

# WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 6 November 2006

<b>Present</b>	Parish Councillor Brian Long in the chair. Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Geoff Lester, Frank Mason, Don Shimwell, Allan Stone and Judy Williams.														
<b>In attendance</b>	Five members of the public and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.														
<b>Public open session</b>	The resident at Hill Cottage, West Bank spoke in support of his application.														
<b>Apologies</b>	No apologies were received														
<b>433/06 Minutes</b>	<b>Resolved</b> That the Minutes of the meeting of WPC held on 2 October 2006 be amended so that item number 372/06 under main item 421/06 reads "The stone has been moved by the DCC contractors". The minutes as amended were signed by the Chair.														
<b>434/06 Clerk's update on matters in hand and action required</b>	<p><b>128/05 Wensley Road bollards</b> The new bollards have now been installed.</p> <p><b>241/05 Footpath at bottom of Woodhouse Lane</b> The Clerk has asked for a site meeting with DCC to deal with this.</p> <p><b>330/06 Wall on Woodhouse Lane</b> The Clerk has spoken with the residents about this. They believe the wall has been undermined when the play area was constructed. The residents will arrange a survey. The Clerk stressed the urgency on this matter which has been outstanding for some time. The Clerk will contact DDDC and ask for a further visit as it is believed the condition of the wall has worsened and this is now a dangerous structure. WPC's insurers will also be kept up to date.</p> <p><b>345/06 Handrail in Churchyard</b> The work is in hand and should be completed by the next meeting.</p> <p><b>356/06 Affordable Housing/Housing Needs</b> The Clerk was asked to liaise with Rob Coggins at DDDC for an update.</p> <p><b>402/06 The Old Forge</b> PDNPA has now responded and the letter will be circulated for the next meeting.</p> <p><b>399/06 Market House</b> The National Trust has inspected the erosion. Remedial work is required. Funding is available for the labour but the cost of the replacement stone is an issue. The National Trust thanked WPC for bringing this to its attention.</p> <p>The following items are still pending or being monitored.</p> <table><tr><td><b>16/04 Dog fouling</b></td><td><b>333/06 Yew trees in churchyard</b></td></tr><tr><td><b>229/05 Main Street bus shelter light</b></td><td><b>342/06 Rights of Way survey</b></td></tr><tr><td><b>254/05 Seeding on Woodhouse Lane</b></td><td><b>345/06 Handrail in Churchyard</b></td></tr><tr><td><b>311/05 Westhills/allotment gate</b></td><td><b>355/06 Mosey Mere</b></td></tr><tr><td><b>312/05 Warning signs for Warden</b></td><td><b>370/06 Burma Road</b></td></tr><tr><td><b>319/06 Pedestrian Safety - Elton Rd</b></td><td><b>379/06 Litter pick</b></td></tr><tr><td><b>330/06 Wall on West Bank</b></td><td><b>NPDDD 0405 0406 Chesterfield Hse</b></td></tr></table> <p><b>Resolved</b> To note the matters in the report and to take the action outlined.</p>	<b>16/04 Dog fouling</b>	<b>333/06 Yew trees in churchyard</b>	<b>229/05 Main Street bus shelter light</b>	<b>342/06 Rights of Way survey</b>	<b>254/05 Seeding on Woodhouse Lane</b>	<b>345/06 Handrail in Churchyard</b>	<b>311/05 Westhills/allotment gate</b>	<b>355/06 Mosey Mere</b>	<b>312/05 Warning signs for Warden</b>	<b>370/06 Burma Road</b>	<b>319/06 Pedestrian Safety - Elton Rd</b>	<b>379/06 Litter pick</b>	<b>330/06 Wall on West Bank</b>	<b>NPDDD 0405 0406 Chesterfield Hse</b>
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**NPDDD 0806 0745 Amendment to Condition 10 at Hill Cottage, West Bank** Parish Councillor Brian Long declared a personal interest as the applicant made comments to him before submitting the application. The Parish Council approves this application but would make a comment to PDNPA about its dislike of retrospective applications.

**NPDDD 0906 0824 & 0828 Renovation of abandoned cottage at rear of The Lodge, Main Street** Parish Councillor Judy Williams declared a personal interest having visited the site before the meeting. WPC is pleased to see a longstanding redundant building being brought back into use and the sympathetic design. However, the Parish Council was unable to make a firm decision on this application due to the lack of:

- sufficient parking provision for the three bedroom cottage and six bedroom main house. There is already a considerable shortage of parking on Main Street, Winster. According to DCC's policy, a three bedroom property should have 2 parking spaces and a 6 bedroom property at least 3 spaces. It is felt that there is sufficient room within the grounds of these two properties to provide several additional spaces
- sufficient information about turning provisions for any vehicles on the site
- information within the application that a condition to ensure that the new dwelling will remain ancillary to the main house, or a S106 affordable/local residency agreement on the new dwelling will be sought

The Parish Council would appreciate more information so that it can make an informed decision on this application.

