

WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 6 June 2005

Present	Councillor Brian Long in the chair. Councillors Rob Greatorex, Frank Mason, Allan Stone and Judy Williams.
In attendance	2 members of the public and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
Apologies	Parish Councillors Geoff Lester, Kevin Markham and Don Shimwell
221/05 Public open session	Speeding cars are still a problem on Wensley Road especially on Sunday nights. Resolved To note the concern raised.
222/05 Minutes	Resolved That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 May 2005 be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.
223/05 Matters arising	188/05 Woodhouse Lane The Building Control inspector has visited the site and advised that he does not feel the wall is dangerous, but merely in a poor state of repair. He was asked to put this in writing and will do so when he gets time, although he indicated this may be a while as it is low priority. The landowners have not responded to WPC's letter and the Building Control inspector will try to contact them. Agreed that insurers be kept up to date. 215/05 Noticeboards Two people have been asked to quote for extending the noticeboard at the bottom of East Bank. 216/05 Cemetery turning area The cost of delivery of the stone was £40 plus VAT, with the stone being donated by Birchover Quarry. This appears to be working although the ground has yet to be reinstated. Resolved To note the matters arising.
224/05 Planning	No new applications have been received since the last meeting. 62/04 Buckdale Lane, Winster Further information will be sought from PDNPA in time for the July 2005 meeting. It is believed that the owner may be living on this site in a caravan. 165/05 Land at Pikehall Lane Further information will be sought from PDNPA in time for the July 2005 meeting. 165/05 Bank Top, Winster Further information will be sought from PDNPA in time for the July 2005 meeting. NPDDD 0105 0048 Gable House, Main Street, Winster PDNPA's written justification for the decision has been received. NPDDD 0205 0126 The Old Bakehouse This application has been refused. NPDDD 0305 0271 Leacroft Garage This application has been granted with conditions. NPDDD 0305 0316 Winster Hall wall This application has been granted. The Parish Council commented on how nice Winster Hall looks now that the stone work on the building has been complete. There is concern that the bolts on the footway on Main Street where the benches have been removed are a tripping hazard and need to be coned off. The clerk will write to the owner asking for this to be done and complimenting him on the work carried out on the building.

224/05
Planning
continued

NPDDD 0305 00329 Stoneheath This application has been granted.
NPDDD 0305 0343 Rose Cottage This application has been granted.
Resolved To note the decisions received since the last meeting and write the letters outlined above.

225/05
Footpaths,
highways and
related issues

16/04 Dog fouling Site meeting still to be arranged with DDDC.
18/04 Severn Trent/Woodhouse Lane The seeding has in fact not been carried out due to the weather. This will be chased as it is getting late in the season.
110/04 Painting work This has started and should be completed within 2 weeks.
134/04 Pond sign This needs to be erected as soon as possible.
210/05 School warning sign This is still not working and will be chased again.
Four Lane End sight line It is felt that more of the verge on the Winster side of the crossroads needs to be cut to improve the sightline both for vehicles pulling out on Elton Road and also for vehicles turning right towards Winster.
Grasscutting Although this is running to schedule the grass on Leacroft Green is very long and needs to be cut. Consideration may need to be given to the Parish Council paying for extra cuts to supplement those already provided. This is likely to cost about £500 a year.
Roadsweeping Some of the gennels have not been swept or weeded and this needs to be monitored.
Safe routes to school Concern was raised about the high number of children who are driven to the Primary School each day. It is believed that schools have about £4,000 to spend on improving routes to school and this could be considered when ascertaining what improvements can be made to Wensley Road in light of drainage problems and with vehicles speeding and mounting the pavement.
Resolved to note the reports, make the necessary enquiries and write the letters as outlined above.

226/05
Church Clock

Resolved To donate £50 towards the upkeep of the Church clock.

227/05
Village warden

It is felt that Richard Comley is working well and positive feedback has been received on the Churchyard and Cemetery. Other areas of work will be undertaken during the course of the year.

