

# WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the annual meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 14 May 2007

<b>Present</b>	Parish Councillor Brian Long in the chair. Parish Councillors Mat Adlam-Stiles, Rob Greatorex, Jo Ferguson, Frank Mason and Allan Stone.
<b>In attendance</b>	Five members of the public and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.  Parish Councillor Brian Long welcomed Mat Adlam-Stiles and Jo Ferguson as new members of the Parish Council. All Parish Councillors signed a Declaration of Office.
<b>503/07 Election of Chair and Vice Chair</b>	<b>Resolved</b> that Parish Councillor Brian Long be elected Chair and Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex be elected Vice Chair of the Parish Council.
<b>Public Open Session</b>	The three candidates for co-option to the Parish Council spoke in support of their applications.
<b>Apologies</b>	None received.
<b>504/07 Co-option of members of the Council</b>	<b>Procedure</b> Following the placing of notices on the parish noticeboard and in the Village magazine, three candidates have provided written statements of intention to stand for co-option to the Parish Council. The co-option of members could be postponed but with so few members of the Parish Council it was felt best to proceed with this now to avoid the possibility of the Parish Council being inquorate.  At this point, Parish Councillor Frank Mason stated that he wished to stand down as Parish Councillor to allow all three candidates to be co-opted without the need for a vote, and he tore up his Declaration of Office.  The three candidates were duly co-opted to the Parish Council.
<b>505/07 Minutes</b>	<b>Resolved</b> That the Minutes of the meeting of WPC held on 2 April 2007 be confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
<b>506/07 Clerk's update on matters in hand and action required</b>	<b>62/04 Buckdale/Lower Westhills</b> The Clerk has not heard anything further and will again chase the PDNPA officer for information. <b>75/04 Birchover Lane</b> The Clerk has not heard anything further from DCC. The worst area is around the entrance to Whiteholmes Farm. The Clerk will ask DCC's Highways Department whether they have carried out any work at all on this lane or propose to do so. <b>240/05 NPDDD 0405 0406 Chesterfield House</b> The Clerk will continue to monitor and chase this. <b>330/06 Wall on Woodhouse Lane</b> The Clerk has spoken at length with the insurance company about this. The insurers suggest that WPC could contact NALC's legal team first to ascertain the legal situation regarding the wall. However, as WPC does not own the wall, it is not in a position to do anything other than make safe the area on WPC's side of the wall. The existing temporary paling fence is considered adequate. As owner of the field WPC has a responsibility to let the insurers know about the risk and this has been done.

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**506/07  
Clerk's update  
on matters in  
hand and action  
required  
continued**

The insurers do not want WPC to have to spend a lot of money trying to prove anything and pursue the owners who probably will not pay up. They are happy that the temporary fencing and the report from the District Surveyor fulfils WPC's insurance obligations. The Parish Council is concerned that if the wall collapsed and injured someone the insurance company may not honour the claim, and that the moral impact on the Parish Council would be hard to bear. In addition, the fencing needs regular checking and will need maintaining at the Parish Council's expense. Clerk was asked to contact NALC via DALC to ascertain the legal position.

**402/06 Tree at 11 Leacroft Road** The response from The Leader of PDNPA, Tony Hams supporting the Officer's stance about the TPO has been circulated. The Clerk will contact Dales Housing to ascertain what they are doing to ensure the protection of this tree. The hedge at the front of this property has collapsed and this will be monitored.

**402/06 Rockside, Bank Top** The wall leading from Pinfold Cottage has now been repaired although the soil verge which gave a softer landscape has not been reinstated. Whilst this is regrettable it will not be pursued.

**428/06 Footpath 2, Woodhouse Lane** The Clerk has contacted Whitehouse Construction again but still no meeting date has been fixed.

**439/06 Water pipe on The Common** WPC's solicitor has contacted the other solicitors to ascertain whether they are pursuing this matter and asking for his costs to be paid. He has heard nothing yet. This will be put on a future agenda.

**472/07 Affordable Housing** Nothing has been heard from Alison Clamp although she and PDNPA are being chased by Isobel ??? . The deadline for bids has been moved to November 2007.

**473/07 Ephraim House/Oak Lee, East Bank** PDNPA has written to the residents and received one reply from Japan. PDNPA has decided not to take the matter further but has suggested that WPC ask DCC to resolve this. Both these matters are in breach of planning conditions imposed by PDNPA but PDNPA will not enforce its own conditions. This needs to be followed up.

There are several planning issues and outstanding matters in Winster and a meeting will be set up with PDNPA and some Parish Councillors to talk them through.

