

WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 5 December 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.
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- In attendance** Two members of the public, District Councillor Ray Dring (for part of the meeting) and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
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- Apologies** None received.
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- 305/05 Public open session** District Councillor Ray Dring has been asked by a resident to seek a year long rota for the Saturday refuse collections.
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- 306/05 Minutes** **Resolved** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 7 November 2005 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.
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- 307/05 Clerk's update on matters in hand and action required**
- 128/04 Wensley Road** DCC will carry out works in an attempt to alleviate the problem of vehicles mounting the pavement between the School and Wyntor Avenue. This includes removing the central white line and putting white lines along the edge of the carriageway, cutting back the vegetation alongside Redthorne and placing bollards at each end of the new white lines. DCC has contacted the owners of Redthorne advising of the proposal to cut back the vegetation and will place the order for the work.
- The clerk was further instructed to write to DCC saying that the Parish Council is pleased that DCC is taking some action to try to resolve the problems on this area of road but that additional bollards are needed to stop vehicles mounting the pavement along this stretch of road. In addition the Parish Council is concerned that small measure are taken to alleviate some of the easier problems on Wensley Road, but the main issue of the water is being sidestepped.
- 229/05 Main Street bus shelter light** AllRoads have indicated that the light was disconnected by DCC's street lighting team as it was not up to standard and therefore the damage was not caused by AllRoads. This contradicts previous information from DCC which suggests that it was damaged by AllRoads and therefore disconnected by DCC as it was shorting. This will be placed on a future agenda.
- 242/05 Street lights** The lights on The Griffin and at Bank Top have been commissioned but it is not known when the 30MPH signs will be moved.
- 244/05 Rubbish on the Common outside Wesson Cottage** The Clerk has received no response to her letter and the pile of rubbish is increasing. It was further resolved that Parish Councillor Geoff Lester will speak with the residents and this will be backed up by a letter from the Clerk asking them to clear the rubbish within fourteen days, following which the Parish Council will arrange for it to be removed at the residents' expense, and asking them not to put rubbish on the Common in future.
- 269/05 Woodhouse Lane path** DCC has confirmed that it will look at additional works on Footpath 2 adjacent to the recreation field to find a solution to the continued washout of the path. This was appreciated by the Parish Council.

307/05 Clerk's update on matters in hand and action required continued

282/05 Lorries on West Bank As a gesture of goodwill, the contractors concerned, Cutts, have agreed to use an alternative route when servicing the recycling point. DCC is applying for a new order to replace the previous 3 tonne weight limits on East Bank and West Bank and notices have been issued (see Footpaths and Highways below).

284/05 Grit bins The cost of refilling the Parish Council's grit bins has increased to £50. The Clerk has arranged for the bin on East Bank to be refilled.

295/05 Grasscutting The Clerk will write to DDDC for written confirmation that the first cut will be in the first week in April 2006 or no later than the second week in April with the other cuts spread equally through the season (subject to adverse weather conditions) to ensure that the full benefit of the extra two cuts is realised.

296/05 Churchyard handrail DCC is not able to give finance support for this work. One quote has been obtained and further quotes will be sought and the matter put on a future agenda.

Resolved To note the matters in the report and to take the action outlined.

308/05 Planning

NPDDD 1105 1115 Listed Building consent for internal alterations at Stoneheath, Main Street, Winstar This application is approved by the Parish Council.

NPDDD 0804 0920 Barn at East Bank, Winstar This is granted subject to various conditions.

NPDDD 0905 0908 Highfields, Wensley Road, Winstar This is refused.

Resolved To contact PDNPA as outlined above and note the decision notices.

309/05 Footpaths, highways and related issues

Blocked gullies There has been flooding on the B5056 at Buckdale and in the dip below the school due to blocked gullies. The drains on Main Street also need cleaning after the leaf fall. The clerk will report this to DDDC.

