

# WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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

<b>Present</b>	Parish Councillor Brian Long in the chair. Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Geoff Lester, Kevin Markham, Frank Mason, Don Shimwell and Allan Stone.
<b>In attendance</b>	Three members of the public, District Councillor John Moseley and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
<b>Public open session</b>	No matters were raised.
<b>Apologies</b>	Parish Councillor Judy Williams.
<b>481/07 Minutes</b>	<b>Resolved</b> That the Minutes of the meeting of WPC held on 5 February 2007 be confirmed as a true record subject to an amendment to item 473/07 which should relate to Gingerbread Cottage on East Bank and not Marmalade Cottage on West Bank. The minutes as amended were signed by the Chair.
<b>482/07 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 from PDNPA. The Clerk will chase this.</p> <p><b>240/05 NPDDD 0405 0406 Chesterfield House</b> PDNPA had arranged a meeting with the Agents for 22 February 2007. The Clerk will again chase for an update.</p> <p><b>241/05 Footpath bottom of Woodhouse Lane</b> This vegetation work is still outstanding and the Clerk will chase this again.</p> <p><b>270/05 Noticeboard</b> This has now been installed and looks very good. Some additional keys are being cut. Once the old noticeboard has been erected at the side of the Shop the space available can be allocated to the Parish Council and other interested parties. Funding is available for the renovation old noticeboard.</p> <p><b>330/06 Wall on Woodhouse Lane</b> There has been no response from the residents to the letters sent by the Clerk. The Clerk will seek advice on what steps should be taken next from DALC. If DALC advise that the insurers should be notified, this course of action was also agreed. WPC is reluctant to go through a solicitor at this stage as this will incur fees.</p> <p><b>369/06 Grit bin on East Bank</b> The resident alongside a possible new location has not been contacted and this will be done over the next few weeks with the intention to get the grit bin installed before next winter. The grit bin by Walton Cottage is again empty and the Clerk has arranged for this to be refilled. Several complaints were received during the recent two days of bad weather that this bin was empty and that the gritting lorry had only gritted a small distance at the bottom of East Bank. East Bank is not scheduled for gritting and anything done on this route should be welcomed, and in any event the gritting lorry cannot get further up East Bank as the road is too narrow.</p> <p><b>402/06 Tree at 11 Leacroft Road</b> The letter received from PDNPA will be forwarded to the Chair of PDNPA as soon as possible as WPC is not satisfied with the response received.</p> <p><b>428/06 Footpath 2, Woodhouse Lane</b> A site meeting with Whitehouse Construction has yet to be arranged.</p>

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

**439/06 Water pipe on The Common** WPC's solicitors wrote to the residents' solicitors setting out the basis of WPC's claim for a monetary settlement but no response has been received.

**474/07 Chapel steps** These have been cleaned.

**476/07 Land Rental** The current licensees of Ashmore Pingle had indicated that they will not be tendering. The invitations to tender have been advertised in the Village Magazine and on the noticeboard.

**477/07 Pond** This work is still outstanding and the Clerk will chase it as time is running out before the wildlife becomes too active to carry out this work.

The following items are still pending or being monitored.

**16/04 Dog fouling**

**330/06 Wall on West Bank**

**75/04 Birchover Lane**

**333/06 Yew trees in churchyard**

**309/05 Weight limits** on East & West Bank

**370/06 Burma Road**

**311/05 Westhills/allotment gate**

**403/06 Wall at Bank Top car park**

**312/05 Warning signs for Warden**

**455/06 Mosey Mere**

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

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

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**483/07  
Planning**

**NPDDD 0107 0056 Keepers Cottage, Pikehall** WPC approves this application.

**NPDDD 0107 0057 7 Wyntor Avenue, Winster** The Clerk declared a prejudicial interest being the owner of the property and left the room for this application only. All Parish Councillors declared a personal interest due to their working relationship with the Clerk. WPC approved this application. A note will be placed in the Village Magazine reminding everyone that whilst solar panels are now available for DIY installation, planning permission is required.

**NPDDD 0207 0104 Sycamores, Painters Way** Parish Councillor Don Shimwell declared a personal interest being a neighbour of this property and the Clerk declared a personal interest having a business relationship with the owner of the property. The Clerk will write to PDNPA as follows.

