

WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 9 May 2005

- Present** Councillor Brian Long in the chair.
Councillors Rob Greatorex, Geoff Lester, Frank Mason, Don Shimwell and Allan Stone and Judy Williams.
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- In attendance** 2 members of the public, District Councillor Ray Dring and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
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- 200/05 Election of Chair and Vice Chair** **Resolved** That Parish Councillor Brian Long be elected as Chair of the Parish Council, and Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex be elected as Vice Chair. The Chair signed the Declaration of Office.
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- 201/05 Apologies** Councillor Kevin Markham.
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- 202/05 Public open session** A member of the public asked if the Parish Council was aware whether the track leading from Wyntor Avenue to Greystoke and Kebble Cottage is a public right of way. The Parish Council believes that there is no definitive right of way over this track.
Resolved To note the concerns raised.
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- 203/05 Minutes** **Resolved** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 4 April 2005 be confirmed as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:
165/05 Land at Pikehall Lane should read “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.” which is the same as 64/04.
165/05 Bank Top should read “An anonymous caller recently left an answerphone message ...”.
197/05 Noticeboard should read “The Parish Clerk would like to have two panels”.
The minutes as amended were signed by the Chair.
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- 204/05 Matters arising** **183/05 Village Shop** The response from NALC/DALC states that generally unless a company has charitable objects a Parish Council would be prohibited from making a donation. This is being clarified due to the non-profit making ethos of Winster Village Shop Association Limited.
188/05 Woodhouse Lane Safety fencing has been erected but no response has been received from the owners of the wall. The Clerk will report this to DDDC building control as it is a dangerous structure abutting an amenity area owned by the Parish Council.
199/05 Interpretation boards The Parish Warden will be asked to treat the wood.
Resolved To note the matters arising.
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205/05
Reports from
village
organisations

Burton Institute Parish Councillor Frank Mason reported that the rolling programme of redecoration was continuing with work on the downstairs and stairwell being out for tender. The application for an Entertainment Licence under the new licensing legislation is proving complicated. The Institute continues to be well used. The seating needs replacing as there have been complaints about it being uncomfortable and noisy. It is likely that the new seating will not stack as compactly and more storage space will be required - a large clearout of the storage areas is planned for June 2005 to create more space. Large amounts have been spent on the Burton Institute over the years and the ongoing programme will involve more expenditure and this is mainly funded by Secret Gardens.

Heathcote Charity Parish Councillor Judy Williams reported that the Charity met in December 2005 when Veronica Kemble replaced Jack Hession as secretary. The finances of the Charity are healthy and grants were made to Darby and Joan, Orchard Cottage, Playgroup and School.

Playing Fields Parish Councillor Judy Williams reported that meetings take place on alternate months. Rod Shiers resigned as Chair and was replaced by Richard Usher. The Committee consists of core members who hope to find a new energy over the coming year. The area has been tidier since Rob Greatorex took over the maintenance work. A barrier will be placed at the bottom of the field to prevent joy riders taking cars onto the playing field. A questionnaire is proposed to see who uses the facilities and what can be done to open it up to other user groups so that the facilities will be used more. The lock needs to be replaced and the number of keys kept to a minimum to prevent the repeat of problems with people congregating on the area late at night causing a nuisance.

Winstor Church Charities Parish Councillor Brian Long reported that he continues to oversee the distribution of the small amounts to widow and widowers.

Winstor School Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex reported that the school governors continue to meet at least once a term with various committees meeting as necessary. Roland Corfield has been reappointed as foundation governor. An additional Midday Supervisor was appointed during the year. A school uniform and jewellery policy have been introduced. An extension/replacement of the covered entrance way is being considered and DCC is drawing up plans - funding is in place for this from the LEA. The Headteacher has resigned with effect from the 31 August 2005 and steps are underway to appoint an Acting Headteacher as there is not time to appoint a new Headteacher before 1 September 2005.

Resolved To note the reports given.

206/05
Election of
representatives
to serve on
village
organisations

Resolved That the following Councillors be appointed representatives of:

Burton Institute Management Committee Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Geoff Lester and Frank Mason.

Heathcote Charity Parish Councillors Allan Stone and Judy Williams.

Winstor Church Charities Parish Councillor Brian Long.

Winstor Playing Fields Association Parish Councillor Judy Williams.

Winstor Primary School Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex.

**207/05
Parish Council
committees**

Resolved To appoint Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Geoff Lester, Brian Long, Allan Stone and Judy Williams to sit on the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee which will look at outstanding matters relating to the Cemetery and noticeboards, and to monitor and evaluate the Parish Warden.

Other committees will be formed as and when necessary.

**208/05
DALC training
session**

Parish Councillors Brian Long and Frank Mason attended the recent training. This has confirmed changes required to the agenda to keep it in line with best practice, which the Clerk mentioned following her training. This is to provide more information, especially on finance and correspondence and to improve wording on the agenda. Having "Matters Arising" is not good practice and may be replaced by a report from the Clerk.

Concern was raised about how to deal with verbal comments/anonymous comments. Whilst there is a desire to encourage parishioners to approach Parish Councillors, Parish Councillors must use their discretion on whether to bring these discussion to the attention of the Parish Council. If anything is received in writing it must be passed to the Clerk as soon as possible.

The handouts from the training will be distributed to all Parish Councillors.

Resolved To note the report given and the changes proposed.