Items which need to be purchased are:

- Visor, protective trousers, boots and gloves to comply with health and safety risk assessments at an approximate cost of £100.
- Blower for leaves and grass cuttings - Richard Comley is using his own at the moment. This will cost about £170.
- Strimmer cord for about £22.40.

Walbrook Housing has approved the continuing maintenance of Florence Gladwin Close and this will be undertaken during the season.

Both strimmers have required maintenance since the last meeting due to wear and tear and this was dealt with at the time.

Accounts are being opened with Platts Harris and Darley Dale Service Station.

227/05

Village Warden continued

The car park signs still need oiling.

Resolved To note the work done to date and approve the expenditure on equipment outlined above and to ratify the repairs to the trimmers which have already been undertaken.

228/05

Matters arising from Annual Parish Meeting

Attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting was poor with only two members of the public and PC Ian McGregor and SPC Lindsay Fishwick in attendance.

Village magazine John Geddes spoke about the possibility of replacing the current Elton and Winster Parish Magazine with a free Winster magazine to be delivered to all houses in Winster except those which are weekly holiday lets. This would ensure a greater circulation and enable everyone who lives in the village to be aware of events etc. This has not been broached with Elton, although in recent months Elton has produced its own newsletter. The Chair has spoken to some of the current distributors of the Parish Magazine who are generally ambivalent. John Marshall, the retired vicar, has indicated that the Parochial Church Council had reluctantly accepted that this change is inevitable.

The Parish Council feels that any such magazine should be delivered to all houses in Winster as this would be a chance to make the owners of holiday lets aware of events in the village, rubbish collections etc. A regular village-wide magazine would also assist the Parish Council in obtaining Quality Council status if this is pursued in the future.

The Parish Council would be unable to become involved in the production or editorial of any magazine and feels that an official body needs to be constituted to ensure the ongoing production of a village-wide magazine for the future. No financial support can be given in 2005/6 as it was not precepted. The Parish Council is happy to confirm its support in principle to assist in any application for funding.

Resolved To note the matters raised at the Annual Parish Meeting and write to John Geddes to confirm the Parish Council's support in principle of a new style free village magazine and the assumption that an official body will be constituted if any grant aid is obtained.

229/05

Street lights

The Angel The type of light and when it will be installed has still not been resolved between DCC and PDNPA, although the light will definitely be reinstated. PDNPA's Chief Planner is to look at the site and make a final decision on the style of the light. The Parish Council will accept any light at no cost to the Parish Council. A letter will be sent to Brian Thompson at PDNPA and David Winfield at DCC asking for the light to be reinstated as a matter of urgency.

Bank Top car park This light is being supplied by DCC at no cost to the Parish Council and the design is with the Traffic Department for final approval.

Main Street bus shelter Solar lighting would be too expensive for this site. The only option if a light is to be kept in the bus shelter is to connect to it the mains and have a fuse box inside the shelter. The approximate cost for this is £450 plus ongoing electricity usage, and a firm quote will be obtained. AllRoads will be approached about liability for cutting the cable.

Four sites for new street lights were suggested late in 2003 and DCC have looked at them all. DCC's comments on the sites are:

299/05
Street lights
continued

Chapel steps A light in this part of the Conservation Area would be intrusive and would need to be a lantern at an additional cost of about £200. DCC feels that if the area further along is not being lit this light would have limited benefit. Councillors were concerned that it may encourage people to use the Chapel steps during the winter when they can be slippery.

The Griffin This is a good site and would be straightforward as the electricity supply is already close by. This would link up well with the proposed light at the top of West Bank.

Hunston House/gennel This is in the Conservation Area where DCC have a policy of reducing street clutter. A light would be quite obtrusive in this location and there may be problems getting permission to fit a lamp to one of the Grade II Listed Buildings. PDNPA would probably insist on a lantern which costs an extra £200 and lanterns cause more light pollution.

