

# WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 2 October 2006

<b>Present</b>	Parish Councillor Brian Long in the chair. Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Geoff Lester, Frank Mason, Allan Stone and Judy Williams.
<b>In attendance</b>	Five members of the public, District Councillor John Mosley and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
<b>Public open session</b>	<p>A resident spoke about the cutting down of trees in the Cemetery during the recent works. His comments and the letter from his daughter will be dealt with at the next meeting.</p> <p>The owner of Rock View Cottage spoke in support of his request concerning a water pipe over the Common.</p> <p>District Councillor John Mosley spoke about the proposed delegation of planning applications to officer level and the effect this would have in reducing the powers of parish councils at consultees.</p>
<b>Apologies</b>	Parish Councillor Don Shimwell
<b>420/06 Minutes</b>	<b>Resolved</b> That the Minutes of the meeting of WPC held on 4 September 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.
<b>421/06 Clerk's update on matters in hand and action required</b>	<p><b>62/04 Buckdale/Lower Westhills</b> There has been no further communication with PDNPA following the proposed site visit. The Clerk will chase this again.</p> <p><b>241/05 Footpath at bottom of Woodhouse Lane</b> This work is still outstanding, although the grasscutting has now been done. DCC will again be reminded about the overgrowth.</p> <p><b>330/06 Wall on Woodhouse Lane</b> This is still outstanding and the Clerk will try to speak with the residents. Council further requested the Clerk to prioritise this issue.</p> <p><b>368/06 Surface on East Bank/The Flat</b> DCC confirmed that patching will be undertaken over the next three months prior to surface dressing next year. DCC has spoken to some residents and confirmed that the state of the surface is unsatisfactory.</p> <p><b>369/06 Grit bin on East Bank</b> Some letters have been received from residents asking that the bin should not be replaced. As they were too late to deal with at this meeting the Clerk will acknowledge them and this will be placed on a future agenda.</p> <p><b>372/06 Cemetery turning area and work in Cemetery</b> The stone has been moved by the contractors. The work to level the Cemetery has been completed and the seeding is taking well.</p> <p><b>403/06 Refuse lorry</b> A response has been received and will be circulated before the next meeting.</p> <p><b>407/06 Noticeboard</b> Councillor Lester is to liaise with DCC to be on site when this work is actioned. The Clerk will chase the contractor again. Details of funding for noticeboards were in the last DALC circular. WPC may be able to obtain some funding for the refurbishment of the old noticeboard.</p>

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**421/06  
Clerk's update  
on matters in  
hand and action  
required  
continued**

**416/06 Grasscutting** A response has been received from DCC asking for details of WPC's complaints about the grasscutting carried out by DDDC.

The vice chair queried whether prices had been obtained for salt.

Council was also concerned with the PDNPA Officer's response regarding the tree on Leacroft Road.

The following items are still pending or being monitored.

**16/04 Dog fouling**

**334/06 Land Registration**

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

**342/06 Rights of Way survey**

**254/05 Seeding on Woodhouse Lane**

**345/06 Handrail in Churchyard**

**309/05 Weight restrictions**

**355/06 Mosey Mere**

**311/05 Westhills/allotment gate**

**370/06 Burma Road**

**312/05 Warning signs for Warden**

**379/06 Litter pick**

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

**402/06 The Old Forge, Main Street**

**330/06 Wall on West Bank**

**402/06 Tree at 11 Leacroft Road**

**333/06 Yew trees in churchyard**

**NPDDD 0405 0406 Chesterfield Hse**

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

**422/06  
Planning**

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**NPDDD 1204 1317 Revisions to application for amended reduced level restoration at Tearsall Quarry** The Clerk will write to PDNPA as follows:

The Parish Council is disappointed to receive another request under this planning application. Reference was made to the Parish Council's letters of 13 January, 7 April and 11 October 2005. The views expressed in these letters are still held as far as they apply to the current application.

In addition, it is clear that this is a further delaying tactic relating to the operations on this site. Restoration should have been completed some time ago.

