

WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the annual meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 2 July 2007

Present	Parish Councillor Brian Long in the chair. Parish Councillors Mat Adlam-Stiles, Paul Armitt, Jo Ferguson, Rob Greatorex, Stephen Harrison, Don Shimwell and Allan Stone.
In attendance	Five members of the public, District Councillor John Moseley and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
Public Open Session	No matters were raised.
Apologies	No apologies were received.
531/07 Minutes	Resolved That the Minutes of the meeting of WPC held on 4 June 2007 be confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair, with the addition of "to PDNPA to the title of item 526/07.
532/07 Co-option to fill casual vacancy	<p>Following the placing of notices on the parish noticeboard and in the Village Mag advertising the casual vacancy, DDDC has not received requests for an election from ten or more electors. The vacancy was then again advertised on the parish noticeboard and in the Village Mag and one candidate provided a written statement of intention to stand for co-option to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Resolved To co-opt Paul Armitt as a member of the Parish Council and confirm him as representative on the Burton Institute Management Committee. A Declaration of Office was completed and signed.</p>
533/07 Clerk's update on matters in hand and action required	<p>62/04 Buckdale/Lower Westhills Nothing further has been heard from PDNPA despite this being confirmed as high priority during the recent meeting with Bryan Thompson. See item 534/07 below.</p> <p>330/06 Wall on Woodhouse Lane No response has been received from the resident. This will be followed up.</p> <p>402/06 11 Leacroft Road Despite several attempt to contact Dales Housing, the Clerk has been unsuccessful in obtaining an update and there is even more junk in the garden. It is believed that the possession hearing is on Thursday 5 July 2007 and the Clerk will endeavour to ascertain the outcome.</p> <p>428/06 Footpath 2, Woodhouse Lane A meeting with Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex and Whitehouse Construction has been arranged.</p> <p>511/07 Parking on Woolley's Yard Despite assurances from Beechwoods that the reference to a parking space on the sales particulars would be removed this has not been done. It is felt important to ensure that any purchaser is not under the illusion that there is a parking space with the property so the Clerk was instructed to again contact Beechwoods.</p> <p>522/07 Holiday/second homes The Clerk has obtained a list of known holiday/second homes from DDDC and also a list of properties understood to be empty by the Village Mag committee. This will be circulated.</p> <p>525/07 Bus Service DCC has responded that the last service was terminated at Darley Dale following occasions of violent behaviour on the bus.</p>

**533/07
Clerk's update
on matters in
hand and action
required
continued**

The service to Matlock was reinstated, but bad behaviour continued despite the involvement of the police and so it was again withdrawn. The operator (Hulleys) does not want to put its staff in a position where they could be in danger of violence and again terminated the service at Darley Dale. As the contractor of the service, DCC supports that view. The Clerk will ascertain when the service to Matlock was reinstated and when the situation was last reviewed and when it is proposed to review it again.

The Clerk also asked for confirmation of the arrangements for the bus service when the new bus station and Sainsbury's development open. DCC confirmed that this service would continue to serve the Bakewell Road area of Matlock. It is anticipated that a new hourly train service will run from Matlock to Nottingham and it may be worth approaching Hulleys when the timetable is published to see whether the bus service could be re-timetabled to meet some of the trains.

526/07 Parish Members of PDNPA Christopher Carr, Pat Coleman, John Herbert, Kathleen Potter, Ronald Priestley and John Fearn were elected as Parish Members.

528/07 Wall on West Bank/The Common The damage caused by the unidentified vehicle is not covered by WPC's insurance. The Chair authorised emergency repairs as this could not be left until this meeting for authorisation of the cost. The work has been carried out at a cost of £230 plus VAT which the meeting felt was reasonable. DCC removed the lamp standard for safety reasons and the Clerk has advised them that it can now be reinstated. WPC could insure all walls under its control, but the cost would be prohibitive.

Florence Gladwin Close The Clerk has been advised by Spirita, formerly Walbrook Housing, that the residents of FGC no longer want WPC to carry out the gardening work. Spirita will be asked why this is and what alternative arrangements will be made for upkeep of the communal areas.

The following items are still pending or being monitored.

16/04 Dog fouling	472/07 Affordable Housing
75/04 Birchover Lane	494/07 Cemetery
240/05 Chesterfield House	522/07 Additional traffic
311/05 Westhills/allotment gate	536/07 Japanese Knotweed
312/05 Warning signs for Warden	592/07 Grasscutting on West Bank
319/06 Pedestrian Safety - Elton Rd	Cemetery turning circle
330/06 Wall on West Bank	Clerk's gratuity
333/06 Yew trees in churchyard	Stone Setts on Main Street
370/06 Burma Road	Wall at Richfield, West Bank
403/06 Wall at Bank Top car park	Well at Oddo
455/06 Mosey Mere	

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

**534/07
Planning**

No planning applications or decisions have been received.

