

# WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 10 January 2005

- Present** Councillor Brian Long in the chair.  
Councillors Rob Greatorex, Geoff Lester, Kevin Markham, Frank Mason, Allan Stone and Judy Williams.
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- In attendance** Three members of the public, District Councillor Ray Dring and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
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- Apologies** Councillor Don Shimwell
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- 152/05 Public open session**  
One resident noted the improvements to the garden at 11 Leacroft Road and thanked the Parish Council for their hard work on this matter.  
Some holiday let properties have left vast numbers of rubbish sacks out following the Christmas period. The Parish Council will contact DDDC and ask for these to be cleared away.  
**Resolved** To note the concerns raised.
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- 153/05 Minutes**  
**Resolved** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 6 December 2004 be confirmed as a correct record, subject to amending item 141/04 to read "1 November and 9 November 2004". The minutes were signed by the Chair.
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- 154/05 Matters arising**  
**95/04 Gas regulator** The work to move this is still outstanding. The Clerk will contact Transco again.  
**128/04 Wensley Road** The Clerk will write to the Public Transport Unit at DCC about buses mounting the footway along the stretch between Wyntor Avenue and the School.  
**132/05 Play equipment** The "No dogs" sign has been fitted on the Woodhouse Lane play area gate.  
**133/05 Transport scheme** There has been little response to this so far.  
**134/05 Pond** Drawings of the proposed sign were approved with a maximum cost of £100.  
**138/04 Recycling area** This has been particularly unkempt over the New Year period. The contractors often empty the bins but do not clear up the bottles left around them. It is believed that this is to encourage DDDC to enforce the fly tipping notices. The Clerk will write a strong letter to DDDC about the ongoing problems with the recycling area.  
**148/04 Letter from School Council** Parish Councillors Brian Long and Frank Mason will visit the School Council to go through the matters raised in their letter.  
**150/04 Cars parking on Woodhouse Lane** A notice will be put on offending cars.  
**151/04 Burton Institute** It is hoped that there will be a "quiet button" for the fans so that they can be switched off for an hour at a time to reduce noise.  
**Resolved** To note the matters raised.

**NPDDD 1204 1193 Parking space Caxton House** The council approves this application and by a majority agreed to include the same comments on the letter regarding highways and the bus stop as for the previous application.

**NPDDD 1204 1317 Amended landfilling at Tearsall Quarry, Bonsall Moor**

Winster Parish Council opposes this application for the following reasons:

1. In response to the last application for this site, the Parish Council expressed concern that there seem to be regular applications for extensions of one type or another on this site and now we have another one. A three year extension is considered to be too long bearing in mind the length of time this site has been worked and all the previous applications.
2. In 2000 an application was approved for a scheme that was acceptable then, and the Parish Council can see no justified reason why that should change. There is no benefit to the local people. Little biodiversity is provided for, and what is provided is far from public access points to this site.
3. There are already excessive lorry movements on the roads concerned from this and the Winster Moor site, and the proposed additional movements allow for a total 90 movements a day for a further three years. It is felt that the number of lorry movements a day means that the three year period is not a nominal period of time, and there is no guarantee that either site will not make a fresh application in the future and so extend this timescale.
4. In addition, the Parish Council sees little point in upgrading the Via Gellia and degrading the B5056, when the latter has to cope with the proposed traffic. Considerable work will be required on the B5056 to keep it up to a standard which can take this amount of traffic.
5. With regard to the proposed reinstatement, the Parish Council does not believe the land should be made suitable for agricultural equipment. The existing landscape in this area does not in general cater for agricultural equipment and it is felt to be wrong to amend the existing landscape when reinstating land on which extraction has taken place.
6. The landform of an area tells a story. This is a former mineral site and this fact should be visible when the site is reinstated. This site should be reinstated to the specification provided in the 2000 plans.
7. The reference to wetland and biodiversity is very vague in its wording and the Parish Council does not feel that there is enough biodiversity proposed to merit a further three years of working. The public will not receive any benefit from the proposed biodiversity as it will not be visible from the bridleway which has already been diverted to accommodate the workings on this site.
8. Although a landfill licence will be obtained, this is an area of the Peak District National Park and the Parish Council questions the need for a tip in this area of the Peak Park.
9. The proposed new footpath is not shown on the plan.

**NPDDD 0504 0537 Variation of Condition 8, Tearsall Quarry, Bonsall Lane**  
This application has been withdrawn.

**NPDDD 1004 1102 Replacement windows at Wyntor Avenue, Winster** This application has been approved, although it had been hoped that the doors would be replaced at the same time.

**NPDDD 1004 1113 Extension at Rockside, Winster** This application has been withdrawn.

**155/05  
Planning  
applications  
continued**

**Clough Lodge, Painters Way** This appeal has been dismissed.

**NPDDD 0503/282 Winster Moor** The Clerk reported mud on the road to PDNPA, DCC and Glebe Mines. Glebe Mines have indicated that they have closed the site for an extra week over the Christmas period to upgrade the track leading to the site. This needs to be monitored and the Clerk will write to Dave Bent at PDNPA to ask him to confirm whether or not Glebe Mines are complying with Conditions 6 and 7 on the permission.

