

WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 2 April 2007

Present	Parish Councillor Brian Long in the chair. Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Kevin Markham, Frank Mason, Don Shimwell and Allan Stone.
In attendance	Four members of the public and Ivan Walters, Clerk.
Public open session	<p>A resident complained about the amount of dog fouling on The Common and gennels which is getting worse.</p> <p>The number of street lights in Winster was raised and the effect on wildlife, which seems to contradict the School becoming an Eco School. The resident was advised to ask for this to be agended for the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>
Apologies	Parish Councillors Geoff Lester and Judy Williams, and Veronica Kemble.
490/07 Minutes	Resolved That the Minutes of the meeting of WPC held on 5 March 2007 be confirmed as a true record subject to the deletion of the final sentence in item 484/07 Mosey Mere. The minutes as amended were signed by the Chair.
491/07 Clerk's update on matters in hand and action required	<p>62/04 Buckdale/Lower Westhills The Clerk will continue to chase this.</p> <p>75/04 Birchover Lane The Clerk will continue to monitor and chase this.</p> <p>240/05 NPDDD 0405 0406 Chesterfield House The Clerk will continue to monitor and chase this.</p> <p>241/05 Footpath/vegetation at the bottom of Woodhouse Lane The work to cut back the vegetation to reinstate this path has been done. Parish Councillors will inspect this and let the Clerk know if it is considered satisfactory.</p> <p>330/06 Wall on Woodhouse Lane DALC has responded but will be asked for more clarity before this matter is referred to the insurers.</p> <p>369/06 Grit bin on East Bank The resident alongside a possible new location has confirmed that she is happy with the proposal to put the grit bin outside her house. DCC will be contacted to ascertain the suitability of this site before the bin is relocated.</p> <p>402/06 Tree at 11 Leacroft Road A response has been received from The Leader of PDNPA, Tony Hams, who supports the Officer's stance about the TPO, although some minor tree work will be carried out. Mr Hams' response will be circulated before the next meeting.</p> <p>428/06 Footpath 2, Woodhouse Lane A site meeting with Whitehouse Construction has yet to be arranged.</p> <p>439/06 Water pipe on The Common WPC would like to conclude this under this term of office. The Clerk will ask WPC's solicitor to ascertain whether the resident is likely to require an easement on WPC's terms or whether this matter is now at an end and WPC can claim its costs from the resident's solicitor.</p> <p>472/07 Affordable Housing Parish Councillors Brian Long and Rob Greatorex met with Alison Clamp and a representative of PDNPA's planning department to look at various possible sites. Alison Clamp will report back to WPC.</p> <p>477/07 Pond The weed clearance was cancelled as the contractors could not carry out the work by the agreed time limit. They will honour the price for carrying out the work next winter.</p>

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

484/07 Mosey Mere The reeds are spreading and this will be monitored.

The following items are still pending or being monitored.

16/04 Dog fouling

370/06 Burma Road

75/04 Birchover Lane

403/06 Wall at Bank Top car park

309/05 Weight limits on East & West Bank

455/06 Mosey Mere

311/05 Westhills/allotment gate

Cemetery turning circle

312/05 Warning signs for Warden

Painters Way speeding

319/06 Pedestrian Safety - Elton Rd

Wall at Richfield, West Bank

330/06 Wall on West Bank

Stone Setts on Main Street

333/06 Yew trees in churchyard

Well at Oddo

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

492/07
Planning

There were no new planning applications or decisions.

NPDDD 0606/0600 Luntor Farm PDNPA has responded to the request for clarification on the decision notice for this property. This will be circulated in time for the next meeting.

T Mobile UK has approached WPC regarding the proposed erection of a 12.5 metres high mast at Lickpenny Lane at the top of Winster for which it is about to apply for planning permission. WPC is against this proposal as it would be visually intrusive, no supporting information has been supplied as to need. There is already one mast at Sacheveral Farm and communications companies should be encouraged to mast-share or find alternative methods.

62/04 Buckdale/Lower Westhills WPC is disappointed that this has not been given the priority requested.

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

493/07
Footpaths,
highways and
related issues

474/07 Main Street/West Bank road surface DCC has confirmed that it plans to resurface this area during 2007/2008, although this is not guaranteed. In the meantime this area will be patched as necessary.

Resolved To note the above.

494/07
Cemetery

Burial fees These will be increased as follows:

Exclusive right of burial	£220
First interment	£220
Second interment	£180

The associated fees will also be doubled. This increase in burial fees will in part help to fund the expansion into Ashmore Pingle which will be required within a few years.

Eligibility for burial WPC will review this policy again having taken advice from the Association of Burial Authorities. An interim policy was made to allow only residents or people who have lived in the village during their life to be buried in the Cemetery.

Reservation of plots WPC will review this policy again having taken advice from the Association of Burial Authorities. An interim policy was made to allow only residents or people who have lived in the village during their life to reserve a plot in the Cemetery.

494/07 Cemetery continued	Headstone fixings WPC will take advice on this from the Association of Burial Authorities. In the meantime all new headstones must have a solid base. Resolved To increase burial fees and make the interim policies outlined above.																																										
495/07 Tenders	Resolved To accept the tenders and issue licences as follows: Ashmore Pingle £95 from Jo Ferguson Lower Westhills £400 from Gillian Cooper																																										
496/07 Gratuity for Clerk in lieu of pension	There is no scope for WPC to arrange a pension for the Clerk or for her pension to be done through DCC. A stakeholder pension is not viable. The only alternative is a gratuity whereby a percentage of the Clerk's salary is put aside in a high interest account and paid over to the Clerk when she leaves. Resolved To clarify the percentage and starting date with DALC and investigate the statutory requirements for the Warden.																																										
497/07 Severn Trent settlement	Bagshaws have negotiated for the Parish Council to receive £1,000 in respect of the Woodhouse Lane works. All costs incurred by Bagshaws to be paid by Severn Trent. Resolved To accept the sum of £1,000.																																										
498/07 Additional grasscutting costs	WPC originally agreed to fund two additional cuts at £90 plus VAT each. The invoice is for £90 plus VAT, presumably discounted as an acknowledgement of the problems experienced. Resolved To pay the invoice in full settlement of all additional grasscutting for 2006.																																										
499/07 Rights of way work	WPC receives a maximum of £385 from DCC for minor rights of way work during 2006/2007. This is used for minor maintenance, grasscutting etc. The full allocation needs to be spent. Resolved To carry out work on waymarking Footpaths 7, 8 and 27, and surface vegetation clearance on Footpaths 2 and 4.																																										
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501/07 Correspondence	Bagshaws DALC DALC DCC DDDC Dept for Constitutional Affairs Derbyshire Constab EMRAF PDNPA PDNPA Safer Derbyshire Dales Sciencehorizons Stappard Howes Walbrook	Severn Trent settlement Circular 07/2007 Circular 08/2007 Parish Events within the Highway DalesMatters Memorial safety Ringmaster System East Midlands Rural Action Plan Changes to planning applications - neighbour notification Planning team exhibitions "Underage drinking - the problem" meeting What sort of future do you want? T-Mobile proposed mast at Bank Top Farm Merger with Metropolitan Housing Trust
Public open session	A resident asked about the burial of spouses of former Winster residents in the Cemetery.	
502/07 Matters for information	A group of residents have approached the Chair requesting to improve and expand the play area on Woodhouse Lane subject to funding. The Chair thanked all Parish Councillors for their service over the last four years.	
Next meetings	Annual Parish Wednesday 25 April 2007. Monday 14 May 2007.	
