

WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 3 October 2005

Present	Parish Councillor Brian Long in the chair. Parish Councillors Rob Greateorex, Geoff Lester, Frank Mason, Allan Stone and Judy Williams.
In attendance	District Councillor Ray Dring and Ivan Walters, Clerk.
Apologies	Parish Councillors Kevin Markham and Don Shimwell, and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
278/05 Public open session	The owner of Sunny Bank House, Wensley Road, Winster spoke in support of his planning application which is dealt with later in the minutes.
279/05 Minutes	Resolved That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 September 2005 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
280/05 Clerk's report on matters outstanding	258/05 Play equipment on Woodhouse Lane The Clerk is obtaining a suggested layout and quote from Playdale. 270/05 Noticeboard The steering group of Winster Village Shop Association has agreed in principle to siting the noticeboard on the east side of the shop. 277/05 Black waste sacks DDDC has confirmed that all black waste sacks should be left at edge of property and not taken to a central collection area. If residents continue to have problems with this they should contact DDDC on 01629 761215. Some residents have been leaving a number of sacks outside their properties for several days each week and this needs to be dealt with by residents within the neighbourhood. Reports/complaints have been received about the clump of Japanese knotweed which is growing in the area to the west of Orchard Mine Cottage on The Flat. This is spreading and is in flower so will presumably seed itself. It was felt that as this is private land it is impossible to eradicate it. Japanese knotweed is registered with DEFRA as a noxious weed and it is illegal to allow it to cultivate on land. This will be brought to the attention of the landowner.
281/05 Planning	NPDDD 0905 0899 Raise roof for loft extension at Sunny Bank House, Wensley Road, Winster The Parish Council recommends this for approval. NPDDD 0905 0908 Alterations to porch and loft conversion at Highfield, Wensley Road, Winster Parish Councillor Frank Mason declared a prejudicial interest as the property is owned by a family member and left the room for this item. Parish Councillors Rob Greateorex, Brian Long and Judy Williams declared a personal interest in this item as the applicant is a fellow Parish Councillor. The Parish Council recommends this application for approval. NPDDD 1204 1317 Tearsall Quarry, Bonsall Lane, Winster Winster Parish Council opposes this amended application for the following reasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. In response to the last 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.

281/05
Planning
continued

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.

The proposed new footpath is not shown on the plan.

275/05 Florence Gladwin Close PDNPA put stipulations on the original planning consent regarding who is eligible to take the properties on Florence Gladwin Close and this will be circulated in the next correspondence bundle for information.

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

282/05
Footpaths,
highways and
related issues

225/05 Grasscutting The cost of an extra manual cut is £90. Darley Dale is the only area which has an extra cut, making 7 cuts over the season with the first and last cut at the same time as Winster's, but the intervals between are shorter. Dave Green at DDDC believes that DCC's funding could be diverted so that the Parish Council can undertake the cuts itself or subcontract them to someone else. One cut is already funded by DDDC and they may not be able to give the money to the Parish Council instead of carrying out the cut and more enquiries would need to be made. Another point raised by Dave Green is that the administrative cost of dealing with this would probably be nearly as much as the cost of the cuts. This will be considered in more detail on a future agenda.

**282/05
Footpaths,
highways and
related issues
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128/04 Wensley Road Vehicles continue to mount the footway and there are now skid marks on the footway. Enquiries will be made with DCC's Highways Department to find out what is being considered to resolve this. The school is preparing a School Travel Plan and this will put pressure on DCC to resolve this problem. The build up of debris and vegetation alongside the wall by Redthorne may be an issue which needs to be considered in any improvements.

210/05 School warning sign This has been reported to DCC several times and will be reported again.

229/05 Street light on The Angel A site meeting was held between Dave Winfield of DCC, Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex and the Clerk to discuss the installation of a light in this area. There is no existing wayleave on this property despite a light having been attached to it for many years. The property is being auctioned on 6 October 2005 and DCC will not consider placing a light on it until a wayleave has been agreed with the new owner and this could take many months. DCC will install a temporary lighting column alongside the property and this will remain until a permanent light can be attached to the property. The work should be completed within about two weeks.

242/05 Street lights The lights on The Griffin and at Bank Top car park have been installed but have not yet been commissioned. This work should be complete by the next meeting.

244/05 Rubbish on The Common/overhanging branches A follow up letter has been sent to the owners of Wesson Cottage.

269/05 Woodhouse Lane footpath The overgrowth at the bottom righthand corner has been reported to DCC for action.

Lorries on West Bank A letter has been received from a resident on West Bank regarding lorries breaching the weight restrictions. The clerk has previously liaised with DDDC on this matter. There is a dispute as to whether lorries are entitled to use West Bank or not if they have lawfully entered the weight limit at another location. It is believed that the only enforceable weight limit in Winster is 7.5 tonnes. The letter will be circulated in the next correspondence and further investigations with the authorities concerned undertaken in the meantime.

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

283/05 Wreath

Resolved To donate £30 to the Royal British Legion under Section 137.

**284/05
Grit bins**

Resolved To apply for free grit bins at the following locations:

Woodhouse Lane – at the top close to the green cabinet

Woolley's Yard – behind Bank House railings at the widest point

East Bank – close to Hawkshill/Stone Lea and at the end of The Flat

**285/05
"Burma Road"**

Resolved To obtain quotes for patching and refurbishing this lane after which a decision will be made on the standard of repair which is felt appropriate.

**286/05
Financial update**

Resolved	To note:	£
Payments requiring approval	s/o Clerk's salary	112.38
	s/o Warden's salary	122.95
	146 Post Office re tax on salaries	85.80
	147 Richard Comley for extra hours	122.95
	148 Richard Comley for petrol (VAT £2.01)	13.61
	149 Royal British Legion for wreath (S137)	30.00

287/05	Clerks & Councils Direct	September 2005
Correspondence	DALC	Circular 24/2005
	DALC	Circular 25/2005
	DALC	Circular 28/2005
	DALC	Appointment of new members to various authorities
	DALC	Confirmation of appointment of member to Standards Committee
	DALC	Affordable housing conference
	EMDA News	September 2005
	QUART	September 2005
	Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex will attend the Affordable Housing Conference and this will be put on a future agenda for approval of the £50 contribution.	
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288/05 Public open session	The trees overhanging Wensley Road alongside Redthorne need cutting back as does the hedge by the Playing Fields.	
	The minutes are not being put on the Internet and the clerk will be reminded about this.	
	A resident has contacted District Councillor Ray Dring regarding traffic issues on West Bank and he will liaise with DCC's Highways Department.	
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289/05 Matters for information	The population of Winster is now put at 629.	
	Parish Councillor Judy Williams attending the ethics training and indicated that nothing has altered since the last training.	
	The emergency response document is nearly complete. 38 people have come forward to offer their support.	
	The taxi voucher scheme has now been used.	
	The rabbits in the Cemetery have been dealt with.	
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Next meeting	Monday 7 November 2005.	
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