

WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 4 April 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.
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- In attendance** 6 members of the public, County Councillor Deborah Read and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
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- Apologies** District Councillor Ray Dring.
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- 190/05 Public open session** Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex declared a prejudicial interest on the first item, being a close neighbour of Hill Cottage and having made representations to PDNPA, and he left the room. Representations were made by a neighbour of Hill Cottage and the owner of the property on the new application.
A resident advised that there appeared to be an increase in the number of speeding and noisy vehicles coming through the village late at night.
The ivy on Woodhouse Lane is still outstanding. Dog fouling on the area adjacent to the Woodhouse Lane play area is particularly bad and the gate on the play area does not shut.
County Councillor Deborah Read advised that due to the changes in constituency boundaries she would not cover Winster if re-elected. The Parish Council thanked the Councillor for her help over the years.
Resolved To note the concerns raised.
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- 191/05 Minutes** **Resolved** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 7 March 2005 be confirmed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:
107/04 should read "The Land Registry search carried out by DCC in November 2004..." to clarify the type of search undertaken.
The minutes as amended were signed by the Chair.
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- 192/05 Matters arising** **169/05 Pond sign** This will be installed as soon as possible.
169/05 Seats Simon Percival has completed the work on the benches and has done an excellent job.
181/05 Taxi Voucher Scheme An article will be placed in the Parish Magazine to attract more interest in this.
183/05 Village Shop The Chair has contacted DALC about the request from Winster Village Shop Association Limited and they will check the situation with NALC.
188/05 Wall at Woodhouse Lane The Clerk will follow up the letter sent to the owners of the wall. A safety fence will be erected to prevent people walking underneath the wall.
Resolved To note the matters arising.
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NPDDD 1204 1317 Amended application at Tearsall Quarry, Winster
Winster Parish Council welcomes the new footpath through this site but opposes this amended application for the same reasons as before, namely:

1. In response to the previous 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.

NPDDD 0105 0049 Hill Cottage, West Bank, Winster Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex declared a prejudicial interest due to being a close neighbour of Hill Cottage and having made representations to PDNPA on the application, and he left the room. The Parish Council approves this application subject to concerns that the privacy of other properties may be substantially reduced by this proposed extension. Some of these are different properties to those affected by the original application. The Parish Council feels that this matter should go to full Committee due to the various arguments for and against the application.

**193/05
Planning
applications
continued**

NPDDD 0305 0271 Conversion to flats at Leacroft Garage, Winster The Parish Council is generally happy with the build subject to:

1. The lack of amenity space provided.
2. Use of/access to the frontage of the property and would seek confirmation that no wall or fence etc will be erected along the curtilage.
3. The need for low cost local needs accommodation for sale or rent. It is felt that the new properties created by this scheme should fall into this category.

NPDDD 0305 0316/0317 Boundary wall at Winster Hall The Parish Council is pleased that the highways issues appear to have been resolved by this new application which it supports, subject to concerns about the affect on the existing bus stop, benches and street light.

NPDDD 0305 0329 Listed Building Consent for internal works at Stoneheath, Main Street, Winster The Parish Council congratulated the architects on the clarity of the application and the use of photographs which greatly helped. The Parish Council supports this application.

NPDDD 0105 0041 Boundary wall, Winster Hall This application was refused.

NPDDD 0105 0048 Gable House, Main Street, Winster This application has been granted allowing the replacement of the existing stone tiles with slate tiles on the roof. The Clerk will ask PDNPA for justification on this point.

62/04 Buckdale Lane, Winster PDNPA have carried out an inspection of this site and are in the process of listing the significant amounts of materials on the site before deciding what action to take. The Clerk will ascertain whether PDNPA still has the file from 5 or 6 years ago with photographs which could be used for comparison in an attempt to save time and costs.

165/05 Land at Pikehall Lane PDNPA has visited this site and will monitor it to assess what the land is being used for.

165/05 Bank Top, Winster A resident recently left a telephone answerphone message with a Parish Councillor regarding the development behind Chesterfield House at Bank Top. This has already been referred to PDNPA.

NPDDD 0105 0016 barn off B5058 This application has been withdrawn .

NPDDD 0105 0017 Land off Bonsall Lane This application has been refused.

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

**194/05
Footpaths,
highways and
related issues**

04/04 Bus stop markings The maximum length of a bus stop bay is 19m which is longer than the original markings. A scale drawing has been requested from DCC to clarify the size and location of the proposed bus bay. Bus users have complained about problems getting on and off the bus when it stops in the road.

16/04 Dog fouling Although an officer at DDDC has responsibility for signage, education etc relating to the new Dog Fouling Act, this has not progressed very quickly. This is due partly to manpower problems dealing with the introduction of wheeled bins. A site meeting will be arranged to discuss signage and enforcement issues. It is understood that the Act does not cover Woodhouse Lane and a new bylaw is needed to cover this area.

