

WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 1 August 2005

Present	Councillor Brian Long in the chair. Councillors Rob Greatorex, Geoff Lester, Kevin Markham, Frank Mason, Don Shimwell, Allan Stone and Judy Williams.
In attendance	2 members of the public and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
Miscellaneous	Before the meeting started, the Chair expressed thanks to everyone who has been involved in Secret Gardens of Winster.
250/05 Public open session	No matters were raised.
251/05 Minutes	Resolved That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 4 July 2005 be confirmed as a correct record and these were signed by the Chair.
252/05 Matters arising	249/05 Rabbits/moles in Cemetery These will be dealt with after the breeding season.
253/05 Planning	NPDDD 0705 0672/72 Alterations at Kirby House, Main Street, Winster The Clerk will write to PDNPA stating that the Parish Council has no objections to this application but strongly feels that the proposal for the left-hand doorway on the front elevation is not an improvement on the existing and should be replaced with a fixed panel dummy door to match the right-hand doorway to the property. This would improve the balance and visual impact of the property when viewed from Main Street. The Parish Council hopes that the contractors who undertake the work on this property will take a common sense approach to parking in this congested area which is close to a difficult junction. 62/04 Buckdale Lane The officer at PDNPA has not reported back to the clerk. 165/05 Pikehall Lane The officer at PDNPA has not reported back to the clerk. Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex and Brian Long attended a Peak Park Parishes' Forum liaison meeting with PDNPA recently which was very good. At this meeting, an offer was made for PDNPA officers to visit parish councils if planning concerns have been raised. It was felt that PDNPA has let the Parish Council down on these two matters which have been outstanding for some time and that this is an opportunity to invite PDNPA to address the situation. The Clerk will contact John Davies at PDNPA and invite him to the next meeting to give the background and full facts on progress of this matter. Resolved To contact PDNPA as outlined above.
254/05 Footpaths, highways and related issues	59/03 Mounting block The contractor will be chased again to carry out this work. 16/04 Dog fouling It will be at least one month before all the information is given by DDDC about its policy on this Act. Parish councils can put up the signs and enforce the Act themselves but this carries cost and time implications. 229/05 Street light on The Angel This has still not been replaced and DCC will be asked for an update. 241/05 Churchyard tree The Warden will be asked to undertake this work.

**254/05
Footpaths,
highways and
related issues
continued**

241/05 Footpath at bottom of Woodhouse Lane The recent heavy rain has caused more damage to this path and the Parish Council needs to consider the options and cost implications of rectifying this. In the meantime, the exposed membrane is a potential trip hazard and the Warden will be asked to cut it out. It is felt that this membrane is making the situation worse and the water is running along it and carrying the surface away. There is no sign that the drain has failed but it may be necessary to include cut-off channels in any improvement works.

241/05 Manhole covers This will be chased by the Clerk.

DCC has paid £374 for footpath works undertaken in the last financial year.

The trees on the bend at the top of West Bank have overgrown and need cutting back. The Clerk will contact the owner.

The footway on the turning circle by the Cemetery is breaking up. The Clerk will report this.

The gully on Florence Gladwin Close outside 19a Leacroft Road is loose. The Clerk will report this.

The "Burma Road" needs repairing and this will be put on a future agenda for discussion. This is an unadopted roadway which the Parish Council has repaired in the past. The Chair asked all Parish Councillors to look at this before the next meeting.

Garden waste has been tipped at the rear of Wesson Cottage. The Clerk will contact the residents and ask them to clear this.

A branch has fallen on the footpath at Lickpenny Lane/Buckdale and this will be reported to DCC.

??? The Chair gave an update about the grass seeding standard carried out by Severn Trent's contractors. This seeding may not be totally satisfactory and the contractors will be checking this out.

The light opposite the Churchyard is becoming more obscured by tree foliage. The resident will be contacted by the Clerk to action this.

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

**255/05
Projects for
Village Warden**

It is felt that the role of the Warden can be developed over time and this is an opportunity to see what jobs need to be done and the approximate costs involved. The work undertaken by the Warden at present is mostly agency work for which the Parish Council is reimbursed and is mainly in the Cemetery and Churchyard. Most of the additional work suggested will involve additional costs. There is also the question of whether to continue his work through the winter months within a precepted budget.

Residents have asked about winter salt spreading and snow clearance but it is best to leave the clearance of large snowfalls to DCC. However, an option is to consider providing additional grit bins for residents' use on East Bank, Woolley's Yard and Woodhouse Lane if suitable sites can be found.

Resolved To refer this to the committee for initial costing and put on a future agenda to consider inclusion of the costs of any proposed work in the precept.

256/05 Minerals Site Allocations Development Plan, Aggregates & PDNPA's Statement of Community Involvement

Resolved To respond to PDNPA's Statement of Community Involvement stating that neighbours should automatically be informed of any planning applications and decisions in their locality. It is felt that at times not all neighbouring properties receive the information, especially in a village such as Winster where it is not always obvious from the address which properties will be affected.

No response will be made on the Minerals Site Allocations Development Plan.

257/05 Accounts for 2004/5

Resolved To approve the accounts for 2004/5 and to sign the Statement of Assurance.

258/05 Play equipment on Woodhouse Lane

A number of requests have been received for improvements to the play facilities at Woodhouse Lane. It is felt that there is not enough space to add more equipment to the present layout and this would involve a major refurbishment. It was felt that the existing equipment, apart from the abacus, is old and outdated, and unattractive for children to play on and consideration should be given to upgrading it.

A group of parents in the village have offered to raise the funds needed for this project, although it was felt that the cost will be high and it may be hard for them to raise this on their own. There are other potential sources of funds in the village, such as the Guisers, the Morris Men and Secret Gardens which may be able to contribute. The Parish Council also has powers to raise funds for these facilities through the Precept.

If this work does go ahead, the ideas of the people who have raised any funding and those who will use the equipment should be sought.

Resolved To report back to those concerned that the Parish Council is supportive in principle to take this project forward but that various aspects need to be considered as there are considerable cost implications.

259/05 Financial update

Resolved To note:		£
Receipts	Walbrook Housing – FGC maintenance 2003/4	425.00
	DCC – footpaths reimbursables	374.00
Payments requiring approval	s/o Clerk's salary	112.38
	s/o Warden's salary	122.95
	Post Office Ltd re tax on clerk's (£31.70) and warden's (£27.05) salaries	58.75
	V Kemble for scanner (VAT £7.67)	51.44
Balances at 1.8.05	Current account	821.31
	Deposit account	11,202.94

VAT and DDDC reimbursables are still due from 2004/5.

The pond sign and cemetery sign have been added to last year's asset register and the blower and other equipment purchased for the Warden will be added to this year's register.

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262/05 Matters for information	<p>A meeting recently took place between Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex and Brian Long, the Winster Parochial Church Council and a representative from their insurers concerning the condition of some headstones in the Churchyard. All the necessary information on this is being collated and this will be put on a future agenda for full consideration.</p> <p>A comment was made relating to an item in the Parish Magazine which advised people not to book the Burton Institute for social events due to the new Licensing Act. It was felt this was odd advice when the village has raised so much money for the Burton Institute in the past and annually through Secret Gardens.</p> <p>The purchase of a digital camera for use by the Parish Council will be considered on a future agenda.</p>																		
Next meeting	Monday 5 September 2005.																		
263/05 Warden's contract	<p>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.</p> <p>Resolved To approve the draft contract with the hours of work being a minimum of 250 per year.</p>																		