

WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 5 February 2007

Present	Parish Councillor Brian Long in the chair. Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Kevin Markham, Frank Mason, Don Shimwell, Allan Stone and Judy Williams.
In attendance	Six members of the public and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
Public open session	<p>A resident complained about dog fouling on Woodhouse Lane. She was asked to tell the Clerk if she witnessed any fouling and could identify the dog or owner.</p> <p>A resident raised concerns that WPC had still not given the information required in relation to her request for a pipe across the common to resolve the points raised. She asked why WPC has asked for a payment of £1,000 for the easement and the legal basis for this decision.</p>
Apologies	Parish Councillor Geoff Lester.
470/07 Minutes	Resolved That the Minutes of the meeting of WPC held on 8 January 2007 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.
471/07 Clerk's update on matters in hand and action required	<p>62/04 Buckdale/Lower Westhills The occupier of the property has returned the Planning Contravention Notice but this was unsigned. It has been returned for signature before any further action can be taken on this matter. The Clerk will again chase a full response.</p> <p>240/05 NPDDD 0405 0406 Chesterfield House PDNPA has written to the owner's planning consultant as it is over a year since the retrospective planning application was submitted. No response has been received and the Clerk will continue to chase this.</p> <p>241/05 Footpath bottom of Woodhouse Lane This vegetation work is still outstanding.</p> <p>270/05 Noticeboard This is now ready and will be installed shortly.</p> <p>309/05 Weight limits on East Bank and West Bank A meeting was held between the Police, DCC's Highways Department and Trading Standards. They supported the Department for Transport's recommendation for a special dispensation to have a 3.5 tonne weight limit. It is likely to take over a year to implement this restriction. It was felt that this issue showed the value of residents writing individual letters to support matters raised by WPC.</p> <p>369/06 Grit bin on East Bank This is outstanding until a site is identified.</p> <p>402/06 Tree at 11 Leacroft Road A letter has been received from Steve Tompkins at PDNPA. WPC was not satisfied with the response, feeling that it was the easy option for PDNPA and this will be communicated back with the officer.</p> <p>403/06 Wall at Bank Top car park A cheque has been sent direct to Asa Cooper by DDDC for one-half of the total of his invoice. WPC will pay the other half but will continue to seek further evidence as to liability for the damage to the wall.</p> <p>428/06 Footpath 2, Woodhouse Lane A site meeting with Whitehouse Construction has yet to be arranged.</p>

**471/07
Clerk's update
on matters in
hand and action
required
continued**

439/06 Water pipe on The Common There is nothing further to report on this subject to the matters raised in the Public Open Session above. However, the solicitors will be asked to deal with the legal issue raised.

449/06 Wall on West Bank opposite Squire White's The resident has cleaned this.

455/06 Mosey Mere A further report has been received that Jim Roper has been seen driving his tractor into the Mere.

462/07 Barn at Bank Top The state of this building has been reported to the authority.

464/07 Wall at Woodhouse Lane No reply has been received to the letter to the resident. The Clerk will chase this.

465/07 Printer The Clerk has purchased a HP P2015d printer for £185 plus VAT. This will be placed on the asset register. WPC thanked Jo Ferguson for the loan of her old printer for the past four years or so.

The following items are still pending or being monitored.

16/04 Dog fouling

330/06 Wall on West Bank

254/05 Seeding on Woodhouse Lane

333/06 Yew trees in churchyard

311/05 Westhills/allotment gate

342/06 Rights of Way survey

312/05 Warning signs for Warden

370/06 Burma Road

319/06 Pedestrian Safety - Elton Rd

379/06 Litter pick

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

**472/07
Affordable
housing**

Alison Clamp from Derbyshire Rural Housing spoke to the meeting. Rob Coggins was unable to attend. The results of the housing survey show that Winster has a need for 4 to 5 affordable units, probably two-thirds for affordable rent and the remainder for shared ownership. The figures provided for existing housing association stock for rent in Winster were questioned. The next step is to identify suitable sites and to approach the landowners. The price paid would be the agricultural rate plus a premium. Once sites have been found a bid will be put in to the Housing Corporation for funding. Housing would be available for occupation between 2009 and 2011.

Resolved To note the report given and to identify possible sites working in conjunction with PDNPA and Derbyshire Rural Housing before arranging a further meeting.

**473/07
Planning**

NPDDD 0606/0600 Luntor Farm This application has been approved. Concern was raised that this has been approved when there was a clear lack of information in the application. The Clerk will write to PDNPA and seek clarification on why WPC's comments appear to have been ignored and to obtain a copy of the officer's report.

NPDDD 1006/0962 Georgic House, Main Street This has been approved.

NPDDD 1006/0908 Stoneleigh This application has been granted.

402/06 Rock View, The Tardis and Rockside, Bank Top WPC is aware that some residents have written to PDNPA concerning this development, seeking a site meeting. It was felt that a site meeting would be useful for WPC to discuss various planning queries raised at recent meetings. This should be at a separate time from any meeting with residents, although preferably on the same day.

473/07 Planning
continued

Ephraim House and Oakleigh, East Bank These two properties have surfaced their driveways with loose chippings which are moving onto the highway causing a hazard and blocking drains. As the chippings are in contravention of planning approval this will be reported to PDNPA.

September Cottage and Marmalade Cottage, West Bank There appears to be a new structure with a slate roof to the rear of this property. There also appears to be a conservatory attached to Marmalade Cottage which is a listed structure. Neither structure has planning permission. This needs further investigation to clarify the information provided.