The implications of the current application involve an additional 35 loads per week for the next 18 months or so, which equates to 70 lorry movements per week along the top of Pikehall Lane in addition to the movements associated with the Glebe Mines works at Bank Top.

It is felt that there is sufficient material on site to complete the works, even if some of it has to be taken from previously restored land.

In the circumstances, the Parish Council refuses this application.

**NPDDD 0806 0784 Erection of detached garage at Clough Lodge, Main Street** Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex declared a prejudicial interest being related to the applicant and left the room. Parish Councillor Brian Long declared a personal interest being a fellow councillor. A comment was raised that there is no information of the materials to be used for the rainwater goods, door etc. WPC approves this application.

**NPDDD 0906 0820 Solar panels at 7 Wyntor Avenue** The Clerk declared a prejudicial interest being the applicant and left the room. WPC approves this application.

**NPDDD 0905 0899 Appeal - Sunny Bank House, Main Street** This was acknowledged but no further comments were made .

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**422/06  
Planning  
continued**

**402/06 Rock View, The Tardis and Rockside, Bank Top** PDNPA has responded to the Clerk's letter. It is understood that a number of other residents have also written to PDNPA concerning these developments.

WPC does not feel that the response is satisfactory. The lack of a condition requiring a sample wall at Rock View and The Tardis was questioned as this is a normal requirement and would have resolved the poor quality of stonework before construction. It is felt that the pointing is not appropriate, needing more limestone to soften it.

**Standing Orders were suspended** so that the resident could confirm that the Tardis wall which abuts the gennel was always meant to be curved and that the corners of Rock View extension were never intended to be square as they do not have quoins. **Standing Orders were reinstated.**

The wall leading from Pinfold Cottage to Rockside still needs to be reinstated. In future where access to a site is likely to be via a gennel this needs to be notified to PDNPA and measurements and photographs need to be taken at an early stage to ensure the area is correctly reinstated.

This is a sensitive site being in the Conservation Area and on a busy gennel. Planning permission is required to demolish a wall over 1 metre high in a Conservation Area.

In light of the recent concerns about this matter, PDNPA will be asked if there is a way to improve communications with residents.

Parish Councillor Geoff Lester suggested that a member of the Council should be assigned to each planning application to liaise with residents and keep an eye on the development. This was not approved by Council.

**Glebe Mines** The Clerk has received a telephone call and written communication from Glebe Mines about their work at Bank Top/Pikehall Lane. The extraction phase is now half way through and they wish to liaise with WPC to ensure that there are no concerns over the works following the initial problems with mud on the road.

WPC may have concerns that the current landscaping bunds on the east side of the site are sufficient and properly seeded. Although there have been no problems with lorries using this site, Via Gellia Transport has gone into receivership. It is hoped that any new contractors will not cause any problems.

Glebe Mines also wish to discuss their proposals for fluorspar extraction at Tearsall Farm, starting after the work at Bank Top/Pikehall Lane is complete. They anticipate putting in a planning application early in 2007 and wish to meet with WPC prior to this to discuss this proposal.

**Resolved** To note the reports and write the letters outlined above. The original file relating to the Glebe Mines application will be recirculated for reference.

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**423/06  
Footpaths,  
highways and  
related issues**

**75/04 Birchover Lane** It is believed that some letters have been written to DCC following an article in the Village Magazine. The Clerk will again contact DCC for an update on proposed work on this highway.

**309/05 Weight Limits** The Clerk will again write for a further progress report.

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

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**424/06 Wreath**

**Resolved** To make a donation of £30 to the Royal British Legion for a wreath for Armistice Sunday.

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**425/06 Accounts** **Resolved** To answer “Yes” to all questions in the Statement of Assurance and for the Chair and Clerk to sign the document and forward it to the Audit Commission.

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**426/06 Cemetery headstones** There are a number of ongoing issues relating to the Cemetery. It is proposed to write to all plot owners who can be contacted about headstone safety. In general the plot owner is the next of kin of the deceased. A notice will also be placed in the Village Magazine. All plot holders will be asked to contact a stonemason and arrange for their headstone to be tested at their own expense. This will deal with the safety of headstones and fulfil the Parish Council’s obligations at burial authority. This issue needs to be reviewed on a regular basis.