The Manor/Leacroft Road The proposed site outside The Manor is not suitable as the footway is too narrow. The light could be placed on Leacroft Green but overcrowding by the trees could be a problem in a few years, which would involve extra expenditure in cutting back the trees.

DCC's preference is for a light on Leacroft Green or the Griffin.

Resolved To write to AllRoads, DCC and PDNPA as outlined above, and to obtain prices for a light for the bus shelter, The Griffin and Leacroft Green.

230/05
Standards
Board
consultation

Resolved To respond to the consultation as follows:

Winster Parish Council feels the matters raised in the consultation are well thought out. Specific responses are:

4. Bullying - support is given to the proposals on bullying
 16. Definition of Friend - this could be improved especially in relation to the rural village setting where community ties are stronger and many people may fall into the category of "Friend"
 18. Prejudicial interests - an additional category of "Public service interests" would be beneficial in addition to the existing personal and prejudicial interests
 29. Gifts - there is a need to increase the financial limit on gifts from £25 to a slightly higher level, as long as does not infringe any Inland Revenue regulations. The reason for this is that, for instance, a bouquet of flowers is likely to cost about £25 and this is a common gift.
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231/05
Audit
Commission
consultation

Resolved To respond to the consultation as follows:

Winster Parish Council would like to see the banding for fee scales increased from £25,000 to say £40,000 as they feel the current banding structure is detracting from small parish councils getting involved in larger one-off projects. This happened to Winster Parish Council last year when they had a scheme of work to improve the car parks in the village - this was almost entirely funded from outside sources, but they had to pay the higher fee of £250 instead of £120 which they normally pay. There cannot be much more work for the Audit Commission arising out of one-off additional items.

This is the only problem Winster PC sees with the current arrangements.

232/05 PDNPA's National Park Management Plan and Development Plan consultations **Resolved** To respond to the consultations as follows:
 Winstre Parish Council feels that these consultations have raised and highlighted good points and good issues and we look forward to seeing how these progress in the future.
 There is a strong opinion that conversions of buildings to provide dwellings should be exposed to the local need qualification.

233/05 Financial update	Resolved	To note:	£
	Receipts	Biggin rental for Ashmore Pingle	90.00
		Cooper rental for Westhills	400.00
		Petts Stonemason re Scott headstone	42.00
		Tho Greateorex re Walker	190.00
	Payments requiring approval	s/o Clerk's salary	112.38
		s/o Warden's salary	122.95
		125 Post Office Ltd re tax on clerk's (£31.70) and warden's salaries (£27.05)	58.75
		126 Peak Park Parishes Forum subscription	30.75
		127 Brian Long - Petrol/Repair to Strimmer/Part for strimmer (VAT £10.12))	72.24
		128 Birchover Quarry - delivery of stone for Cemetery turning circle (VAT £7.00)	47.00
		129 DCC Florence Gladwin Close maintenance 2004/5 (VAT £69.13)	464.13
		130 Allianz Cornhill insurance	594.23
		131 Winstre Parochial Church Council donation for clock	50.00
	Balances at 6.6.05	Current account	781.22
		Deposit account	13,593.94

234/05 Correspondence Correspondence received since last meeting not dealt with elsewhere:
 Clerks & Councils Direct - May 2005
 DALC circulars 16/2005 and 18/2005
 DALC - vacancy on DALC executive Committee
 DCC Minor maintenance scheme 2005/2006
 DDDC - Corporate Plan 2005/6
 DDDC - Dales Matters Spring 2005
 DDDC - Street cleansing arrangements 2005
 In Mary's Honour Ltd - Mary's Bower, Chatsworth
 NALC - Taking part in Trafalgar Weekend
 PDNPA - Consultation on Statement of Community Involvement
Resolved To note the correspondence received since the last meeting.

235/05 Public open session Nothing was raised.

236/05 Matters for information No matters were raised

Next meeting Monday 4 July 2005.