**NPDDD 0906 0845/6 Creation of garage at The Old Bakehouse, Woodhouse Lane** WPC approves this application with these comments:

- a traditional door may be more appropriate as this would allow the vehicle to be moved off the highway when approaching the garage
- there is concern over the integrity of the existing wall on the north side when excavation takes place
- sufficient provision must be made for the run-off of water as the existing soakaways cannot deal with additional water

**NPDDD 0906 0847 Replacement windows at The Old Bakehouse, Woodhouse Lane** This application has been withdrawn.

**NPDDD 1006 0908 Extension and porch at Stoneleigh, East Bank** This application is approved.

**NPDDD 0806 0740 The Headlands** This application has been granted.

**NPDDD 0806 0742 Sunny Bank House** This application has been granted.

**62/04 Buckdale/Lower Westhills** PDNPA has confirmed that the site meeting took place with the owner of the property. The officer now intends to consider whether any aspects of his use of the land requires planning consent. Before she can do this she needs to carry out a thorough check of PDNPA's records of the site. WPC is disappointed that the records still have not been checked on this matter which has been outstanding for many years and is on the top ten list of enforcements. It is believed that Jim Dixon, Chief Executive of PDNPA would be reluctant to be involved in a Winster matter as he lives in the village. The Clerk will write to John Lomas, Director of Conservation and the Parish Member about this and ask for a site visit before the next meeting.

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

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**436/06  
Footpaths,  
highways and  
related issues**

**309/05 Weight Limits** A response has been received from DCC which will be circulated for the next meeting. The Clerk will write to the Police supporting a 3.5 tonne weight limit on East Bank and West bank.

**369/06 Grit bin on East Bank** There is a need for a grit bin on East Bank and this site was approved by DCC before the free bin was installed. After much discussion it was decided to find an alternative location on East Bank for this grit bin. Parish Councillors Geoff Lester and Don Shimwell will look for suitable sites and contact the Clerk as soon as possible so she can seek approval of any new site from DCC.

**403/06 Heavy lorries turning in Wyntor Avenue** This is still continuing. The Clerk will contact Gurdall Farm again as well as DCC Highways and Enthovens to ascertain that there is sufficient signage and that lorry drivers are being given correct directions.

**403/06 Refuse lorry** DDDC accepts that there are sometimes problems with parked cars limiting access and that on those occasions the lorry's wing mirrors are brought in and a Banksman guides the vehicle to ensure safety. However, the vehicles used are the ones scheduled for the area and have been used for many years. WPC will monitor the situation. The Clerk will advise the resident who raised this that the matter has been explored and no further action will be taken at this time.

**428/06 Footpath 2, Woodhouse Lane** Whitehouse Construction has made temporary repairs to the surface and will visit the site to dig a trial hole at the site of the blow-out. A full response is anticipated within two weeks. The Clerk will arrange a site meeting with Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex and Whitehouse.

**Refilling of Parish Council grit bins** The cost is about £70 per load from DCC, which includes delivery and filling. It may be cheaper to buy salt from another source but a suitable site would need to be found for storage of this corrosive material and the time and cost involved in ordering, handling and refilling the bins makes it uneconomical. WPC authorised the clerk to arrange for restocking of all its grit bins as necessary.

**Police speed check** A recent speed check near the school resulted in several drivers being warned about their speed and one driver being prosecuted for speeding.

**Missing road signs** Only the Elton direction sign remains at Four Lane End. This will be reported to DCC.

**Cats' eyes on Elton Road** The reflectors in a number of the cats' eyes between the Cemetery and Four Lane End are missing. This will be reported to DCC.

**Overgrown vegetation** This is a problem outside The Nook on Main Street. The Clerk will contact the owner.

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

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**437/06  
Winster  
Cemetery**

The work on extending the burial area is complete and the seeding has taken.

Parish Councillor Brian Long had met with the parents of the lady whose tree was removed. The removal was unfortunate but unavoidable. The Millennium Tree may also have to be removed during future development of the site. WPC as Burial Authority has a duty to provide the designated number of plots in accordance with the Home Office approval dating from the early 1970s. The recent work is to achieve this requirement.

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**437/06**  
**Winster**  
**Cemetery**  
**continued**

The lady's letter seeks an apology which will be given for any distress caused. A suitable replacement tree will be given every consideration if a suitable non-burial site can be found or when a memorial area is created. A suitable memorial site has still to be determined as the available areas are very shady and plants may not grow successfully.

WPC has relocated one bench close to its original site. An unknown person has now moved the second bench to the Churchyard. The third bench, which is broken, has been moved by another party and must be removed as it is unsafe. The owner of the broken bench has spoken with the Clerk and expressed a wish to replace the bench but no formal request has been forthcoming. The Clerk will contact her again.

The headstone letters are being drafted.