WPC approves this application subject to the following:

1. Access to the site is off Wyntor Avenue along the unmade track that also carries Winster Public Footpath 1. Winster Public Footpath 27 abuts the southern and south eastern boundary of the application site. Both routes must remain unobstructed on their legal alignments at all times and the safety of the users must not be prejudiced either during or after development takes place.
2. Clarification is required as to how the existing garage on the site will be used in future as the new development will restrict vehicular access to it. Concern was raised that the applicants may at some stage in the future wish to create a vehicular access further along Painters Way to service the existing garage.

**NP/DDD/0804/0920 Barn at East Bank, Winster** Concerns have been raised over the slates used on this roof as it appears that the original slates have been removed from site and replaced with foreign slates. The application approval conditions will be clarified with PDNPA.

**NPDDD 1106 0994 Miners Standard** This application has been granted subject to various conditions.

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483/07 Planning  
continued

**402/06 Rock View and The Tardis, Bank Top** WPC has still to have a site meeting with PDNPA.

**461/07 The Lodge, Main Street** It is proposed that WPC's concerns about this can be dealt with at the site meeting mentioned above.

**11 Leacroft Road** Several complaints have been received that the repairing of vehicles at this property has started again. There is no planning permission for this work which may also be in breach of the tenancy agreement. The complainants have been asked to contact Dales Housing. The Clerk will write to PDNPA and Dales Housing to report this.

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

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484/07  
Footpaths,  
highways and  
related issues

**449/06 Street light on Main Street/West Bank junction** This should be reinstated by the end of March 2007.

**462/07 Parking on Leacroft Green** DCC has responded stating that this will take low priority. This, together with parking on other grass areas on Leacroft Road, needs to be monitored.

**474/07 Main Street/West Bank road surface** The surface has been patched but more permanent work is required. The Clerk will report this again.

**474/07 Street cleansing/grasscutting** This is ongoing and the Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair have spent a lot of time trying to resolve this. The schedule has been received from DDDC for 2007 and appears to be similar to the one for 2006. This has not taken on board the verbal agreement that the schedule would be based around the "special" carnival cut so that the remainder of the cuts will be evenly spaced. DCC have indicated that they will not reallocate the duties to WPC in 2007, although if there are still problems this may be reconsidered for 2008. DCC however has agreed that the cuts should be based around the carnival cut. It was felt that other parish councils may not have the same problems as Winster has a large area of grass on the main road, and gennels which are used regularly as they link various parts of the village. District Councillor Moseley was asked to note the problems.

**Fallen branch in Cemetery** A large branch came down in the Churchyard and this was cleared by the Warden. This was dealt with at the time as it was a health and safety issue. Some other trees in the Churchyard are not in good condition and the Parochial Church Council will be made aware of this.

**Railings on Chip Shop Hill** One of the legs is broken and this will be reported to DCC.

**West Bank Group** This group has thanked WPC for its work on the weight limits. It has also raised concerns about the impact of potential additional traffic through the village once the development in Matlock is complete. The Clerk will write to South Darley and Darley Dale Parish Councils to enlist their support and try to work jointly on this issue.

Concern has also been raised about whether buses will continue to serve the existing town centre when the new bus station is developed, and whether the timetable will be adjusted to allow the Winster buses to meet the train service to Derby. The Clerk will write to DCC and Hulleys about this.

**Blocked gullies** There are blocked gullies on The Flat outside Hunstone House and on Wensley Road between the School and the entrance to the field towards Wensley on the right.

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Footpaths,  
highways and  
related issues  
continued**

**Road surface on East Bank** There is a pothole on East Bank outside The Spook. DCC will also be asked when this whole area will be topdressed as previously promised.

As this Council is nearing the end of its term of office, various items were mentioned to ensure that they remain active. These included:

**Cemetery turning area** This needs to be monitored.

**Mosey Mere and other parcels of land** Mosey Mere is the main outstanding matter. No other interest has been registered at the Land Registry for any of the parcels of land. As more than 12 years have elapsed since WPC registered its interest, WPC needs to apply for adverse possession for all except Mosey Mere. WPC cannot obtain better title for Mosey Mere than it already has.

