

WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 4 December 2006

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	Three members of the public and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
Public open session	No matters were raised.
Apologies	Parish Councillor Frank Mason.
446/06 Minutes	Resolved That the Minutes of the meeting of WPC held on 6 November 2006 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.
447/06 Clerk's update on matters in hand and action required	<p>62/04 Buckdale/Lower Westhills PDNPA has served a Planning Contravention Notice (PCN) the occupant stating the following seeking information/action by 27 December 2006:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The residential occupancy of the portacabin is unauthorised and it is unlikely that any application to keep this as a dwelling would receive officer recommendation for approval.• One building on the site is in breach of an enforcement notice issued in 1992 and the building should be demolished in order to avoid commencement of prosecution proceedings.• Various issues regarding the use of the land many of which have been the subject of PCNs in the 1990s which were subsequently withdrawn due to lack of evidence. <p>The Officer dealing with this matter is leaving PDNPA but the Clerk will now liaise with Andrew Cook to ensure that this matter is pursued.</p> <p>128/05 Wensley Road bollards The Clerk has received several positive comments about the bollards which are slowing the traffic and giving a sense of safety to pedestrians.</p> <p>270/05 Noticeboard The noticeboard is still with DCC awaiting erection. Parish Councillor Geoff Lester confirmed that he will refurbish and relocate the existing noticeboard at his own expense.</p> <p>330/06 Wall on Woodhouse Lane The Clerk has received a letter from the owners of The Old Coach House confirming that the wall is leaning and needs attention. He declines to accept responsibility, stating that the cause of the destabilisation is the work carried out a few years ago to level the land for the playground which undermined the foundations of the wall.</p> <p>The play area was levelled in the 1970s and it is believed that the wall was constructed in the 1990s. Further investigation is required and the Clerk will acknowledge receipt of the letter pending this. Allianz Cornhill will be informed of progress.</p> <p>345/06 Handrail in Churchyard The work has been completed.</p> <p>356/06 Affordable Housing/Housing Needs Alison Clamp from Peak District Rural Housing Association will present the results at a future meeting.</p>

**447/06
Clerk's update
on matters in
hand and action
required
continued**

402/06 Tree at 11 Leacroft Road Due to problems with staff at PDNPA, this, along with all other outstanding PDNPA matters relating to Winster, has been passed to John Lomas, Director of Conservation & Development. The Clerk will chase a reply for the next meeting.

403/06 Wall at Bank Top car park DDDC's contractor has stated that the wall was already damaged prior to his collision with it, and that he caused no additional damage. The Chair will try to ascertain exactly what the witness saw.

403/06 Heavy lorries turning in Wyntor Avenue The Clerk has spoken with Enthovens and written to both Enthovens and Gurdall Farm about this. The situation will be monitored.

436/06 Missing road signs/cats' eyes This is being dealt with by DCC.

436/06 Overgrown vegetation The owner of Doe Lea Cottage has dealt with this. The Clerk has asked that he keep the growth under control.

439/06 Water pipe on The Common The Parish Council's request for £1,000 from the resident by way of compensation appears to have been accepted and the documents are being signed.

Encroachment on The Common The contractors working at the barn are storing materials on The Common. Contact will be made to ensure a consistent approach is followed in relation to all matters to do with The Common.

The following items are still pending or being monitored.

16/04 Dog fouling

333/06 Yew trees in churchyard

241/05 Footpath bottom of Wdhse Ln

342/06 Rights of Way survey

254/05 Seeding on Woodhouse Lane

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 NPDDD 0405 0406 Chesterfield Hse

330/06 Wall on West Bank

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

**448/06
Planning**

NPDDD 1006 0962 Satellite Dish at Georgic House, Main Street This application is approved.

422/06 Glebe Mines The workings at this site are currently at Phase 2a and everything appears to comply with the decision notice. The only concern is that machinery which is left on site overnight and at weekends is above surface and is visually intrusive. Glebe Mines have asked PDNPA for permission to use the southern section of the site for storage of more of the overburden which cannot be removed from site. This will delay restoration of the area but it is felt to be less intrusive than storing it in the upper section of the site.

A High Court ruling last week in effect means that the consent relating to this site is invalid as the owners of the Longstone Edge trade-off site did not give consent. PDNPA has been given six months to find a solution and extraction can continue during that period. It is hoped that the bond which was tied to the consent for reinstatement will be valid whatever the outcome of the High Court proceedings.

If there is a proven national need for fluorspar and this cannot be obtained from abroad, this could open the way for any limestone workings being opened.

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

449/06
Footpaths,
highways and
related issues

369/06 Grit bin on East Bank Parish Councillor Geoff Lester has undertaken a local survey to establish whether there is a need for a grit bin on East Bank. Most residents believe there is a need and a suitable site needs to be found. It is felt that wherever the grit bin is placed it is likely to be disliked by someone. Close to Peveril House is thought to be the most feasible site in the area. DCC will be asked to approve the site before the resident is approached. This matter needs to be dealt with swiftly and the bin placed and filled as soon as possible.