**494/07 Cemetery** No response has been received from ABA about headstone fixings or the leaflet on closed churchyards. A comment was made that the grave of Stan Heathcote needs attention from the undertaker and the headstone needs to be replaced. This will be reported.

The following items are still pending or being monitored.

<b>16/04 Dog fouling</b>	<b>403/06 Wall at Bank Top car park</b>
<b>75/04 Birchover Lane</b>	<b>455/06 Mosey Mere</b>
<b>311/05 Westhills/allotment gate</b>	<b>Cemetery turning circle</b>
<b>312/05 Warning signs for Warden</b>	<b>Painters Way speeding</b>
<b>319/06 Pedestrian Safety - Elton Rd</b>	<b>Wall at Richfield, West Bank</b>
<b>330/06 Wall on West Bank</b>	<b>Stone Setts on Main Street</b>
<b>333/06 Yew trees in churchyard</b>	<b>Well at Oddo</b>
<b>370/06 Burma Road</b>	

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

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**507/07**  
**Reports from**  
**village**  
**organisations**

**Burton Institute** Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex reported that the Management Committee had met regularly during the year. The biggest issue is the reliability of the lift. A new maintenance contract has been awarded and it is hoped that the lift will now work better. The main financial support comes from Secret Gardens and this helps to maintain the Institute in good decorative condition. The next project is to reseal the wooden floor in the main hall. It was noted that the covering on the stairs is coming loose and may cause a trip hazard.

**Heathcote Charity** Parish Councillor Brian Long reported on this as a Governor of the Charity and not one of the Parish Council nominees. The Charity met in January 2007 and distributed funds from the interest on the investments to individuals and village organisations.

**Winster Church Charities** Parish Councillor Brian Long reported that a small amount had been distributed to the widows and widowers of Winster residents.

**Winster Playing Fields Association** Parish Councillor Brian Long reported on this although he is not a representative through the Parish Council. The all-weather pitch has been refurbished at a cost of about £3,500 and should last another four to five years. The goal nets have been repaired. The hard play area has been marked. The school has been asked to suggest new play equipment.

**Winster School** Although under current regulations Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex is now a Community Governor rather than a Parish Council Governor, he reported that the school had recently received a good Ofsted report. The building programme was completed in time for the school to re-open in September 2006. The extension provides a new teaching facility which has been well received. The heating and lighting systems were also refurbished. Exterior decoration will start shortly. Numbers of pupils are increasing.

**Resolved** To note the reports.

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**508/07**  
**Election of**  
**representatives**  
**to serve on**  
**village**  
**organisations**

**Resolved** That the following Councillors again be appointed representatives of:  
**Burton Institute Management Committee** Parish Councillors Mat Adlam-Stiles, Paul Armitt and Stephen Harrison.

**Heathcote Charity** Parish Councillors Jo Ferguson and Allan Stone.

**Winster Church Charities** Parish Councillor Brian Long.

**Winster Playing Fields Association** Parish Councillor Stephen Harrison.

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**509/07**  
**Parish Council**  
**committees**

**Resolved** That Parish Councillors Jo Ferguson, Rob Greatorex, Brian Long and Allan Stone sit on the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee. Other committees will be formed as and when necessary.

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**510/07**  
**Planning**

**NPDDD 0107 0056 Keeper's Cottage, Pikehall** This has been granted.

**NPDDD 0107 0057 7 Wyntor Avenue** This has been granted.

**NPDDD 0207 0104 Sycamores, Painters Way** This has been withdrawn.

**NPDDD 0606/0600 Luntor Farm** PDNPA's officer's report explains the reasons for the decision. The Chair thought that it was PDNPA policy that where a parish council refuses an application which is subsequently approved, the officer's report should be sent to the parish council automatically. This needs to be clarified with PDNPA. Building work has commenced and the stone does not appear to comply with the planning application. It is believed that the S106 Agreement has yet to be signed. PDNPA will be asked about this.

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510/07  
Planning  
continued

**15 Wyntor Avenue, Winster** The Clerk received three complaints about a building being constructed in the back garden of this property abutting onto Painters Way. She advised the people concerned to contact PDNPA and contacted PDNPA on behalf of the Parish Council but has not received a reply. The building work appears to have stopped. The Clerk indicated that she made contact before the meeting as it is known that PDNPA is reluctant to enforce planning breaches once a building is complete. WPC ratified this action and confirmed that WPC tries to be consistent for all planning cases.

**Resolved** To note matters raised and write the letters outlined above.

511/07  
Footpaths,  
highways and  
related issues

**309/05 Weight limits on East and West Banks** DCC has now confirmed that they are collating the required information to submit the dispensation application to the Department of Transport.

