

WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 8 January 2007

Present	Parish Councillor Brian Long in the chair. Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Geoff Lester, Frank Mason, Allan Stone and Judy Williams.
In attendance	Five members of the public and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
Public open session	One resident raised concern over WPC's handling of her request for a water pipe across the Common. This will be dealt with under Clerks Update below.
Apologies	Parish Councillors Kevin Markham and Don Shimwell, and District Councillor John Mosley.
458/07 Minutes	Resolved That the Minutes of the meeting of WPC held on 4 December 2006 be amended so that Item 450/06 PDNPA Design Guide includes reference to conservation analysis and the need for Winster's analysis to be carried out and published. The Minutes as amended were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.
459/07 Clerk's update on matters in hand and action required	62/04 Buckdale/Lower Westhills The officer now dealing with this at PDNPA has been on leave and the Clerk will contact him as soon as possible to ensure this matter is progressed. 241/05 Footpath bottom of Woodhouse Lane This vegetation work will be done shortly. 270/05 Noticeboard DCC has ordered the posts and will install this shortly. 369/06 Grit bin on East Bank This is outstanding until a site is identified. 402/06 Tree at 11 Leacroft Road A letter has been received from PDNPA confirming that they are unwilling to put a TPO on this tree because they have a strong working partnership with Dales Housing and would like to deal with this through them. At the moment the property is rented from Dales Housing, but this could change under the "Right to Buy" scheme or the tenants could change and the tree would not be protected. WPC feels that this veteran tree, which predates the council estate, has a high amenity value and there are strong grounds for a TPO. If the tree were in the Conservation Area it would be protected by a six week notice requirement before any work was carried out on it. However this is outside the Conservation Area. The Clerk will again contact PDNPA and pursue a TPO to protect this tree. 403/06 Wall at Bank Top car park The contractor dealing with the recycling bin has agreed to pay one half of the total bill for repair to the wall. The Chair has not been able to speak with the witness to obtain further details. It was agreed to pay Asa Cooper's bill in full but not bank the cheque from DDDC pending further enquiries. 428/06 Footpath 2, Woodhouse Lane A site meeting has yet to be arranged. 436/06 Missing road signs/cats' eyes The cats' eyes will be replaced. The previous signs have been vandalised on two occasions and DCC is trying to find a solution which will not generate too much street clutter. Any replacement signage will be considered in the next financial year. The Chair requested that Councillors think about signage options on this site in readiness for discussion at the next meeting.

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Clerk's update
on matters in
hand and action
required
continued
Standing Orders
suspended for
item 439/06 only

439/06 Water pipe on The Common The Chair suspended Standing Orders to allow the resident to speak on this matter. She is not happy with the way WPC has dealt with this and does not agree to pay the monetary claim sought by WPC. The resident wanted WPC to justify why a fee should be charged for granting an easement on the Common. The resident, having previously agreed to pay all legal fees, did not feel that she should pay for the legal costs relating to solicitors' time in dealing with WPC's monetary claim. Clerk will refer the matter back to WPC's solicitor.

449/06 Wall on West Bank opposite Squire White's The Clerk has written to the resident and asked him to deal with this by 31 January 2007.

455/06 Carbon Neutral Forum District Councillor John Mosley has approached WPC concerning setting up a joint venture with Elton and South Darley Parishes. Parish Councillor Judy Williams agreed to act as liaison on behalf of WPC.

The following items are still pending or being monitored.

16/04 Dog fouling

333/06 Yew trees in churchyard

254/05 Seeding on Woodhouse Lane

342/06 Rights of Way survey

311/05 Westhills/allotment gate

355/06 Mosey Mere

312/05 Warning signs for Warden

370/06 Burma Road

319/06 Pedestrian Safety - Elton Rd

379/06 Litter pick

330/06 Wall on West Bank

NPDDD 0405 0406 Chesterfield Hse

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

460/07
Affordable
housing

Alison Clamp was unable to attend the meeting. She and Rob Coggins will attend the February meeting to present the results of the Affordable Housing Survey. The Survey has shown a need in Winster.