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

474/07
Footpaths,
highways and
related issues

75/04 Birchover Lane The surface is deteriorating and the surface is particularly wet. This will be reported to DCC again.

372/06 Cemetery turning area There are tyre tracks in this area again. This will continue to be monitored.

436/06 Missing road signs/cats' eyes It is felt that the type and location of any signs at this junction is a matter for the highways department. As there are signs on the B5056 approaching the junction, the consensus is that any replacement signs should be kept to a minimum, and this will be conveyed to DCC.

Main Street/West Bank road surface The surface at this junction is in a poor state of repair. This will be reported to DCC.

Builders' rubble on East Bank There are tyre tracks on the verge and possible dumping. This will be monitored.

Branch on Wensley Road A broken branch is sticking out and causing a hazard to passing traffic. The Warden will be asked to clear this.

Street cleansing Some of the gennels have not been swept. This will be reported to DDDC. The Clerk will also seek clarification regarding the implications, procedures and cost of the grasscutting being devolved to WPC.

Chapel Steps The higher Chapel Steps are very slippery. This will be reported to DDDC.

Wall on Vicarage Road The condition of this is poor and one part has collapsed below the level of the road. This will be reported to DCC.

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

475/07
Winster
Cemetery

DALC has been approached by another parish council about issues relating to cemeteries and is seeking information from all parish councils which are also burial authorities. This will be circulated in due course for information. DALC is very concerned that the Clerk is left to make decisions on eligibility and reservations without a clear policy to work with.

Further research has been undertaken on a number of issues and the results are listed below.

Burial fees The costs at Winster Cemetery are currently £110 for exclusive right of burial, £110 for first interment and £90 for second interment. DDDC charges £473, £420 and £473 respectively, and double that amount if the person is not a Derbyshire Dales resident.

Headstone safety DDDC seeks a 30 year guarantee from the stone mason.

**475/07
Winster
Cemetery
continued**

Reserving plots DDDC does allow reservations either next to a relative or in the next available plot.

Reimbursable expenditure WPC currently claims grounds maintenance for the Churchyard and Cemetery from DDDC, less burial fees received in the year. The amount available could reduce over time and eventually may not cover the costs. An alternative may be for WPC to increase its burial fees more in line with other burial authorities and to retain these fees to fund longer term work. This could include a memorial garden and the development of Ashmore Pingle.

Consideration will need to be given to development of Ashmore Pingle in the not too distant future.

The Chair asked all Parish Councillors to give the whole issue more consideration before it is next put on an agenda.

Resolved That all Parish Councillors give this item further consideration so that a more informed discussion can be held and firm decisions taken when the matter is brought before Council again.

**476/07
Land rental
agreements**

Resolved To put the licences of Ashmore Pingle and Lower Westhills to formal tender, and to notify the existing holders of this.

**477/07
Pond**

A quote for £626.55 has been received from DCC to remove two-thirds of the weed and distribute it on site with a digger and truck. The work needs to be done before the end of February. The risk assessment previously approved requires this work to be carried out on a biennial basis. The pond looks very healthy apart from the weed.

Resolved To accept the quote and arrange for the work to be carried out as soon as possible.

**478/07
Financial update**

Resolved	To note:	£
Payments requiring approval	s/o Clerk's salary	122.60
	s/o Warden's salary	114.08
	223 Post Office Ltd re tax on clerk's (£34.32) and warden's (£34.10) salaries	68.42
	224 Burton Institute Room hire Oct, Nov & Dec 2006 (VAT £9.83)	66.00
	225 V Kemble for printer and paper (VAT £34.60)	232.36
	226 Audit Commission (VAT £21.00)	141.00
	227 R Comley Tipping, chemicals and woodstain (VAT £8.05)	67.04
	228 A R Cooper one half of payment for wall at Bank Top (replaces chq 221)	82.25
	DD DDDC for rates (paid in April 2006 retrospective authorisation)	91.33
Balances at 5.2.07	Current account	666.82
	Savings account	8,688.80
Including	Earmarked reserves for open spaces	1,650.00
	Street light (06/07)	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.

The payment for grounds maintenance for 2006/2007 is outstanding and the invoices have been chased.

479/07 Correspondence	DALC DCC Derbyshire Dales CVS Geoff Lester Poster James Cuthbert Patrick McLoughlin The Whitworth Hospital	Consultation on the future of the Post Office network meeting SACRE annual report 2005/6 Quart - January 2007 Notes of meeting about Whitworth Hospital closure of maternity unit Public meeting about Whitworth Hospital closure of maternity unit (please feel free to copy this and spread the word outside the village) Fallen tree Derbyshire Rural Life may be put on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting. The Rights of Way consultation will be put on the March 2007 agenda. The letter from James Cuthbert was appreciated. Information has been received about the Calor Village of the Year. If anyone within the village would like to take this on, the Parish Council will consider paying the entry fee of £15. Further information will be placed in the Village Magazine.
Public open session		The reed mace in the pond is rampant and one resident would prefer to see it all removed. The resident would also prefer that the mud be removed from the site.
480/07 Matters for information		Six replies have been received to the notice about the carbon neutral meeting and these people will meet during February. Work will be done on the shop during renovation work to reduce its carbon footprint. This will then be used as a demonstration on how other people can reduce their carbon emissions.
Next meeting		Monday 5 March 2007.
