parish Council.

Rockside, Bank Top The wall alongside the footpath opposite Pinfold Cottage has been demolished to give access for the builders to the rear of Rockside. This footpath is very narrow, which is in keeping with the area and there was a small bank at the bottom of the wall. The Clerk will seek confirmation that it is a requirement of the planning permission that this be reinstated in its original form and position when the building work is complete.

402/06
Planning
continued

NPDDD 0905 0908 Alterations to porch & loft conversion at Highfield, Wensley Road, Winster This appeal has been refused. The notice will be circulated when received.

11 Leacroft Road, Winster Concern was raised about the large tree in the garden of this property which has been damaged by bonfires. The Clerk will write to Dave Goodwin seeking a Tree Preservation Order on this tree which pre-dates the housing estate. Dales Housing will also be advised of this as owners of the land.

The Old Forge, Main Street, Winster Roofing work is being carried out on this Grade II Listed Building. The Clerk will ascertain from PDNPA as a matter of urgency whether this requires Listed Building Consent, which has not been applied for. The scaffolding is obstructing the footway and this needs to be raised with the owners and DCC highways department.

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

403/06
Footpaths,
highways and
related issues

Refuse lorry A resident on East Bank is concerned that the refuse lorry is too big to use East Bank and is dangerous. The resident has contacted the contractors, Cleanaway, about this who have in turn contacted DDDC and suggested that the Parish Council also be notified. The Clerk will write to DDDC expressing concerns about the suitability of a six wheeled vehicle on East Bank and Woolley's Yard and ask what alternative arrangements can be made. The Parish Council must be made aware of all alternatives before any action or decision is taken. This is to ensure that the Saturday collection on East Bank is not jeopardised.

Wall at Bank Top car park This has been damaged. The Clerk will obtain a quote for its repair. Due to the amount of damage it is likely that it was hit by a lorry.

Trees on The Griffin At least one tree has died and fallen down. The Warden will be asked to deal with this.

128/05 Wensley Road The existing wooden posts alongside the boundary wall at Redthorne are overgrown. This will be reported to Highways Department.

Overhanging vegetation There is vegetation alongside The Dower House which is overhanging the road. The resident will be asked to cut these back and also the tree surrounding the street light near the Church.

Gurdall Farm Heavy lorries are missing the turning into Gurdall Farm and coming into Winster to turn around. Gurdall Farm will be asked to put a sign up to prevent this.

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

404/06
Responses to
consultations

Resolved To respond to the consultations as follows:

Local Authority Byelaws (ODPM) Winster Parish Council generally endorses the matters raised in the Discussion Paper. They are however concerned about the practicalities of one or two of the matters raised and the cost implications.

Help Shape the Future (PDNPA) The Parish Council is responding to the document overall and pulling out just some of the items which make a point.

This document seems to keep the Peak Park itself in something of a time warp. It keeps older (not elderly), more settled people happy with little change but does very little to help the younger population. It is a strategy for the elderly and does little for the smaller cross sections of the population in truly addressing their needs.

The Peak Park has an abundance of natural features, which are underdeveloped. Areas such as quarries, one of which could be glass topped over and utilised for climbing, bungee jumping, or skiing type sports. This would attract jobs for the young, not spoil the nature of the park, and enhance tourism on rainy days or winter months. We still offer very traditional activities and have no real up to the minute leisure facilities. It is felt that we have been reading this same plan for years.

This report has no clear strategy on how it is to go forward. It touches the edges, with its many committees. It praises itself and gives itself a pat on the back but lacks any dynamism or daring thinking. It is complacent, we will never achieve anything like The Eden Project here, which is what the area needs. It talks about low paid workers under the national average but does little to attract higher investment into specialist park projects, which could increase the wages.

With parts of industry dying, manufacturing and quarries closing, how are we going to sustain and increase employment? What will replace this work? If that is tourism then we have to compete with other areas with what we offer. If we sustain the character of the building in the Peak Park, then we will need quarrying. What have we done in 2006 to really look at other forms of building materials such as wood? This plan acknowledges these areas but does little to promote thinking outside the box.

This plan is not dynamic enough to compete in the wider world.

Transport - people would like to see a common strategy of 20 mph limits through all villages being pushed forward. 4.40 talks throughout this chapter of traffic impact and cars or car parking. There is nothing in this section that talks about any other form of transport for the future. Why are the bus services (certainly from Winster to Matlock) not tied in with the train services? Nearly every bus which could meet a train misses it by minutes.

5.1 onwards. It is high time that planners incorporated renewable energy strategies for all new building. The Parish Council has looked at many planning applications and cannot remember one in which water conservation, and wind power, solar technology was pushed forward. This way forward has to be led from the top, planners should insist on it as part of the planning process. And all alterations and new properties should in this age incorporate this type of technology. Buildings such as doctors surgeries, Burton Institute (village hall) etc should all be energy independent. Parishes should be able to utilise their own schemes to provide energy for their village. In this area wind powers, solar cells, hydro schemes and bio mass should all be available and supported by the Peak Park rather than being frowned on.