461/07
Planning

NPDDD 1204/1317 Further alterations at Tearsall Quarry The Clerk will write to PDNPA reconfirming WPC's original comments on this application.

NPDDD 1106/0994 Conversion of store to toilets/showers and improvements to existing store at Miners Standard, Bank Top All Parish Councillors declared a personal interest as the applicant is a fellow Parish Councillor. WPC approved this application.

NPDDD 0806 0745 Hill Cottage, West Bank This application has been granted.

NPDDD 0906 0824 & 0828 The Lodge, Main Street This application has been granted subject to conditions. Concern was raised about the lack of parking provision and the lack of an ancillary clause to keep the two properties in the same ownership. Whilst WPC is pleased that a long disused building will be brought back into residential use, the lack of parking will have a big impact on Main Street. There is also no requirement for a sample wall to be inspected. The Clerk will write to PDNPA asking for clarification on these matters.

NPDDD 0906 0846 & 0848 The Old Bakehouse, Woodhouse Lane This application has been granted subject to conditions.

Public phone box The condition of this listed structure is deteriorating. The Clerk will report the missing panes and poor condition of some paintwork.

402/06 Rockside, Bank Top The wall leading from Pinfold Cottage is still to be repaired. Parish Councillor Geoff Lester is liaising with the builder.

461/07 Planning continued

PDNPA Parish Survey There were no comments on the results of this Survey.

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

462/07
Footpaths,
highways and
related issues

309/05 Weight limits on East Bank and West Bank A response has been received from Derbyshire Police HQ which appears less supportive than hoped. The Chair reported that the Inspector at Bakewell Police Station had indicated his support in principle for the Ministry of Transport dispensation for a 3.5T limit. However Police agreement will depend on the procedures for regulation and/or involvement by residents. Parish Councillor Mason was requested to make this information known to the West Bank Action Group.

449/06 Minor maintenance scheme There is sufficient money left in this scheme for the Warden to carry out the following minor work:

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

Barn at Bank Top The condition of this building and particularly its roof is deteriorating. The Clerk will report it to Building Control as a potential dangerous structure next to a highway in the interest of the safety of residents, pedestrians and cars.

Cars on Leacroft Green Several vehicles are being driven on or parked on the grass area outside Numbers 1 to 10 Leacroft Road, causing damage to the surface. It is believed that as the majority of the vehicles belong to the people living in these properties. The Clerk will report this to DCC. It would help if registration numbers could be supplied to the Clerk.

Use of grit During the recent cold spell large amounts of grit were spread on East Bank. The Clerk will place a note in the Village Magazine explaining that as the grit is corrosive it is important not to use more than the recommended one handful per square metre of road.

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

463/07
Winster
Cemetery

The Chair opened the debate, asking whether WPC required cemetery policies for:

1. Eligibility to be buried in the Cemetery
2. Reserving plots
3. Benches and memorials
4. Other matters such as headstones

Eligibility for burial It was mentioned that a criteria for eligibility may be difficult to list and implement. Should preference be given to people who were born or lived in Winster or had Winster connections? At the present time the Clerk, occasionally in liaison with the Chair, makes the decision which often has to be made at short notice. For the time being this will continue.

Reserving plots Plots have been reserved over the years and requests from three parties are pending. One suggestion was that due to space constrictions, plots should only be reserved where they are next to or close to a family member's plot. WPC was unable to make a decision on this aspect at this meeting.

Winster burial fees are drastically lower than most other burial authorities in the area. It is doubted that this saving is passed on by the funeral directors, but people may be aware of the lower fees and be tempted to reserve a plot to save money. It is also felt that unless reasonable fees are charged DDDC may not be

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Cemetery
continued**

keen to provide financial support for projects in the Cemetery. More information will be obtained on burial fees in the area before a the next review of burial charges at the April 2007 meeting.