**Resolved To:**

- draft a letter and send to plot holders
- place an article in the Village Magazine
- ensure there is a mechanism for dealing with queries and procedures where the plot holder cannot be traced.

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**427/06 Water pipe installation on The Common** A request has been received from the owner of The Tardis and Rock View to install a water main across the Common. The Clerk, Chair and Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex have spent a lot of time making enquiries about this, including liaising with DCC’s legal department, DALC and the Open Spaces Society. WPC is custodian of the Common under the 1965 Registration Act.

WPC approves the request in principle subject to obtaining legal advice and documentation, with conditions including:

the resident to pay all legal costs

the resident to reinstate the Common and The Burma Road to their present or a better condition

the stopcock to be on the highway rather than on the Common

public safety to be considered at all stages of the proposed works

future repairs to be reinstated to the satisfaction of WPC

**Resolved** To seek legal advice from Cockertons in Bakewell and progress the matter as swiftly as possible.

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**428/06 Footpath 2 Woodhouse Lane** Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex and Allan Stone have carried out further investigation on the drainage problem at this site. Some 2 years ago Whitehouse Construction carried out drainage and surface work as part of the compensation due following works carried out for Severn Trent Water. The agreement was for an 8” pipe starting below the cattle grid and discharging into the ditch lower down the recreation area. It is now apparent that the pipe at each end is 8”, with a 6” diameter in the middle. It is this narrowing of the pipe which is causing water to blow out the path and this needs to be rectified before the surface is reinstated. The hole has again been backfilled to alleviate safety concerns and this needs to be monitored.

**Resolved** To contact Whitehouse Construction, seek their opinion and a remedy to rectify the problem.

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**429/06**  
**Parish Councils'**  
**day**

Parish Councillor Judy Williams outlined some points raised at the Parish Councils' day, including:

- The results of the survey of clerks which revealed that some clerks' contracts do not include provision for holiday and sick pay and that these parish councils are operating illegally. The Chair indicated that the Clerk has a contract and an updated contract will be brought to council shortly. The warden also has a contract. DALC is disappointed with the results as suggested contracts were sent to all parish councils some time ago.
- PDNPA is trying to make access to its services easier. When planning applications go to committee, the members only receive a summary of the points raised by consultees, including parish councils. The question of how to engage young people in parish councils was raised. The average age of many councils is 60 to 70. It may be appropriate to consider this well in advance of the elections in May 2007.
- PDNPA is considering ways to extend the planning department's brief by sending officers to communicate with communities. Cluster parishes may be set up for a particular issue so that an officer can attend a joint meeting.

**Resolved** To note the matters raised.

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**430/06**  
**Financial update**

<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>	120 Post Office Ltd re tax on clerk's (£34.32) and warden's salaries (£34.10)	68.42
	121 Royal British Legion wreath	30.00
<b>Balances</b>	Current account	215.49
<b>at 2.10.06</b>	Savings account	11,525.64
<b>Including</b>	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.

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**431/06**  
**Correspondence**

DALC	Circular 33/2006
DDDC	Corporate Plan 2006/2007
DDDC	Dignity & Respect for All
EMDA	August newsletter

A comment was raised about the quantity of leaflets from various bodies, often repeating information, and the cost of which is borne by the ratepayer.

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

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**432/06 Matters**  
**for information**

Properties on West Bank can now have wheelie bins.

Some residents on West Bank are to hold a meeting to consider issues about weight limits, parking etc on West Bank.

Parish Councillor Geoff Lester offered to construct a grit bin to be kept in the entrance to Orchard Mine Field and filled at his own expense.

The Warden will be asked to check leaf fall in the culvert behind the pond.

Conkers and leaf debris are falling on the road and will be reported to DDDC.

There is a new officer on the mobile police unit. It is possible that the unit will visit Winster more frequently.

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**Next meeting**

Monday 6 November 2006.

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