

WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 5 September 2005

Present	Parish Councillor Brian Long in the chair. Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Geoff Lester, Kevin Markham, Frank Mason, Don Shimwell, Allan Stone and Judy Williams.
In attendance	3 members of the public, John Davies of PDNPA for item 267/05 and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
Apologies	District Councillor Ray Dring.
264/05 Public open session	The gate into the Woodhouse Lane play area still does not close and dogs have been fouling in this area. The resident who reported this was asked to take photographs of the offending dogs/owners for identification purposes. Repair to this gate is on the Warden's list of jobs.
265/05 Minutes	Resolved That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 1 August 2005 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
266/05 Matters arising	258/05 Play equipment on Woodhouse Lane The comments made by the Parish Council have been relayed to the people involved in this proposal. 260/05 Standards Committee nomination Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex's name was put forward but the nomination was not received by DALC. 262/05 Licensing Act The Burton Institute placed another article in the Parish Mag to clarify the matter. The new legislation is complicated and the Burton Institute Management Committee is trying interpret and implement it correctly.
267/05 Planning	62/04 Buckdale Lane/165/05 Pikehall Lane Mr John Davies from PDNPA's Planning Department attended the meeting to give an update on these matters and answer any other planning queries which the Parish Council wished to raise. Mr Davies confirmed that these were protracted enforcement matters and gave the Parish Council some background to the planning and enforcement processes. Priority is given to dealing with planning applications within the 8 week statutory period and when there is pressure in that area enforcement is sometimes neglected. There are two site inspectors and two enforcement officers covering enforcement in the whole of the PDNPA and these currently work in two teams. This structure is being reviewed as part of a trial to make the enforcement process more structured and hopefully more efficient. The current policies on enforcement protect the rights of the individual against the planning authority and it makes it easier for people to exploit the process if they can. In rural areas it is difficult to distinguish between farming operations and something else going on on a farm and it is difficult to pursue people for untidy farms through enforcement. These two matters are long running issues and Mr Davies feels that it is clear that they are important matters to the Parish Council and residents of Winster and he will do his best to pursue them to a satisfactory conclusion. Mr Davies told the meeting that neighbour notification is being introduced by PDNPA for all planning applications when copyright issues have been overcome with the Gazetteers.

267/05
Planning
continued

The street light at The Angel, Main Street was mentioned to Mr Davies with reference to PDNPA resisting the like for like replacement of a street light. This caused great delay in replacing this light which had become unsafe and put the onus on the Parish Council to fund the difference between the existing light fitting and a fitting which PDNPA would like to see there. Although PDNPA eventually agreed to a replacement at no cost to the Parish Council on this occasion it is hoped that this situation will not arise again in the future.

NPDDD 0705 0754 Extension to garage, new vehicle access and vehicle hardstanding - The Homestead, East Bank, Winster The Clerk will write to PDNPA stating:

Winster Parish Council approves this application subject to the following suggested conditions:

1. The surface treatment of the new access should be solid bound as chatter would wash away onto the highway.
2. Specific information needs to be provided and approved for rainwater disposal as this could lead to problems with water being directed towards neighbouring properties below the site and further down East Bank.
3. Any gates to the access must open inwards and not onto the highway.

For information the proposed access to the garage is over an area of Parish Council land which collapsed in the 1980s.

NPDDD0105 0055 Westhills Farm Granted

NPDDD0505 0548 Bonsall Lane Granted

NPDDD 0705 0673 Kirby House Granted

NPDDD0605 0568 Sunny Bank House Refused

NPDDD0605 0581 The Tardis, West Bank Granted

NPDDD0605 0609 Vernon House/Vernon Cottage Granted

NPDDD0605 0627 Highfield Withdrawn

Resolved To contact PDNPA as outlined above and note the other matters raised.

268/05
Footpaths,
highways and
related issues

59/03 Mounting block This job is not considered suitable for the Warden and it is not dangerous. The contractor will be contacted again.

16/04 Dog fouling The Parish Council is not impressed by DDDC's handling of the introduction of the Act. It will be at least another month before DDDC announces how it proposes to deal with this.

229/05 Street light on The Angel PDNPA is relatively happy with the proposed light. When this is put up some of the ivy growing up the building will have to be removed. The owners of the property have not been traced and details will be passed on to DCC for action. The Parish Council would like to see this completed by the end of September 2005.

229/05 Main Street bus shelter light AllRoads have agreed to investigate this at no cost to the Parish Council.

241/05 Manhole covers DCC has been notified of these and will pass the information to the relevant utility companies. It is anticipated that it will take some time for the covers to be replaced.

268/05
Footpaths,
highways and
related issues
continued

244/05 Rubbish on The Common/overhanging branches The owners of the various properties have been contacted.

254/05 Seeding and rubbish on Woodhouse Lane recreation ground Severn Trent's contractors will be chased about this.

The gulleys on Woodhouse Lane may be blocked and this is adding to the problems with the footpath. This will be reported to DDDC.

Resolved To note the reports and make the necessary enquiries outlined above.