Benches/memorials It is felt that any benches or other memorials should be given to WPC to decide on location within the Parish, rather than the expectation that they will be in the Cemetery. This is due to the lack of space within the Cemetery for many benches or trees. A suggestion for donations to a fund held by WPC rather than specific memorials was put forward, with the money being spent on more major memorials or more substantial benches and other work to enhance the Cemetery. A memorial plaque would be dedicated to the donor. This received mixed reaction with concerns over further financial liabilities being imposed on WPC by way of administration and maintenance costs. It could also take many years to receive sufficient funds for people to see the benefit of their donations.

Headstones A policy on headstone safety for existing and future headstones is required. It was suggested that future headstones should be constructed as recommended by the Association of Burial Authorities' guidelines as previously discussed. Headstones could also be leased for a period of years, which is done in many other local burial grounds.

Regulations These need updating and a draft was circulated to all Councillors.

It was suggested that these items under discussion could be an agenda topic for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Resolved That all Parish Councillors put their views on all these topics in writing before the next meeting so that a more informed discussion can be held and firm decisions taken.

**464/07
Wall at
Woodhouse
Lane**

Research has been undertaken at the Records Office and this has confirmed that the whole of the play area concerned was levelled in the late 1970s. Prior to this the boundary in question was marked by an old farm type fence. A small wall was subsequently built. In the 1980s an access was made through the wall onto the play area and WPC took legal advice which confirmed that this was illegal. The access and steps were subsequently removed. The wall in its present structure was built later than this and therefore the levelling work did not undermine the foundations of this particular wall. The resident has admitted that the wall is unsafe.

Resolved To write to the resident advising that WPC does not accept responsibility for the deterioration of the condition of the wall and asking the resident to make the structure safe.

**465/07
Printer**

Resolved To purchase a black and white duplex laser printer up to the value of £250 from money received from HMRC for filing PAYE returns online.

**466/07
Financial update**

Resolved	To note:	£
Payments requiring approval	s/o Clerk's salary	122.60
	s/o Warden's salary	114.08
	219 Post Office Ltd re tax on clerk's (£34.32) and warden's (£34.10) salaries	68.42
	220 DCC Grit for bin outside Walton Cottage (VAT £10.81)	72.56
	221 A R Cooper repairs to wall at BT car park (VAT £24.50)	164.50
	222 Winster Playing Field Association (in and out from DCC)	50.00

Balances	Current account	585.33
at 8.1.07	Savings account	9,388.80
Including	Earmarked reserves for open spaces	1,650.00
	Street light	500.00

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

**467/07
Annual Parish
Meeting**

Resolved To hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 25 April 2007. This is an earlier date than normal due to the Parish Council elections being held on 4 May 2007.

**468/07
Correspondence**

DALC	Circular 41/2006
DCC	B_Line Mag Winter 2006/2007
DCC	Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan Consultation (separate envelope)
Derbyshire Constabulary	3.5T weight restriction, East Bank and West Bank
Derbyshire Constabulary	Annual Parish Councils' Evening - Comments & Questions
Derbyshire Constabulary	Policing Derbyshire Annual Report 2005-2006
E M Regional Assembly	Draft E M Regional Plan Part 2 additional consultation
East Midlands Airport	Master Plan
H J Enthoven & Sons	Lorries turning in Winster
PDNPA	Annual Report 2005-2006
PDNPA	Planning Liaison/Parish Survey 2006/Enforcement Matters/Change of Name questionnaire results

Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex declared a prejudicial interest in the DCC draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan Consultation as he is involved in the consultation process. This document will be re-circulated and discussed at a future meeting.

**Public open
session**

Concern was expressed about potential repair problems with pipes running under the Common.

Vehicle tracks have been seen in Mosey Mere. They appear to come from a heavy vehicle with large tyres.

It was stated that the resident owning the wall on Woodhouse Lane was made aware that the wall was single skinned and too tall to be stable when he moved into the property.

Drains on Woodhouse Lane keep blocking with silt and stone every time there is heavy rain. The resident will report this and let the Clerk know each time this is done.

**469/07 Matters
for information**

Fly tipping has occurred by the Bank Top recycling area. This was reported and removed but no further action is likely.

The dates for the Area Community Forum and Parish Council conferences were given.

Next meeting

Monday 5 February 2007.