**209/05
Planning**

0205 0125/0126 Windows, conservatory and garage at The Old Bakehouse, Woodhouse Lane, Winster The Parish Council supports this application although there are concerns about:

1. The conservatory appears to be unneighbourly and adds to the lack of privacy at the neighbouring property (Winster Hall).
2. There is a general lack of detail in the plans, including the provision for surface water runoff from the garage.
3. Safety issues relating to access into the garage which will no doubt be considered by Highways Department.
4. The general lack of details in the plans.

NPDDD 0305 0345 Improvements at Rose Cottage, East Bank, Winster The Parish Council supports this application.

165/05 Land at Pikehall Lane This site appears to have been tidied.

NPDDD 0105 0048 Gable House, Main Street, Winster The justification for PDNPA's decision has been provided verbally. The Clerk will obtain written justification before the next meeting.

NPDDD 0205 0203 Rockside This application has been granted.

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

**210/05
Footpaths,
highways and
related issues**

04/04 Bus stop markings By a majority of 4:3 it was agreed to ask DCC to install the bus stop markings, ensuring the size and line dimensions are appropriate to a Conservation Area. Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Brian Long, Frank Mason and Judy Williams were for the proposal and Parish Councillors Geoff Lester, Don Shimwell and Allan Stone opposed it.

16/04 Dog fouling A site meeting will be arranged with DDDC to establish their proposals for implementation of the new Act within the village.

18/04 Severn Trent/Woodhouse Lane The seeding has been carried out.

210/05
Footpaths,
highways and
related issues
continued

75/04 Birchover Lane A plan denoting the poor drainage points will be prepared for the Clerk to pass to DCC who will also be asked to look at the state of the road surface and provide a scheme for improvement.

150/04 Cars parking on Woodhouse Lane A reworded sign will be required to take this matter forward.

194/05 Bus shelter light The cable was damaged during the recent paving works and needs to be replaced with a separate connection from the mains supply. The contractors, AllRoads, will be notified and if they accept responsibility they will cover any costs. Investigations will be made into the cost and suitability of using a solar light.

194/05 Street light on The Angel, Main Street PDNPA has been very obstructive towards DCC's proposals to replace this light. With the help of WPC, PDNPA has now accepted the proposals and the new street light should be installed within a few weeks.

School warning sign The sign on the Wensley side of the school is not working. This has been reported and appears to be due to a lack of communication between DCC's department which installed it and the School Crossings Department.

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

211/05 Liquor
licence for Shop

Resolved The Parish Council has no objection to this transfer.

212/05
Taxi voucher
scheme

A variety of options are being investigated to widen the scheme criteria.

Resolved Parish Councillors Brian Long, Frank Mason and Judy Williams will meet to pursue options to increase usage of the scheme and also consult further with the Countryside Agency.

213/05 Public
convenience
consultation

Resolved To return the consultation confirming a preference for the toilets to be locked at 10 pm and advising that vandalism is an intermittent problem.

214/05 Rights of
way
consultation

Resolved To propose:

- a link from Path 27 to Wensley to avoid the need for walkers to use the road between Winster and Wensley
- a new footpath to join Luntor Rocks to the B5057 to create a new short circular walk
- a new walking/riding route linking Elton to Winster and Wensley to Winster using existing paths such as through the Churchyard and Islington Lane and then to Elton using the existing rights of way network. This would help to link the two communities.

215/05
Noticeboard

Resolved To put up to £500 towards the provision of a new and/or extended noticeboard facilities at the bottom of East Bank or beside the Village Shop, to provide additional space for village notices and two panels for the Parish Council.

216/05
Cemetery
turning area

Resolved To obtain two large pieces of stone from the quarry which will be free of charge and to spend up £100 for transport. It is hoped this will prevent lorries turning in this area and damaging the grass and the central planted area.

217/05	Resolved	To note:	£
Financial update	Payments requiring approval	s/o Clerk's salary	112.38
		s/o Warden's salary	122.95
		119 Post Office Ltd re tax on clerk's (£31.70) and warden's salaries (£27.05)	58.75
		120 Allianz Cornhill fragmentation policy	289.78
		121 Burton Institute room hire January to March 2005 (extra meeting 4.3.05) (VAT £10.35)	69.50
		122 Dryad Tree Services invoice 010 - Wensley Road Lime Trees (VAT £17.50)	117.50
		123 Richard Comley for strimmer line, petrol can and oil (VAT £2.73) and petrol	22.76
		124 Pennine Plant & Tool Hire invoice 12370 - servicing machinery (VAT £39.37)	264.37

The amount of the Warden's tax will be clarified once notification of his tax code is received.

An account will be opened at Two Dales Service Station for petrol.

218/05
Correspondence

Correspondence received since the last meeting:

Clerks & Councils Direct March 2005

DALC circulars 15/2005 and 16/05

DCC Moving forward accessible transport exhibition on 26-28 April

DCC Derbyshire Gold Magazine Spring/Summer 2005

DDDC Partnership & Regeneration overview regarding toilets

East Midlands Regional Assembly - Consultation paper

EMDA taking over from Countryside Agency

J Geddes letter regarding cleaning road signs

Safer Derbyshire Dales Community Safety newsletter April 2005

E Walters letter regarding Winster Moor extraction site

Resolved To note the correspondence received since the last meeting.

219/05 Public open session

Nothing was raised.

220/05
Matters for information

The Carnival committee is seeking advertisers for the programme.

A temporary road closure will be obtained for Wakes weekend from 2 pm to 5 pm on Saturday and 2.15 pm to 3 pm on Sunday.

The grass cutting on Bank Top was of a poor standard, possibly due to the long grass.

Next meeting

Monday 6 June 2005.