**368/06 Road surface on East Bank/The Flat** Following receipt of letters from residents, DCC has now confirmed that top dressing will take place during the summer of 2007.

**449/07 Street light on Main Street/West Bank junction** East Midlands Electricity has completed its work and DCC is now dealing with the new fitting.

**Blocked drains/gullies** Some drains are blocked on the path between The Flat and The Common. The gullies at Four Lane End are also blocked. These will be reported.

**Burma Road** This is getting wider in some areas due to excessive use and parking. This needs to be monitored.

**East Bank near the Old Smithy** A new water spout has been fitted to a wall near the Old Smithy which discharges water onto the highway. This is known to be a particularly icy area in winter. This needs to be investigated and reported if appropriate.

**Parking on The Common** Vehicles have been parked for many years near Easter Cottage. This property may be sold and the Parish Council needs to ensure that The Common is not advertised as a parking space.

**Parking on Woolley's Yard** A property on Woolley's Yard is on the market with Beechwood and is advertised as having a parking space. The Clerk will write to the agents to seek clarification where the space is.

**Resolved** To note matters raised and write the letters outlined above.

512/07  
Grasscutting on  
The Common &  
Woodhouse Lane

This is normally resolved in March each year but due to substantial increases in the price quoted by DCC it was delayed. The timescale was too short to find an alternative contractor with insurance and the required equipment for the 2007 season although enquiries will resume in the autumn. Woodhouse Lane will cost £972 but this figure is reclaimed from DDDC. The quote for The Common is £2,496 which is substantially higher than the previous figure. DCC has explained that this price is necessary to cover all their costs.

**Resolved** To accept the quotes for grasscutting as above.

513/07  
Financial update

<b>Resolved</b> To note:		£
<b>Payments</b>	s/o Clerk's salary	122.60
<b>requiring</b>	s/o Warden's salary	121.52
<b>approval</b>	239 Post Office Ltd tax clerk's (£34.32) and warden's salaries (£34.10)	68.42
	240 Peak Park Parishes' Forum subscription	35.50

<b>513/07</b>	241	Allianz Cornhill insurance premium	630.97
<b>Financial update continued</b>	242	Burton Institute room hire Jan-Mar 2007 (VAT £13.40)	90.00
		<b>Balances</b>	
		Current account	450.01
		<b>at 14.5.07</b>	
		Savings account	16,919.67
		<b>Including</b>	
		Earmarked reserves for open spaces	1,650.00
		Street light (06/07)	500.00

The amount for the Warden's salary has increased as the repayments of tax have now been completed.

Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex and Brian Long declared personal interests in relation to the PPPF subscription both being officers of the forum.

The Carnival Committee no longer refunded the cost of the Market House licence and this was queried.

<b>514/07</b>	Ashgate Hospice	News Spring/summer 2007
<b>Correspondence</b>	Communities & Local Gov't	Model code of conduct order 2007
	DALC	Circulars 10/2007, 11/2007 and 12/2007
	DALC	Minutes of Executive committee meeting
	DALC	Review of maternity services
	DCC	Derbyshire Gold magazine Spring/summer 2007
	DCC	Draft Rights of Way Plan
	DCC	Trading standards info
	DCC	Traffic on West Bank
	DDDC	Smoking ban
	Defra	Appointment of Parish Members to PDNPA
	Derbyshire Dales CVS	Various
	EMDA	News March 2007
	Environment Agency	Focus Spring 2007
	PDNPA	Funding opportunities for village groups
	Postwatch	Post office closures
	PPPF	News
	Tony Hams - PDNPA	Tree at 11 Leacroft Road

The DALC circular on training will be circulated to all new Parish Councillors. DDDC will probably also provide training for new Councillors.

No nomination was put forward for a Parish Member of PDNPA.

**Public open session**

One resident is concerned about the safety of children on Woodhouse Lane due to the unsafe wall as she has seen them playing inside the safety fencing. She confirmed that she had advised the owners of the wall that it is unsafe when they purchased the property.

Parking on West Bank continues to be a concern especially on the blind bend.

It was confirmed that the Secret Gardens funding for the Burton Institute would not last indefinitely.

**515/07 Matters for information**

The Parish Council passed on its congratulations to Elton Football Club for their 5-0 win in the final of the Hutson Cup.

Arrangements will be made for the Chair to walk round the parish with the new Parish Councillors to show them some of the longstanding issues which are likely to come before the Parish Council.

**Next meeting**

Monday 4 June 2007.