64/04 Overgrown vegetation Letters will be sent to Candle House, Woolleys Yard, The Croft, West Bank and West Bank House, West Bank concerning vegetation overhanging the gennel from Woolley's Yard to West Bank.

**194/05
Footpaths,
highways and
related issues
continued**

68/04 Severn Trent This area needs to be reseeded and then a compensation claim can be considered.

75/04 Birchover Lane The pot holes have been filled and drainage channels excavated. No provision has been made for the water to go under the road and the areas concerned still flood. DCC will be asked to look at this. This is a minor unclassified road but some remedial work is essential.

85/04 Street light by the Church The work will be requested in writing to try to elicit a response.

107/04 Richfield/West Bank There are ongoing enquiries on this matter.

131/04 Fallen leaves A response is still awaited..

150/04 Cars parking on Woodhouse Lane As this is private land the Parish Council can make whatever restrictions it requires on parking. It was suggested that there should be a "no overnight parking" sign. A response is still awaited in relation to the Disability Discrimination Act.

166/05 Speeding It is believed that the police carried out a speed trap on Wensley Road at the end of March 2005 and the results are awaited. The Police will be asked to carry out further speed traps before the Annual Parish Meeting. Residents at Bank Top have expressed concern with speeding in that area. A Parish Councillor commented that DCC will not action anything in this area unless there is a fatality. The proposed additional street light and extension of the 30 MPH zone may help this problem.

174/05 Footpath sign on East Bank A new post is on order and the sign will be erected once the post is received..

180/05 Pothole on Wyntor Avenue The pothole has been filled.

180/05 Cemetery turning area The residents at Whiteholmes Farm have been approached regarding this as it is believed that lorries visiting the Farm use this area for turning. This will be monitored.

Bus shelter light The proposal has not been received.

Fire hydrant The hydrant outside Candle House, Woolleys Yard is broken. This will be reported to the Fire Authority.

Mud on road Mud has been left on the road between Florence Gladwin Close and Moorsfold.

Rights of Way Improvement Plan DCC has sent out a questionnaire. This will be completed and returned.

Road surface at Main Street/West Bank The road surface at this junction is breaking up and this will be reported to DCC.

Street light outside The Angel This was removed by DCC for safety reasons. DCC want to replace it but PDNPA have objected on the grounds that a light will not be in keeping with a 17th century building. The Clerk will write to PDNPA and DCC indicating that the Parish Council will resist the permanent removal of a light at this site.

Wall on Elton Road The field wall beyond the Vicarage is in a poor state of repair and the owner will be contacted.

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

195/05 **Resolved** To increase the fees from 1 April 2005 as follows:
Burial fees Plot - £100, First burial - £90, Second burial - £80 and all other fees to increase by 10% rounded up.

196/05 **Resolved** To note: £
Financial update **Payments** s/o Clerk's salary 112.38
requiring 114 Post Office Ltd re tax on clerk's salary 31.70
approval 115 V Kemble for DALC course (£40) toner (£51.17 inc VAT £7.93) 97.17
116 DALC membership 118.23
117 DALC membership of ABA 45.00
Earmarked reserves for open spaces 1,650.00
Earmarked reserves for taxi voucher scheme 1,462.00

The year end accounts are being prepared. The year end balance less TVS monies and committed projects leaves an available balance of approximately £5,000.

197/05 The Transport Freight and Waste Plan documents will be recirculated. This will
Correspondence be considered on a future agenda.

The Diocese intends to sell the Vicarage. The Church Wardens have been informed and are writing to protest as the Vicarage was built with public funds.

A new noticeboard and the distribution of a village newsletter to every property have been discussed at the last two Annual Parish Meetings. The shop would welcome a noticeboard if a grant can be obtained. This would hold about 18 A4 sheets. There is also a suggestion of a noticeboard at Bank Top. The Parish Council would need to retain at least two panels at East Bank.

CPRE have invited the Parish Council to apply for an award for the interpretation panels at Bank Top and Wensley Road. This would be at no cost to the Parish Council and Councillor Rob Greatorex will liaise with CPRE.

Resolved To note the correspondence received since the last meeting.

198/05 Public The planning application for Hill Cottage will go before Committee on 22 April
open session 2005.

199/05 The mowers and strimmer are due back from servicing this week.
Matters for The process for writing letters following Parish Council meetings was discussed
information and confirmed as the Clerk's role. Any queries received by Parish Councillors relating to correspondence should be directed to the Clerk in the first instance.

The Emergency Planning policy is progressing.

A faulty street light on East Bank has been reported.

The interpretation boards in the car parks are drying out and need treating.

Next meeting Monday 9 May 2005.