Parish Councillors Jo Ferguson, Brian Long and Rob Greatorex met with Bryan Thompson of PDNPA to look at some of the outstanding and recently concluded planning issues in Winster. Mr Thompson's notes of the meeting were previously circulated to all Parish Councillors.

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**Planning
continued**

The properties discussed were:

Rock View Mr Thompson agreed that the stone work was not perfect but would appear better after weathering.
Barn at Bank Top Mr Thompson agreed that the slate used for the roof was Indian. The Planning permission does not specify the origin of the slate to be used. Mr Thompson will be asked for an apology to WPC for his colleague's incorrect assertion that the slate is not Indian.

Buckdale/Lower Westhills Mr Thompson confirmed that this was still in the top 10 of priority planning matters at PDNPA. WPC will continue to fight for action in this matter and, being precluded from going to the planning ombudsman, the Clerk will write to the Chair of Planning Control at PDNPA and copy the letter to the Chair of the Authority stating that it is of concern that the Chief Executive and directors of the PDNPA are aware of this long running matter and WPC's dissatisfaction at the way it has been handled over the years, but still no progress appears to have been made. The letter will also state that unless some progress is seen to have been made within four weeks WPC may take the matter to the Press.

Ephraim House/Oaklee, East Bank Mr Thompson indicated that whilst the stone on the driveway at Ephraim House does breach the planning conditions, as the work was completed over five years ago PDNPA cannot enforce it. However DCC highways will be asked to investigate/enforce. Oaklee is also in breach of the planning consent but as the bund is big enough to prevent stone movement this is acceptable to PDNPA.

Luntor Farm, Wensley Road Mr Thompson agreed that if an application is approved against any parish council's recommendations, the officer's notes should automatically be sent to that parish council with the decision notice. WPC will monitor use of the mobile home at Luntor Farm to ensure that it is removed as soon as the building work is completed.

The Lodge, Main Street Mr Thompson stated that the WPC had made its feelings about parking within the site and the S106 agreement very clear.

On the whole the meeting was felt to have been helpful. WPC notes the points made by Mr Thompson on behalf of PDNPA and accepts them, although not necessarily agreeing with the majority of them.

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

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**Footpaths,
highways and
related issues**

Chimney Cottage, The Flat A sign has been placed on the wall of this property stating "Parking for Mini only". When a Mini or other car is parked at this location it partially obstructs people's right on foot from Chipshop Hill and there is insufficient room to get a pushchair or wheelchair through. It is felt that this situation may improve when the building work on the neighbouring property is complete. The Clerk will write to the resident about the partial obstruction of the footway.

Market House The National Trust have again inspected the stonework on the roadside where a hole has developed due to corrosion from the road salt. It is understood that the National Trust would like to carry out repairs as soon as possible but needs funds for the work.

Street Cleansing DDDC has carried out mechanical and hand cleansing on Main Street but not the gennels. The Clerk will ascertain what was intended.

535/07
Footpaths, highways and related issues continued

Overgrown hedge at The Manor The Clerk will write to the owners welcoming them to Winster and asking them to cut the hedge which is overhanging this narrow footway.

Blocked gullies These are near Mountview, West Bank and the three past the School on Wensley Road. The Clerk will report these.

Resolved To note matters raised.

536/07
Footpath survey
Standing orders were suspended to allow Chris Williams to present his report.

DCC asked all parish councils to survey their own network of footpaths and Chris Williams agreed to do this for WPC. He has surveyed all footpaths in Winster and his report was circulated. The survey was carried out to Best Value using an agreed formula.

Some roadside waymarkers are missing which are considered to be "critical".

There is heavy erosion on the paths towards Birchover. These are popular paths and access is difficult in places. The linking footpath in this area does not run on its true course. There is also a lack of waymarkers. These paths are archaeologically very important as miners' tracks and this needs to be preserved wherever possible.

The footpath to Birchover Lane, which is partly in Birchover Parish, has missing waymarkings, broken or muddy gateways and is not useable in bad conditions.

FP27 which links to Wensley has a poor surface and poor waymarking in places.

FP2 & FP4 had some refurbishment work in 2000. Timber steps up the bank may help to alleviate some of the poor ground conditions. On FP 4 the steps would be beside the old pavers which would help to conserve these.

FP16 which passes the allotment field requires stile repairs. These stiles belong to WPC and WPC is under an obligation to repair them.

WPC is refurbishing the two fingerposts on FP2 and FP4 beside the shop and the hairdresser.

Councillor John Moseley confirmed that Set Aside payments are only available to farmers and not to parish councils.

BCTV or other voluntary organisations may be able to help with some of the work, but much of it is likely to be of a specialist nature. There may be funding available for this work.

Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex had also prepared a preliminary schedule of repairs for future consideration.

Chris Williams was thanked for his hard work in producing this survey.

