

WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 7 March 2005

Present	Councillor Brian Long in the chair. Councillors Rob Greatorex, Geoff Lester, Kevin Markham, Frank Mason, Don Shimwell and Allan Stone and Judy Williams.
In attendance	4 members of the public and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
Apologies	District Councillor Ray Dring
176/05 Public open session	The Woodhouse Lane recreation area gate does not shut automatically. Children have stopped playing football on the level grass area beside the play area due to the amount of dog mess on the area. Resolved To note the concerns raised.
177/05 Minutes	Resolved That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 7 February 2005 be confirmed as a correct record, subject to the following amendments: 165/05 B5085 should read B5058. 172/05 should read "... parish councillors throughout the country". 174/05 the word "wooden" should be deleted. The minutes as amended were signed by the Chair.
178/05 Matters arising	161/05 Chairman's awards Bill Glossop was pleased to have been asked about this but would prefer not to be nominated for an award. 169/05 Pond/seats DCC has mechanically removed the vegetation at an agreed price of £300. The weeds will be removed as soon as possible. Simon Percival had completed the repair work on the various benches. Resolved To note the matters arising.
179/05 Planning applications	NPDDD 0205 0175 Extension at Delph Cottage, East Bank, Winster The Parish Council approves this application subject to clarification that the window frames will be of hardwood. NPDDD 0205 0203 Extension at Rock Side, Winster The Parish Council approves this application with the proviso that the garage will be used for garage purposes only, and the French windows should be offset to improve the visual effect. 62/04 Buckdale Lane, Winster The site visit was delayed due to bad weather. 165/05 Bank Top, Winster PDNPA are investigating this site and also the new development. NPDDD 1204 1317 Tearsall Quarry, Bonsall Lane This appeal will be heard on 16 March 2005. The Clerk has been approached by a local resident asking for support from Winster Parish Council and attendance at the appeal. The Clerk explained to this resident that the Parish Council responded to the original application and had nothing to add for the appeal.

179/05
Planning applications continued

NPDDD 0105 0040 Wall at Winster Hall, Main Street, Winster This application has been refused. Concern was raised over the future of the horse chestnut tree on this site as it is being blamed for damage to the wall. The Clerk will obtain a leaflet on trees in conservation areas and seek clarification from PDNPA on the reasons for refusal.

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

180/05
Footpaths, highways and related issues

04/04 Bus stop markings A letter has been received from Lyn Lowe of East Bank opposing the bus stop markings as they would prevent cars being parked in those areas. No other responses have been received to the article in the Parish Magazine. The need for passenger safety and suitable access for boarding are major priorities with this issue. There was concern that even if the bus stop bay outside The Hall is marked the bus will not be able to pull in and out of it due to cars parked elsewhere. DCC will be asked to provide measurements and a plan for the bus bay and this will be considered at a future meeting.

75/04 Birchover Lane The condition of this lane has deteriorated and it is now almost impassable by vehicles. The Clerk will write to DCC and inform them that it is felt this lane is in a dangerous condition.

85/04 19 to 23 Wyntor Avenue The footway outside these houses is due to be resurfaced this week, subject to the weather.

85/04 Street light by the Church The trees need cutting back again.

107/04 Richfield/West Bank Parish Councillor Frank Mason declared a prejudicial interest as he owns Armature Cottage on West Bank and his wife has written a letter to the Parish Council, and he left the room.

The resident at Richfield has no deeds showing ownership of this piece of land and he relied on the estate agent's particulars which stated there is parking with the property. The concerns expressed by residents over this matter relate to the wall only and not to the parking of cars on this piece of land. Before the wall at Richfield was erected, there was no problem as people could walk over the area of land which the Parish Council believes to be highway. The wall is not a permanent structure with footings but was just put on top of the tarmac to help sell the property and has restricted this access. If the wall was removed the matter would be resolved. The County Council search in November 2004 revealed that this land is unregistered. Further enquiries would continue to be made of local residents to establish status.

In response to the letter from Phyllis Mason, the new kerbing and line beside The Old Butcher's Shop were the best that DCC could offer at that time, although this may have changed now. If the pavement was extended, the wall at Richfield would reduce the width of the highway. The 1910 Finance Act implies that Armature Cottage did not include the frontage. In the early 1900s the Parish Council was responsible for the upkeep of highways, including throwing gravel on unsurfaced areas, and details of all money spent appears in the Parish Council's accounting books of that time and these will be inspected.

128/04 Wensley Road The Clerk has spoken with Dick Hardy at DCC Highways Department about the problem of vehicles mounting the pavement. He will discuss this with colleagues and consider a solution.

131/04 Fallen leaves DDDC will be chased for a response on this.

**180/05
Footpaths,
highways and
related issues
continued**

144/04 Holly hedge at Moorsfold The holly hedge alongside Elton Road near the Church is overhanging the highway and this will be reported to DCC.