428/06 Footpath 2, Woodhouse Lane Whitehouse Construction has made further investigations and state that the problem of a 12 inch pipe is feeding into a 6 inch pipe pre-dates the work they undertook. They have put a new concrete collar on the joint and reinstated the surface. It is felt that the joint should have been above the Severn Trent works and another site meeting is necessary to establish what they have done and whether it is satisfactory.

Street light on Main Street/West Bank junction This has been out of order for some time. DCC cannot repair it as it is an old substandard lantern fed from a fuse box in the ground which is no longer acceptable. This is a similar situation to that encountered with the lamp outside The Angel, Main Street last year. The owner of the property will work with DCC to retain a light in that area.

Keepers Cottage, Pikehall DCC has received a stopping-up application under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980. WPC has no comment on this matter.

Wall on West Bank opposite Squire White's House This has been soiled by building debris being tipped over it into a skip. It is believed to come from Hill Cottage. The resident will be asked to reinstate the wall and protect it in future.

Minor maintenance scheme If there is sufficient money left in this scheme, the Warden will be asked to carry out the following minor work:

- Islington Lane/Westhills - drainage improvement
- Footpath 2 and Footpath 4 - cut back vegetation and drainage improvement

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

450/06
Consultation
documents

Resolved To respond to the consultation documents as follows:

East Midlands Regional Plan Core strategy Section 1 - A well written wonderfully diverse plan which incorporated so many areas but will become all things to all people. If 1/10th of what is written in this Section is implemented the East Midlands will become bankrupt. This is a utopia of forward thinking.

Spatial Strategies Section 2 - Again an extremely diverse strategy but so all encompassing that it could be impotent as it will not be possible to implement it without conflict to different parties and breaking of promises. This could turn out to be just a word exercise, which would be a shame. All these reports should aim high, but it is felt that a much less complex plan has a greater chance of success.

Topic based priorities Section 3 - WPC is not convinced that this report deals with the very fabric or nature of change that is required in the Derbyshire Dales area. The loss of traditional jobs in mining and farming is only briefly touched upon in the Derbyshire Dales Area.

The need to improve the skills of the region's workforce and create innovative growth in new business in the area is key to keeping our young people here, better housing and better growth. It is not felt that this section of the plan offers anything to the Derbyshire Dales area.

**450/06
Consultation
documents
continued**

PDNPA draft Design Guide This replaces the Building Design Guide and is the new type of document which PDNPA is encouraged to put together. WPC expressed disappointment at the short length for the consultation period of six weeks, especially as PDNPA has known about this document for a long time. This is a very important document and local councils need more time to consult.

It is felt that the information contained in the annexes should be in the main document to keep everything together. The main document is more of a skeleton and the value of a document which refers the reader to another document was questioned.

It is not felt appropriate for gated communities to be dealt with in this area, good design should avoid the need. The idea of pedestrians and cyclists having precedence over cars is liked. The renewables and sustainable content is approved, although water saving is not mentioned. A comment was made that it is difficult to obtain sustainable materials to match in with existing materials.

**451/06
Playground
report**

The report did not indicate any major problems. It will be passed to the Warden who will be asked to deal with any minor items and report back to Council.

Resolved To note the reports and pass it to the Warden.

**452/06
Parish Council
employees**

Current legislation states that part time employees should be treated the same as full time employees. This affects the Clerk and the Warden with holiday pay. The matter was highlighted at the recent Peak Park Parishes' day.

Holiday pay for the Clerk and Warden would be approximately 29 days each per year, which would cost about £250 each. As neither employee can really take holiday from their work, this amount would be paid to them after deduction of tax.

The situation regarding a pension only applies to the Clerk, as the Warden's recent job offer and contract was drawn up on the basis of no pension being included. The Clerk could be paid a gratuity when she leaves equivalent to a percentage of her pay to date of leaving. If this is done a separate deposit account would be opened to hold this fund. Before a pension or gratuity can be instated, public notices need to be displayed for 28 days and a formal resolution approved by Council. The Clerk will make enquiries of DCC with regard to paying any pension into her DCC pension scheme.

Resolved To pay holiday pay to the Clerk and Warden from 1 April 2007, and to make further enquiries about pension/gratuity entitlement for the Clerk.

**453/06
Financial update**

Resolved	To note:	£
Payments requiring approval	s/o Clerk's salary	122.60
	s/o Warden's salary	114.08
	210 Post Office Ltd re tax on clerk's (£34.32) and warden's (£34.10) salaries	68.42
	209 Twiggs for Cemetery rail items (VAT £9.85)	66.11
	211 Brian Skyrme for noticeboard	595.17
	212 Clerk's expenses	140.87
	213 P Lamb for cleaning Main Street bus shelter	70.00
	214 J Salisbury rent of Main Street bus shelter	0.05
	215 Platts Harris items for Warden (VAT £11.83)	82.82
	216 R Greatorex for postcrete for cemetery rail (VAT £2.06)	13.85
	217 R Comley extra hours	245.90
	218 Post Office Ltd tax on Warden's extra hours	68.20

