

WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 7 November 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	Nine members of the public and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
Apologies	None received.
	The Chair introduced the meeting and indicated that he would be declaring a prejudicial interest in planning application NPDDD 1005 1018/1019 and that he would invite the Vice Chair to chair the meeting for this application. He stated that it may be appropriate to consider suspending Standing Orders during Planning to enable the public to comment, and only deal with matters in the Public Open Session not relating to the agended planning application.
290/05 Public open session	A resident complained about the height of the hanging baskets outside Market Cottage, Main Street which overhang the footway and cannot be seen in the dark.
291/05 Minutes	Resolved That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 3 October 2005 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.
292/05 Clerk's report on matters outstanding	258/05 Play equipment on Woodhouse Lane The Clerk has obtained a quote from Playdale for approximately £15,000. This has been passed to the group who showed the initial interest in raising funds. 229/05 Street light on the Angel The temporary light column has been installed and is working. DCC may approach the new owners of The Angel to discuss replacing the bracket and light on the wall of the property in due course. 242/05 Street lights The lights on The Griffin and at Bank Top will be commissioned within the next two weeks. 128/04 Wensley Road DCC has indicated that it is unlikely that any further major work will be carried out in Winster in the short term as a lot of work has been carried out installing a street light and improved signage. However DCC will examine whether the area alongside Redthorne can be cut back/cleared to make the road appear wider and prevent vehicles mounting the pavement. The clerk will write to DCC pointing out that the problem with water on this stretch of Wensley Road has been ongoing for some time and that if some action had been taken at that time this matter would have been resolved. 282/05 Lorries on West Bank The clerk wrote to DCC, DDDC and the Police and received the following information: DCC confirmed that the 3 tonne limit is not enforceable and the signs will be removed shortly. Trading Standards is the enforcement authority as there is a loophole in the law which makes it hard to secure convictions. The Police believe the lorry was legally within the 7.5 tonne limit and they are aware of the situation regarding the 3 tonne signs. The Police will ask the contractor to reconsider the route taken by its lorries.

**292/05
Clerk's report
on matters
outstanding
continued**

DDDC has confirmed that although DDDC is not responsible for its contractors' drivers, they would be expected to obey all highway regulations whilst on contract to DDDC. This will be taken up with all contractors who visit the Winster recycling site.

Further consideration will be given to lobbying DCC to put a weight or width restriction on East Bank and West Bank to reduce the number of large lorries using these roads. This will be placed on a future agenda.

A further Cutts lorry was seen on West Bank on Friday 3 November 2005. The clerk will ascertain whether DDDC had sent a letter to Cutts prior to this date.

The clerk will write to the resident confirming that some information has come to light and the Parish Council is still looking at all options on traffic issues for East Bank and West Bank.

The clerk will write to DDDC pointing out that WPC allows DDDC to use the site for recycling and that whilst the legal situation is clear, some persuasion on the contractors to prevent them using West Bank is essential.

284/05 Grit bins No response has been received to the request for free bins.

244/05 Rubbish on the Common outside Wesson Cottage The clerk has not received a response to her letter. The wooden pallets have been removed and a sign placed by the pile of rubbish stating that gardening/renovation works are in progress. This matter will be placed on a future agenda for consideration of further action to take.

210/05 School warning sign A fault has been found and the part will be repaired or replaced as soon as possible.

229/05 Main Street bus shelter light This is still outstanding and will be chased by the clerk.

269/05 Woodhouse Lane path This is still outstanding and will be chased by the clerk.

**293/05
Planning**

NPDDD 1005 1018 and NPDDD 1005 1019 Alterations and conversion of top floor to dwelling at Winster Village Shop, Main Street, Winster Before this matter was heard the clerk indicated that she had a prejudicial interest being the Company Secretary and a Director of the applicant and she left the room. Parish Councillors Brian Long and Judy Williams declared a prejudicial interest having made loans to Winster Village Shop Limited and left the room.

Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex took the chair and suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak on the application. Comments were made for and against the application. Standing Orders were then reinstated.

On the planning application, the Clerk will write to PDNPA as follows:

Winster Parish Council supports this application subject to the following concerns/comments:

- a) is ownership of the land on the east side of the property with the applicant?
- b) is there space for parking at the side of the steps to the flat without restricting use of the steps?
- c) will access to neighbouring properties not be restricted by this development?