150/04 Cars parking on Woodhouse Lane The resident concerned has approached Parish Councillor Brian Long and indicated that a disabled parking sign gives any blue badge holder the right to park in the area covered. Enquiries will be made on this point. Condition 3 of the 1992 planning decision notice allows for a parking and turning area restricted to disabled use. It is considered that the original intention was for disabled users to park here whilst family and friends were using the facilities, and not for more lengthy/overnight parking.

166/05 Police speeding survey The police response is still pending.

166/05 Leacroft service road No response has been received from DCC.

174/05 Footpath sign on East Bank This sign will be renovated and replaced shortly.

Pothole on Wyntor Avenue There is a pothole on Wyntor Avenue which will be reported to DCC.

Cemetery turning area Unidentified lorries using the turning area at the Cemetery are damaging the grass but it would be very difficult to eliminate this problem.

Resolved to note the reports make the necessary enquiries and write the letters as outlined above.

**181/05
Taxi voucher
scheme**

Take-up has been low. The Countryside Agency has agreed to expand the criteria.

Resolved To undertake research to find other users without taking away from the ambulance booking system and public bus services.

**182/05
Land rentals**

Resolved To offer licences to the existing licensees at the price of £400 for Westhills and £90 for Ashmore Pingle, to replace the gate at Westhills during the season and to seek tenders for these parcels in 2006.

**183/05
Winster Village
Shop
Association
(S137)**

The Winster Village Shop Association has written asking if the Parish Council would consider providing additional funds for the shop. This is similar to the request made by the Burton Institute Management Committee a few years ago. As this is a limited company (limited by guarantee) enquiries need to be made as to whether the Parish Council can support this venture. In addition the precept has been fixed for 2005/2006.

Resolved To write a letter of support which can be used for other grant applications and to investigate the financial regulations to ascertain whether financial assistance can be given to a limited company.

184/05 Donations No requests have been received.

185/05

Financial update

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Receipts	L Petts for headstone for Mr Rains	42.00
	DCC for Winster Playing Fields Association (see below)	50.00
Payments requiring approval	s/o Clerk's salary	112.38
	100 DCC Erection of signs and panels (VAT £50.75)	340.75
	102 Post Office Ltd re tax on clerk's salary	31.70
	103 DCC Common	1,962.25

185/05	104	DCC Woodhouse Lane	894.18
Financial update continued	105	V Kemble Matlock Mercury advert	101.14
	106	Peak Advertiser advert - Parish Warden (VAT £5.25)	35.25
	107	Brian Long - Chair's allowance	100.00
	108	V Kemble clerk's expenses to 3.3.05	194.03
	109	Burton Institute for room hire Oct to Dec 2004 (VAT £9.98)	67.00
	110	Simon James Joinery for work on benches	275.00
	111	David Bowden for village pond sign	100.00
	112	Winster Playing Fields (see above)	50.00
	113	DALC for 2 copies of Standing Orders	12.71
		Earmarked reserves for open spaces	1,650.00
		Earmarked reserves for taxi voucher scheme	1462.00

The Clerk has approved the headstone design for Mr Rains.

£125 was set aside for footpaths/waymarking as the remaining balance of the DCC allowance for 2004/2005.

186/05
Correspondence Councillors Frank Mason and Brian Long will attend the DALC training on 16 April 2005 and payment for this was approved.

Resolved To note the correspondence received since the last meeting.

187/05 Public open session Ditch clearing has begun on Birchover Lane.

188/05
Matters for information The problems with the bus shelter light are being negotiated with DCC.

The boundary wall adjacent to the Woodhouse Lane play area is bowing and could be dangerous. This belongs to The Old Coach House and the Clerk will write to the owners to make them aware of their responsibilities. The insurance company also needs to be made aware due to its proximity to the play area.

Rubbish is coming from the properties on Florence Gladwin Close onto the Woodhouse Lane recreational ground. Walbrook will be informed of this.

The gas regulator has been moved and a request was made for the concrete areas to be painted green.

Next meeting Monday 4 April 2005.

189/05
Village warden This item was considered in accordance with National Standing Orders 38 and 68, and Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public being excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business and on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

Seven enquiries and two applications were received. Both were interviewed by Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Brian Long and Don Shimwell.

Resolved To appoint Richard Comley as Village Warden, being an employee of the Parish Council, at the rate of £7.05 per hour (pay award pending) with an anticipated 250 hours a year paid over 12 months. Timesheets will be kept and any additional hours paid twice a year. To service all machinery and to provide protective clothing and small items of equipment as required, or an allowance towards this. A review will be carried out half way through the season. An article will be placed in the Parish Magazine introducing Richard. Letters will be sent to Jason Oldfield and Fred Purslow thanking them for their help in previous years.