Fallen leaves The gennels were not cleared of leaves when the rest of the village was swept a few weeks ago. The next scheduled clean is at the end of December 2005. It is felt that the new system operated by DDDC is not as good as the old system despite reassurances that there would be flexibility to deal with specific problems between scheduled cleans. This is the second year that the clerk has had to chase for an additional clean to clear the fallen leaves. The clerk will ask DDDC to bring forward the December clean next year.

Leacroft Road grass areas Cars are being parked on Leacroft Green and outside 15 Leacroft Road causing ruts on the grass. The clerk will write to the residents at 15 Leacroft Road advising that this practice is causing concern.

Traffic following accident on A6 There was a traffic problem in Winstar following the recent fatal accident at Rowsley. There are few options open to the emergency services when diverting traffic but this needs to be monitored.

Weight limits on East Bank and West Bank The notices for a new order to replace the previous 3 tonne weight limit were received too late for this meeting and will be considered in January. All Parish Councillors were asked to look at the documentation before then. The clerk will write to DCC indicating that as the documentation was received too late for this agenda and there has been no opportunity for the public to come and discuss it, this will be considered at the January 2006 meeting, after which comments will be sent to DCC.

Resolved To note the reports and write the letters outlined above.

310/05 Warden's duties during winter	<p>The additional items already approved are in hand. The bark on the play area, the pond, sweeping Bank Top car park, and the Cemetery and Churchyard paths will need regular attention during the winter. Other items can be checked from time to time so that they can be dealt with before they become a big issue.</p> <p>The big tree in the Churchyard needs attention and a grant has been promised for this in the past. The Warden is checking the details.</p> <p>It was agreed that 2 to 3 hours a week should deal with these regular items. The winter hours would bring the Warden's hours up to around 350 for the year which would be about £300 more than budgeted, ie £300 more than is reimbursed by DCC, DDDC and Walbrook, and precepted under amenity.</p> <p>The Parish Council is happy with the work done by the Warden to date.</p> <p>Resolved To approve the Warden working up to 3 hours per week until March 2006 and to action the regular items discussed.</p>																																
311/05 Westhills/allotment gate	<p>Resolved To deal with this at a later date as only one quote has been received.</p>																																
312/05 Warning signs for Warden	<p>The risk assessment on the cemetery called for warning signs for use when graves are being dug/are open. This will hopefully be reimbursed by DDDC. The signs could also be utilised when grounds maintenance is taking place in the Cemetery and Churchyard.</p> <p>Resolved To purchase three signs at a maximum cost of £100.</p>																																
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314/05 Precept	<p>Resolved To set a precept of £8,950 for 2006/2007.</p>																																
315/05 Meeting dates	<p>Resolved To hold meetings in 2006 on the first Monday in the month except where this is a Bank Holiday when the meeting will be on the second Monday.</p>																																

316/05 Correspondence	Clerks & Councils Direct CORWM DALC DALC DCC DCC East Mids Reg Assembly Patrick McLoughlin The Chair asked the Clerk to clarify with DALC the item relating to a new requirement under the Freedom of Information Act	Issue 42 November 2005 Managing radioactive waste in the UK – community discussion guide Circular 32/2005 Circular 33/2005 Greenwatch awards Winter Maintenance leaflets Review of East Midlands Regional Plan consultation Newsletter
317/05 Public open session	The Parish Council was asked to think carefully when increasing the Precept as the basic pension only increased by 2.8% this year. A resident indicated that some traffic travelling along Wensley Road towards Wensley travels at excessive speeds and also cuts the corner by Wyntor Avenue, so traffic needs calming at both ends of the stretch by the school.	
318/05 Matters for information	The affordable housing meeting was generally well attended but not by parish councils. Parish Councillor Geoff Lester was thanked for his article on this subject in the Parish Magazine. PDNPA is investigating traffic toll charges. The wall outside Richfield on West Bank has been hit by a car. The Christmas tree lights will be switched on on Sunday night.	
Next meeting	Monday 9 January 2006.	