<p>293/05 Planning continued</p>	<p>d) will the right of light/use of amenity of neighbouring properties be adversely affected by the development?</p> <p>e) is there sufficient emergency access to this and neighbouring properties?</p> <p>f) is there a restriction on either flat for local needs? This particularly relates to the flat at the back of the property which is in effect a new build.</p> <p>On the listed building application, the response will include the additional comment that the stone steps detract from the appearance of the building.</p> <p>Resolved To contact PDNPA as outlined above and note the matters raised.</p> <p>Parish Councillors Brian Long and Judy Williams and the clerk returned to the room for the remainder of the meeting.</p>
<p>294/05 Footpaths, highways and related issues</p>	<p>There is a blocked gully in the footway outside The Old Smithy on Main Street. The owner of the hanging baskets on Main Street will be asked to put them higher to prevent people bumping into them.</p> <p>There is a trip hazard between the Bowling Green and Buxton House, East Bank. The clerk will report these three matters.</p> <p>Some stones have fallen off the walls on Water Lane and are a hazard. The Warden will be asked to clear these.</p> <p>Resolved To note the reports and make the necessary enquiries outlined above.</p>
<p>295/05 Grasscutting</p>	<p>The cost of each additional cut on Leacroft Green is £90. This year the first cut was late which caused problems due to early growth.</p> <p>A different provider could be found to do the cuts as and when the Parish Council required. This would incur additional administration costs.</p> <p>Resolved To</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carry out further investigations on the Parish Council taking over this contract • pay DDDC for two extra cuts provided that the eight cuts would be spread out equally during the season (March to October)..
<p>296/05 Handrail by Churchyard step onto Elton Road</p>	<p>A request has been received from residents for a handrail in the Churchyard by the step onto Elton Road. The clerk has asked DCC to consider installing this as this is a public footpath and is regularly used by elderly people visiting the Cemetery.</p> <p>Resolved To</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approve in principle the installation of a handrail at this site • obtain quotes • check that the Parochial Church Council does not need a faculty.
<p>297/05 Market House licence</p>	<p>Resolved To renew the licence at the cost of £220.</p>
<p>298/05 Play equipment inspection report</p>	<p>The annual report from the insurers highlighted the faulty latch on the gate, height of swing seats, condition of swing chains and gaps in the mesh fencing at Woodhouse Lane. No major work will be carried out in light of possible renewal of the equipment.</p> <p>Resolved To ask the Warden to carry out the minor work required to rectify these matters during the winter months.</p>

299/05
Specific items of expenditure

Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex is attending the Affordable Housing Seminar and a request has been received for a £50 contribution towards the costs. A contribution of £25 was approved towards this.

£20 was approved for the Chair's training.

The keep on the Main Street bus shelter is broken. Justin Salisbury may replace it but the Parish Council will get quotes in case he does not. It was approved that the keep should be placed in the pavement rather than the wall.

Resolved To obtain a quote and consider this again at a later meeting.

300/05
Consultation documents

PDNPA Cultural Heritage Strategy The response for this was due before the meeting. The documentation was circulated to all Parish Councillors and the following response submitted:

The Cultural Heritage Strategy is unclear on the meaning of 'partners', 'colleagues', 'members', etc., and especially the definition of 'stakeholders'. The list of stakeholders in Appendix 2 includes bodies whose involvement is far more remote than that of local history societies, etc., some of which are as well organised and far more active than some of those listed. Derbyshire Record Office (though part of Derbyshire County Council) deserves to be listed separately. It operates a Local History Societies Network. The Diocesan Record Office in Lichfield should be included, as should Derbyshire Victoria County History Trust, which is actively working to a County Plan and enjoys the benefit of funding.

There is nothing about enforcement. For example, if local people spot a farmer destroying historic woodland or old lead mines, there must be an emergency number to phone and speedy action must follow.

Plan Objective 3.2 (database of customs, traditions, etc.). Sensitivity is needed to avoid isolating traditions from their local environments, otherwise they can become mere tourist attractions.

Plan Objectives 4.4 and 6.2. A useful way of supporting local initiatives would be to support publication, including financial support.

Plan Objective 7.1. Another name is required for 'Historic Environment Champion' if the role is to be expected to be taken seriously.

Plan Objective 7.3. This is supported.

Winster Parish Council really appreciates having an opportunity to take part in consultations on important issues such as this. However, most Parish Councils only meet once a month and due to short response times it is not always possible to meet the deadlines. Perhaps this could be taken into account with the next consultation document.

DCC Local Transport Plan Two questionnaires have been completed and submitted by Parish Councillors. A comment was made that the changes to bus timetable is positive but the backup is poor.

DCC Minerals and Waste Strategy No comments were made.

Resolved To

- ratify the response to the Heritage Consultation
 - note the consultations from DCC.
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301/05	Resolved	To note:	£
Financial update	Payments requiring approval	s/o Clerk's salary	112.38
		s/o Warden's salary	122.95
		150 Post Office Ltd re tax on clerk's (£31.70) and warden's salaries (£27.05)	58.75
		151 Platts Harris Feed head for strimmer (£2.89 VAT)	20.22
		152 DALC – Chair's training	20.00
		153 National Trust – Market House licence	220.00
		154 Peak District Rural Deprivation Forum - Affordable Housing conference	25.00
	Balances at 7.12.05	Current account	44.69
		Savings account	11,202.44
	Including	Earmarked reserves for open spaces	1,650.00
		Earmarked reserves for taxi voucher scheme	1462.00
	Parish Councillor Allan Stone was thanked for carrying out the first two quarterly checks on the books. No queries were raised.		
302/05	Correspondence	Alliance Cornhill Examination report for play areas	
		DALC Circular 29/2005	
		DALC Circular 30/2005	
		DALC Circular 31/2005	
		DALC Legal Services – NALC	
		DCC Consultation – Derbyshire Local Transport Plan and Environment Report	
		DCC Derbyshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework pre-submission draft	
		DCC Local Transport Plan consultation	
		DDDC Licensing Act – temporary event notices	
		PDNPA Heritage Consultation document	
		PDNPA Programme of caravan rallies 2006	
		Simon Stoker Lorries on West Bank – discussed at last meeting	
303/05	Public open session	The grass on the Woodhouse Lane play area and adjacent grassed area became very long during the season and this prevented children from playing on these areas. It is understood that some of the cuts were late due to staff shortages.	
304/05	Matters for information	The Chair was congratulated on his award by the Police of a Queen's Jubilee Medal for Community Involvement in relation to his work with Neighbourhood Watch in the Bakewell Section.	
		Parish Councillor Geoff Lester was thanked for mending the mounting block.	
		The Remembrance Service is in Church at 3 pm on Sunday 13 November 2005.	
Next meeting	Monday 5 December 2005.		