

WINSTER ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held by Winster Parish Council at the Burton Institute, Winster on 25 May 2005

- Present** Parish Councillor Brian Long in the chair and Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Geoff Lester, Kevin Markham, Frank Mason, Allan Stone and Judy Williams.
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- In attendance** Two members of the public, PC Iain McGregor, Lindsey Fishwick, Police Community Support Officer and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
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- Apologies** Parish Councillor Don Shimwell, District Councillor Ray Dring and 3 residents.
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- PM1/05 Minutes** **Resolved** That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26 May 2005 be confirmed as a correct record, subject to item PM2/03 which should read 27 children. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
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- PM2/05 Matters arising**
- PM2/04 Winster School** Five children are expected to start in September 2005 and six will be moving to secondary school. The Headteacher, Bill Fargent, retires at the end of the school year. An acting headteacher, Sue Tomlinson, will start in September 2005 and the permanent position will be advertised. John Geddes will leave the School's governing body at the end of the school year and his position will not be renewed under restructuring of the governing body.
- PM5/04 Reading Room project** The demand for computer classes is falling. DCC can provide computers if needed. The weekly drop-in classes will stop and only two computers will remain.
- PM6/04 Quiet Lanes** This has not been pursued.
- PM8/04 Transport survey** The Taxi Voucher Scheme is in place but is under utilised. The Parish Council is looking at ways to use the grant money.
- PM9/04 Street lighting** This will be considered further by the Parish Council. A resident's letter about light pollution has been published in the Derbyshire Times.
- PM10/04 Wheeled bins** About half of the village is being served by wheeled bins with the rest remaining on bin bags.
- PM11/04 Litter/dog fouling** This is a continuing problem which DDDC should be in a position to deal with later in the year.
- PM13/04 Parking on the "Keep Clear" sign** This has been dealt with.
- PM13/04 Weedy gennels** DDDC has been made aware of the problem.
- Resolved** To note the matters arising.
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- PM3/05 Village communications** John Geddes presented a report on communications. PDNPA will not consider assisting with funding for a noticeboard so an alternative source needs to be found. More space is needed for notices now that the Village Shop does not display information in its windows and to display information for visitors. A possible site is at the top of Woodhouse Lane on the side wall of the Village Shop, although this is not an ideal site. An "editor" will be required to ensure the information displayed is up to date.
- A laminated information card could be distributed to all holiday lets.
- Elton now has its own magazine and the Parish Magazine no longer has much connection with the Churches. A Village Magazine, which would not be anti-Church, may be the solution for a clean break and could be delivered free to every house in the village, except holiday lets.
- The annual printing cost is about £750.

PM3/05 Village communications continued	<p>An application will be made to the Sustainable Communities Fund for funding for a free village magazine but it is only likely to give 75% of the total anticipated costs for two to three years. After that period if the magazine has been demonstrated to be useful the Parish Council may be asked to fund it out of the precept. A village magazine is a very useful resource which benefits all village organisations and brings interest to a village.</p> <p>The volunteers who currently distribute the magazine would not continue and the cost of delivery would be about £15 per month.</p> <p>Youlgrave's village magazine, The Bugle, is funded in the main by sponsorship from local organisations and businesses.</p> <p>It is important not to upset any organisations or individuals when making any changes to the format or allegiance of the Parish Magazine.</p> <p>The Annual Meeting supports the changes outlined above.</p> <p>Resolved To liaise with the Church, Elton and the distributors.</p>
PM4/05 Chair's report	<p>The Chair circulated a detailed report on the activities and projects undertaken by the Parish Council during the previous financial year.</p> <p>The wall at Wyntor Avenue/Painters way has still to be repaired.</p> <p>Resolved To note the above report and comment.</p>
PM5/05 Neighbourhood Watch report	<p>Jack Hession presented his report which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recent Neighbourhood Watch meetings have not been well attended by representatives of village organisations • The police at Bakewell operate a letter system to parents of young people committing antisocial behaviour • Speeding continues to be a problem. Sensors which were placed on the road close to the School for five days showed the average speed to be 39 MPH. A speeding survey will now be carried out in liaison between the Parish Council and DCC. The Police will set up speed traps when the gun is available. More details will be put in the Parish Magazine • It is important for people to report incidents at the time as mentioning them in passing a week later means that the information cannot be actioned • The main incidents in the village continue to be the antisocial behaviour of some young people, including playing "chicken", congregating outside people's houses and going into private gardens • Generally Winster is a quiet and peaceful place with a low crime rate • The Police information van visits Winster on the fourth Friday each month <p>Resolved To note the comments made.</p>
PM6/05 Financial report	<p>The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer gave details of the Parish Council's receipts and payments for the financial year ending 31 March 2005, and made copies available. The accounts are unaudited. The Clerk believed that in her opinion the end of year balance was a sensible and healthy one, and allowed scope for unforeseen items of expenditure.</p> <p>Resolved To note the report.</p>
PM8/05 Matters raised	<p>The Parish Council was thanked for its help in getting the gas regulator moved.</p> <p>A complaint was received about the state of the grasscutting on Leacroft Green which does not give a good impression to people entering the village.</p> <p>Resolved To note the matters raised.</p>