269/05
Remedial work
on Woodhouse
Lane and "The
Burma Road"

It is necessary to consider any future works on these areas and to get quotes in time for the precept meeting.

Woodhouse Lane public footpath 2 (part) There may be some funding available from DCC for this path as it is on the line of a public footpath. People have enjoyed the right to walk on a stone path for some time now and if the path is moved alongside the current line, the new path needs to be brought up to the existing standard.

Maintenance responsibilities on the other paths on Woodhouse Lane rest with the Parish Council and they need to be addressed. DCC is contracted to keep the vegetation back from the path and will be contacted regarding the lower right-hand path.

Whilst quotes are being obtained, the remaining fleece needs to be lifted to prevent a trip hazard.

"Burma Road" This is the track across the Common. It does need some maintenance, and perhaps 2 to 3 humps to divert water onto the Common would be satisfactory.

Resolved To obtain quotes for the proposed work and contact DCC about Woodhouse Lane.

270/05
Noticeboard

One quote for £575 has been received for a new 4 panel noticeboard to go on existing site. The old noticeboard will be relocated although concern was raised about the suggested site on the side of the Village Shop at the top of Woodhouse Lane because of safety concerns. This will be considered on a future agenda.

Resolved To accept the quote and find an alternative site for the old noticeboard.

271/05
Projects for
Parish
Warden/grit bins

By the end of September 2005 the Parish Warden will have completed about 250 hours, working 9 to 10 hours a week. This is still within the value of the agency work which is refunded by DCC, DDDC and Walbrook Housing. The blower was a capital item and petrol costs of about £15 and expenses relating to the strimmer have been £60 have been incurred. This is felt to be best value. The Warden needs to be made aware than any extra hours need to be approved in advance.

Resolved To approve the following extra jobs for the Warden:

Churchyard – pruning yew trees to allow access to the east and north side, clearing scrub between the two paths on the west side, (DDDC will be asked to reimburse these items).

Woodhouse Lane – trim/clear the hedge at the back of the play area/Florence Gladwin Close, and clear the pond gulleys.

271/05 Projects for Parish Warden/grit bins continued

Footpath 4 – reinstate grass.
Cemetery – make good the area of the turning circle around the stone blocks.
Grit bins – to apply for free grit bins for Woodhouse Lane, Woolley’s Yard, the Hawkes Hill area of East Bank and the fork towards The Flat. Suitable sites need to be found for Woodhouse Lane and Woolley’s Yard. DDDC will also be asked to price bins for any locations for which free bins are not available.

272/05 Churchyard headstones

Although it is a closed Churchyard, the Churchyard is not on DDDC’s definitive list.
Resolved The Clerk will write to Alan James at DDDC about the Parish Council’s concerns and ask whether DDDC will take responsibility as this is a closed Churchyard and the costs of any repairs would otherwise fall to the next of kin if these could be traced. The condition of the headstones in the Cemetery will also need to be checked in the future.

273/05 Digital camera

Resolved Not to purchase a camera at this stage and for Parish Councillors to look at sites which are mentioned in the agenda before each meeting.

274/05 Financial update

Resolved	To note:	£
Receipts	Tho Greatorex re Sidney Shirley	150.00
Payments requiring approval	s/o Clerk’s salary	112.38
	s/o Warden’s salary	122.95
	141 Post Office Ltd re tax on clerk’s (£31.70) and warden’s salaries (£27.05)	58.75
	142 Brian Long re petrol for Warden (VAT £)	8.79
	143 Henton & Chattell Ltd re line for strimmer (VAT £7.94)	53.30
	144 Burton Institute photocopying (£5.75 (VAT £0.85)) room hire 4 + 1 extra (£95.50 (VAT £14.22))	101.25
	145 Platts Harris oil (VAT ~£2.43)	17.04
Balances at 5.9.05	Current account	837.00
	Deposit account	11,202.94

275/05 Correspondence

Correspondence received since last meeting not dealt with elsewhere:
Local Works Sustainable communities
Winster School Instrument of Governance
Marg Lester Local Housing
Various Cemetery regulations
Safer Derbyshire Dales Meeting notes and News
Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex will attend the AGM of DALC on 17 September 2005.
Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Brian Long and Frank Mason will attend the Parishes’ Day at PDNPA on 8 October 2005.
The question of local housing is ongoing and further information is being sought about the property in Florence Gladwin Close to clarify the facts.
Due to new legislation the Parish Council will no longer have a School Governor. The Parish Council felt that this was a negative change and the Clerk will write to the School Governors asking how they intend to appoint a community governor and asking them to consider having a Parish Councillor as their community governor.

**276/05 Public
open session**

Support was given to having a grit bin on Woodhouse Lane. The resident concerned was asked to consider a suitable site for a grit bin which could be accessed by a lorry to refill it.

Support was given for a different location for a new noticeboard rather than the top of Woodhouse Lane for safety reasons.

**277/05 Matters
for information**

Some residents on East Bank have been told by the dustmen to put their rubbish sacks in a collection area up the hill from their properties. DDDC will be asked about this as it is understood that black sacks should be left at individual property edges.

Next meeting

Monday 3 October 2005.