A letter has been received from solicitors for Bleaklow Industries advising the Parish Council of a judicial enquiry into the Winster Moor application. This is in relation to a separate application at Great Longstone and the Parish Council has been copied the papers for information only.

**Resolved** To note the applications and decisions received since the last meeting and write the letters as outlined above.

**156/05  
Footpaths,  
highways and  
related issues**

**68/03 Cars on the Flat** A letter will be sent to the people concerned.

**04/04 Bus stop markings** DCC Highways Department need a decision on this within two months. This will be placed on the next agenda.

**64/04 Overgrown vegetation** All Parish Councillors were asked to let the Clerk know of any problem areas so that she can write to the properties concerned.

**107/04 Richfield, West Bank** Parish Councillor Frank Mason declared a prejudicial interest as he lives in the neighbouring property and left the room for this item. The Parish Council wrote to DCC asking about the status of the tarmac area outside this property following the erection of the low stone wall. The Highways Department is very vague about this and the Parish Council will continue to pursue this as there are safety implications of people not being able to walk on this area.

**131/04 Street light** The overgrowth on the light opposite the Church will be reported again.

**131/04 Fallen leaves** DDDC have implemented a new system of street cleaning from 2004. This is meant to allow for a full clean of each area on set dates, with additional work being undertaken as necessary. The fallen leaves were reported to DDDC but should have been cleared some time ago. The Parish Council does not feel that it is getting a good service or value for money under the new scheme and this needs to be monitored.

**131/04 Salt bin** DCC have filled their salt bin on East Bank. The Parish Council's bins on East Bank and Wyntor Avenue have sufficient salt. This needs to be monitored and reported to the Clerk if they are running low.

**144/04 Bank Top car park** Jason Oldfield has not been asked to sweep this.

**144/04 Horsecroft Lane footpath** The stones have not been moved. A contractor working in the area will be asked to move it to make it safe as it is a health and safety issue. This should be at nominal cost.

Dave Ridding has been asked to quote for removing the pond weeds by the February Parish Council meeting. The work needs to be carried out in February. Wyntor Avenue footway Dales Housing has carried out remedial work. They need to be reminded about the full resurfacing work.

**Resolved** to note the reports.

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**157/05**  
**Grounds maintenance contracts**

Bill Glossop has indicated that he will not tender for the work at the Cemetery for 2005. DCC could do this and most of the other grounds work but the Parish Council would prefer to have a local contractor. An alternative is to have a village operative who would do the grounds work in the Cemetery, Churchyard, Florence Gladwin Close and other areas (excluding the Common which needs special equipment) and also litterpick and do odd jobs. This operative would be paid the same hourly rate as the current operatives but would be an employee of the Parish Council, covered by the Council's insurance policy.

**Resolved** To contact other Parish Councils which employ operatives and to approach Darley Dale Parish Council about sharing an operative.

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<b>158/05</b>	<b>Resolved</b>	To note:	£
<b>Financial update</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	Chris Higgs rental	1.00
		John Ashworth rental	1.00
		DDDC reimbursables	877.24
		HMCE VAT refund	1,768.71
		DDDC Bank Top car park refund	2,620.35
		Mandale Memorials - Rains balance due	5.00
	<b>Payment</b>	s/o Clerk's salary	112.38
	<b>Cheques requiring approval</b>	96 Tax on clerk's salary	31.70
		97 Winster Village Shop Association	200.00
		98 Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (VAT £2.61)	17.51
	<b>Balances as at 10.1.05</b>	Current Account	539.57
Business High Interest Account		8,828.95	
<b>Including</b>	Earmarked reserves for open spaces	1,650.00	
	Earmarked reserves for taxi voucher scheme	1462.00	

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**159/05**  
**Correspondence**

John Geddes has suggested buying a salt/grit spreader. There are health & safety/ public liability considerations. If the Parish Council was to buy a machine it could be seen to pass the liability onto someone else. If a handyman/village operative is employed that person could use a salt/grit spreader.

**Resolved** To note the correspondence received since the last meeting.

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**160/05**  
**Matters for information**

Kevin Markham has stood down as chair of the Winster Carnival Committee to set up a Youth Club.

The school children will be hosting a twinning visit during Wakes Week. This is being arranged through the Twinning Association.

Dog fouling is particularly bad at the moment. The new Dog Fouling Act is not being implemented as the people concerned are dealing with the new wheelie bins. In the spring this team will be covering litter, ASBOs and dog fouling.

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**161/05**  
**Public open session**

The area outside Richfield was used for coffins for burial in the Churchyard.

District Councillor Ray Dring suggested that Bill Glossop should be put forward for the Chairman's Awards for his hard work in the village. Mr Glossop will be approached about this before his name is put forward.

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**Next meeting** Monday 7 February 2005.

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