The Peak Park should address such issues as to consider what will happen if gas and electricity prices reach record highs and people turn to burning other fuels en mass?

6.14 Legislation should be addressed to fully control the use of mineral exact action.

Overall this report has a complacent and resigned attitude to mineral extraction.

**405/06
Cemetery**

The work on the Cemetery is scheduled for mid-September 2006. In advance of this work it was **Resolved** that:

- The Warden will be asked to cut the vegetation back to the fence adjoining Ashmore Pingle
- The licensees of Ashmore Pingle will be advised of the date
- The owner of the broken bench will be asked to remove and repair it as soon as practical
- The benches on the right hand side of the path will be removed during the work and will be placed within the Cemetery after completion.
- An article will be placed in the Village Magazine advising of the work and that the Parish Council will remove the benches from site and relocate them when the work is complete
- The Undertakers will be advised that no more topsoil may be left on site

**406/06
Grasscutting**

Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Brian Long and the Clerk had a site meeting with Robin Walsh of DDDC as Dave Green is on holiday.

Various issues were raised which Mr Walsh will investigate, including:

- why the cutting schedule is not worked around the “special” carnival cut date
- why the Clerk was not notified of the scheduled dates despite several requests
- why the Parish Council was not informed of the sixth standard cut which is now supplied
- why the cuts this year have not been spread evenly as requested
- there are areas in the village which are on the contract but which are not being cut. This also applies to areas of general cleansing
- how much money would be available to the Parish Council if the Parish Council was to take on the grasscutting instead of DDDC

It was noted that the Clerk has spent a lot of time on this matter this season.

**407/06
Noticeboard**

DCC has provided a quote of £380 for installing two metal posts for the noticeboard. Parish Councillor Geoff Lester agreed to carry out the refurbishment of the old noticeboard in due course.

Resolved To accept DCC’s quote and to place an article in the Village Magazine advising of the proposed change and alternative arrangements which will be made if there is a gap between the old noticeboard being removed and the new one installed.

**408/06
Financial update**

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| Resolved | To note: | |
| Payments | s/o Clerk’s salary | 112.60 |
| requiring | s/o Warden’s salary | 114.08 |
| approval | 190 EMDA - taxi voucher refund of balance | 1,098.00 |
| | 191 Post Office Ltd re tax - clerk’s (£34.32) and warden’s salaries (£34.10) | 68.42 |
| | 192 Carolyn Ludlam re TVS administration | 20.00 |
| | 193 Club Private Hire (TVS) (VAT £1.56) | 11.16 |
| | 194 DDDC re dog bin by Bowling Green (VAT £19.25) | 19.25 |
| | 195 R Comley Petrol | 18.06 |
| | 196 Cheque cancelled | |
| | 197 Burton Institute room hire 4/06 - 6/06 (VAT £11.10) | 74.50 |

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| 408/06 Financial update continued | Balances at 7.8.06 | Current account | 1,224.51 |
| | | Savings account | 12,574.39 |
| | Including | Earmarked reserves for open spaces | 1,650.00 |

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

Parish Councillor Allan Stone will undertake the first quarterly audit of the Parish Council books.

The Taxi Voucher Scheme covered the time cost element of Parish Councillors and the Clerk.

The annual audit process for 2005/2006 is underway. The internal audit has been carried out by Claire Purslow and the external audit is due in October.

The Clerk will provide the total amount of the Warden's pay for the last financial year.

409/06 Correspondence

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| Clerks & Councils Direct | Issue 46 - July 2006 |
| DALC | Circular 21/2006 |
| DALC | Circular 22/2006 |
| DALC | Circular 24/2006 |
| DALC | Circular 25/2006 |
| DALC | Circular 26/2006 |
| DALC | Circular 27/2006 |
| DCC | Further responses to weight limits on East and West Banks |

DDDC Corporate Plan 2006/7

Derbyshire Development Waste Site consultation

Plans Joint Advisory Cttee

PDNPA 2006 Parishes' Day

PDNPA Help Shape the Future

PDNPA Letter from Planning Liaison Officer

PDNPA Statement of Community Involvement - Inspectors' Hearing

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Parish Councillor Judy Williams and the Clerk will attend the Parishes' Day. Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex will also attend in his role as Chair of the Parishes' Forum.

Chris Williams has offered to take on the Rights of Way condition survey.

Parish Councillors will liaise with the Clerk over their comments on the Waste Site consultation.

The Church Wardens are considering a petition to try to prevent the sale of The Vicarage.

Public open session

Parking on West Bank continues to be a problem and the comment was made that the refuse lorry probably struggles to negotiate this road too.

410/06 Matters for information

Antisocial behaviour, including the harassment of one particular resident, is still occurring. The Police are aware of the situation.

Next meeting

Monday 4 September 2006.