Standing orders were reinstated

Resolved To:

- receive the report and schedule
 - submit the claim for minor maintenance as a matter of urgency and ask DCC for any surplus to be carried forward towards this work
 - To coordinate co-ordinate an action plan for the next 12 months once DCC's response on funding is received.
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<p>537/07 Play area on Woodhouse Lane</p>	<p>A group of parents approached WPC a few years ago with a view to upgrading and expanding this play area. They have now obtained a plan and quote for £50,000 to £60,000 plus VAT. WPC agreed that the current play area may need upgrading in the near future.</p> <p>The parents have consulted other residents. They intend to fund the scheme themselves but would like support in principle from WPC. The proposed scheme takes up the current play area and the flat grassed area beside it.</p> <p>Although it appears to have no financial implication for WPC, some grant aid is subject to a contribution from a local source, such as a parish council and this could be 10% to 20% of the total cost. There will also be annual maintenance and insurance costs.</p> <p>Resolved To support this scheme in principle and to notify the leader of the group.</p>
<p>538/07 Smoke-free (Premises & Enforcement) Regulations 2006</p>	<p>All structures which have a roof and more than one wall are considered to be enclosed premises under this Regulation and so must be smoke-free. This applies to the two bus shelters in Winster and signs have been put up. These were removed overnight and a second set will be put up as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of the legal owner to enforce the Regulations and WPC is the owner of the two bus shelters. The Clerk has been advised by DCC and DALC that it is the Clerk of the Parish Council who has sole responsibility for enforcing this. DALC will issue more guidelines in due course.</p> <p>Resolved To approve expenditure of up to £20 to purchase more durable signs. If a complaint is received about breach of these Regulations, this will be followed up. No further action on enforcement will be taken pending further advice from DALC.</p>
<p>539/07 Sustainable Winster</p>	<p>Parish Councillor Jo Ferguson circulated a report about Sustainable Winster. This organisation will look at energy and waste saving and other environmental issues. Although in its infancy, it is likely that it will be formally constituted in the near future when clear objectives will be set.</p> <p>Resolved To receive the report and support this initiative.</p>
<p>540/07 Application under S137</p>	<p>A request has been received from Winster Morris Dancers for a contribution towards the cost of their invitation to the Italian Flag-wavers during Wakes week. It was felt that whilst the Flag-wavers contributed to the success of a very damp Wakes Week, better communication between the Morris Dancers and other village bodies would have resulted in suitable financial arrangements being made before the visit.</p> <p>Resolved To donate £50 under S137, stating that WPC finds this type of request difficult when they have not been allowed for in the precept.</p>
<p>541/07 Wall on West Bank</p>	<p>Resolved To ratify the payment of £230.00 plus VAT for repairs to this wall.</p>

542/07	Resolved	To note:	£
Financial update	Payments	s/o Clerk's salary	122.60
	requiring	s/o Warden's salary	121.52
	approval	Post Office Ltd tax clerk's (£34.32) and warden's salaries (£34.10)	68.42
		DALC Training	70.00
		A R Cooper for repairs to wall on West Bank (VAT £40.25)	270.25
		C Purslow fee for internal audit	50.00
		Winster Morris Dancers	50.00
	Balances	Current account	178.48
	at 2.7.07	Savings account	15,366.80
	Including	Earmarked reserves for:	
		Open spaces	1,650.00
		Street light (2006/2007)	500.00

543/07
Correspondence

Sustainable Winster Introduction
Alun Thomas Request for funding

Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex will attend the PPPF meeting on 4 July 2007 in his official capacity but no Parish Councillors are attending.

Brian Dolon and Rob Greatorex have stood for the one place on the Standards Committee. WPC cast its vote for Rob Greatorex.

The Chair updated WPC on events following the recent fire at Enthovens. Other parish councils have raised questions about the effect on local communities and the action taken and the response will be circulated when received.

Public open session

One resident asked for clarification on the casual vacancy.

A resident confirmed that the play area at Woodhouse Lane is well used and is in a good location and supported the proposed refurbishment/extension. Dog fouling is a problem particularly on the grass area.

544/07
Presentation by Glebe Mines

Two representatives from Glebe Mines outlined the company's plans to apply to permission to extract fluorspar from Tearsall Quarry. This would be in place of Slinger Mines which currently works the site and would start after all work at Glebe Mines' current site in Winster has been completed. There would be no additional lorry movements. The work would not require the removal of any stone from the site for sale. The site would have about a five year working lifespan and would be worked in phases with progressive backfilling. Glebe Mines stated that there is no alternative site for this quantity for fluorspar. The ore will be transported to Merseyside and both the Merseyside operation and Glebe Mines are totally reliant on this application. Questions and clarification on different points were raised by Parish Councillors.

545/07
Matters for information

No matters were raised.

Next meeting

Monday 6 August 2007.