**Painters Way** Some vehicles are being driven too fast along this track which is also a busy footpath. WPC needs to ascertain whether the people concerned have a private right to drive on this footpath. If they do they can drive along it with due care. Consideration needs to be given to purchasing a sign asking drivers to drive slowly. In the meantime, the Clerk will write to all residents saying that there have been a number of incidents of vehicles speeding up Painters Way and asking them all to be considerate of other users.

**Richfield, West Bank** The wall and use of the frontage of this property was not fully resolved when this matter was previously discussed.

**Stone setts on Main Street** This needs to be monitored for pedestrian obstruction.

**Well at Oddo** The History Group are thinking about refurbishing this and have written to the Department of Environment and are awaiting a response.

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

**485/07  
Consultations**

**Rights of Way** Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex declared a personal interest through his work involvement with this consultation. WPC feels that this is a good document so long as DCC does what it says it will do. There is a need to keep the present network of rights of way open as well as creating new links. An increase in greenways and bridleways would be welcomed as Derbyshire has a low number of these. WPC supports the general aims of the document and would welcome greater input from parish councils.

**Waste management** WPC is pleased that disused quarries are being put to good use. WPC acknowledges the definite need for waste disposal sites and hopes that any proposed sites would be fully explored and the best possible site chosen. Some existing sites could be maintained in a better way than at present.

**Model Code of Conduct** WPC believes that this provides a more common sense approach.

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

**486/07 Donations**

One application was received but there was no proposition to support it.

**487/07  
Financial update**

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<b>Resolved</b>	To note:	
<b>Payments</b>	s/o Clerk's salary	122.60
<b>requiring</b>	s/o Warden's salary	114.08
<b>approval</b>	229 Post Office Ltd tax clerk's (£34.32) and warden's salaries (£34.10)	68.42
	230 Platts Harris - equipment service (VAT £28.81)	201.62
	231 Chair's allowance	100.00
	232 Clerk's expenses	105.14

<b>487/07 Financial update continued</b>	<b>Balances</b>	Current account	653.32
	<b>at 5.3.07</b>	Savings account	7,769.67
	<b>Including</b>	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.

Payment for grounds maintenance for 2006/2007 is outstanding and the invoices have been chased. These were approved for payment subject to the invoices being verified by the Chair and the Clerk.

The balances are high as there is still a large amount to pay out for services received and/or approved during this financial year, including the grasscutting. The National Trust has not yet sent an invoice for the Market House.

<b>488/07 Correspondence</b>	Communities & Local Govt	Revised model code of conduct consultation
	DALC	Circular 02/2007
	DALC	Circular 04/2007
	DALC	Circular 09/2007
	DALC	Circular 05/2007
	DALC	Circular 06/2007
	DCC	Consultation on Waste Management Site Allocation
	DCC	Parking on Leacroft Road
	DDDC	Amendment 5 to Off-street Parking Order 2000
	DDDC	Statement of Community Involvement
	NALC	Review of Quality Parish Council Scheme
	DALC Circular 09/07 relates to existing Parish Councillors' conduct prior to the election.	

**Public open session** District Councillor John Moseley confirmed that safety issues, including tree work and signage, in relation to the crossroads at Elton are due to be addressed in the next financial year.

**489/07 Matters for information** The West Bank traffic committee would like to have a PC representative. Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex agreed.

Concern was raised about waste on East Bank. This will be monitored.

WPC agreed that no political posters are to be allowed on the noticeboard in the run up to the election.

The poor state of the bus shelter and grass at Elton Crossroads was brought to District Councillor John Moseley's attention.

Minor maintenance will be considered at the next meeting to ensure that any remaining balance is fully utilised.

There has been graffiti in the Wensley Road/Wyntor Avenue bus shelter and on the new bollards. This has been reported and DDDC has repainted the bus shelter. The bollards are the responsibility of DCC's highways department.

The Carbon Neutral issues are ongoing. Sustainable Youlgrave is due to give a talk to Elton Parish Council.

**Next meeting** Monday 2 April 2007.