The Chair asked Councillors to think about the following in readiness for the January 2007 meeting:

1. Whether to allow people to reserve plots in the Cemetery and, if so, what criteria will be used to decide whether to reserve a plot so that these can be included in the new Regulations. It is not uncommon for burial authorities to reserve adjacent plots for the next of kin.
2. With Winster's burial fees being substantially lower than most neighbouring burial authorities, consideration also needs to be given to general eligibility for burial in the Cemetery.

This will be further discussed and consideration may need to be given to holding a special village meeting or seeking views in the Village Magazine.

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

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**438/06**  
**Handy Person**  
**Service**

Parish Councillor Frank Mason and the Clerk attended a meeting held by Darley Dale Town Council to hear a proposal for a handy person service for older residents of a cluster of Town and Parish Councils. The service would cost approximately £30,000 per year and funding is available for at least £10,000. The maximum cost would be 50p per rate payer per year in Winster. It is felt that the demographic make-up of Winster means that the number of people who would be eligible and who did not live in The Manor or Dales Housing properties is too small to join the scheme.

**Resolved** To decline involvement in this scheme.

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**439/06**  
**Water pipe**  
**installation on**  
**The Common**

**Resolved** That:

- Parish Councillors Brian Long and Judy Williams will sign all legal documentation on behalf of WPC on the advice of WPC's solicitors
- the water meter must not be on The Common
- compensation in the sum of £1,000 be sought from the applicants

A general observation was made about possible encroachment on the Common with the new building work at the redundant barn. This will be investigated.

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440/06

**Pond**

The outlet pipe is blocked and the Warden will rod this. The rushes have spread again. The ecology report obtained about five years ago recommended thinning the reeds by two-thirds annually and this needs to continue. A quote will be obtained for a mechanical digger to remove the reeds. The work needs to be done before February. One of the benches by the pond needs repair. The Clerk will obtain a quote for this work.

**Resolved** To note the reports and seek the information outlined above

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441/06

**Winster work for Warden**

The PCC has asked that the laurel bush by the sundial be removed. There will be no payment for this work. The Warden will be asked to carry out some drastic pruning. Other work previously sanctioned also needs to be actioned.

Further work will be considered as and when necessary.

**Resolved** To note the above and ask the Warden to carry out the work outlined above. The Clerk was asked to investigate the remaining rights of way monies available for footpath maintenance during this financial year.

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442/06 **Tree Preservation Order**

The officer at PDNPA dealing with this has been on holiday so no response has been received. This matter will be chased as a matter of urgency and placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

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443/06

**Financial update**

**Resolved** To note:

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<b>Payments requiring approval</b>	s/o Clerk's salary	122.60
	s/o Warden's salary	114.08
	202 Post Office Ltd re tax on clerk's (£34.32) and warden's (£34.10) salaries	68.42
	203 DCC for cemetery work (VAT £179.81)	1,207.31
	204 Allianz Cornhill Engineering policy (VAT £44.84)	301.08
	205 Platts Harris for strimmer head (VAT £3.82)	26.76
	206 Burton Institute room hire July/August/Sept 2006 (VAT 9.83)	66.00
	207 Yorkshire Purchasing for paper (VAT 1.77)	11.87
	208 Rob Greatorex (Twiggs) for Churchyard railing (VAT 2.80)	18.78
<b>Balances at 6.11.06</b>	Current account	699.73
<b>Including</b>	Savings account	10,725.64
	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.

The high balance in the current account is due to funds clearing.

Parish Councillors Allan Stone and Judy Williams will carry out the audit check for the first and second quarters respectively.

Customs and Revenue have paid £250 to the Parish Council as the Clerk filed the PAYE returns online during the financial year 2004/5 before this is a legal requirement. A further sum will be received for 2005/6 and the following two years. As this is not precepted funds, the Chair has suggested that it be spent on a printer which would belong to WPC. Consideration will be given to this at a future meeting.

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<b>444/06</b>	ABA	Abainfo Autumn 2006
<b>Correspondence</b>	Allianz Cornhill	Reports on play equipment
	CAB	Annual report
	DALC	Circular 37/2006
	DCC - Dick Hardy	Birchover Lane
	DDDC	Refuse collections in Winster
	Derbys Development	Minerals Site Allocations update
	Plans JAC	
	Derbyshire Dales CVS	News/Quart
	E Mids Regional	Draft East Midlands Regional Plan - two copies in
	Assembly	circulation so don't worry if it's not enclosed with
		the rest of the documents
	Geoff Lester	Personal letter to PDNPA about Rock View Cottage
	Residents of East Bank	Relocation of grit bin
	Rita Baugh	Tree in Winster Cemetery
	Safer Derbyshire Dales	Meeting notes - 21.9.06
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<b>Public open session</b>	No matters were raised.	
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<b>445/06 Matters for information</b>	Parish Councillor Judy Williams is selling Christmas Cards for Helen's Trust which helps terminally ill people stay in their own homes. This Trust now covers Winster.	
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<b>Next meeting</b>	Monday 4 December 2006.	
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