

# WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 9 January 2006

<b>Present</b>	Parish Councillor Brian Long in the chair. Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Geoff Lester, Kevin Markham, Frank Mason, Don Shimwell, Allan Stone and Judy Williams.
<b>In attendance</b>	Four members of the public and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
<b>Public open session</b>	One resident thanked the Parish Council for the new grit bin on Woodhouse Lane.
<b>Apologies</b>	Parish Councillors Geoff Lester, Kevin Markham and Don Shimwell.
<b>316/06 Minutes</b>	<b>Resolved</b> That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 December 2005 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.
<b>317/06 Clerk's update on matters in hand and action required</b>	<b>128/04 Wensley Road</b> No response has been received from DCC <b>244/05 Rubbish on the Common outside Wesson Cottage</b> The Clerk has received no response to her second letter to the residents, although the garden waste has been removed leaving building rubble and other hard waste. The Clerk has contacted DDDC for advice and is awaiting a reply. The Parish Council feels that this matter has been outstanding for too long and the Clerk was asked to contact the residents again asking them to bag up the waste and put it onto their own property post haste, and to take any action suggested by DDDC. <b>269/05 Woodhouse Lane path</b> 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. <b>284/05 Grit bins</b> New Parish Council grit bins are being installed on Woodhouse Lane, Woolley's Yard and East Bank near Hawkshill. The request for a second bin on East Bank/The Flat has been refused but the bin requested last year for Leacroft Road by the Surgery has been approved. A complaint has been received from a resident on East Bank about the new grit bin on East Bank for aesthetic reasons, concerns that salt will be trampled into nearby houses and potential problems for vehicles turning into East Bank. The situation will be monitored, although it is felt that this site is suitable and this is backed up by DCC's willingness to put a bin at this location. <b>295/05 Grasscutting</b> DDDC has written to confirm that the first cut will be no later than the second week in April 2006 with the other cuts spread equally through the season (subject to adverse weather conditions). The schedule will be issues shortly. <b>309/05 Parking on Leacroft Road grass areas</b> This seems to have stopped since the Clerk wrote to the residents concerned. <b>Christmas tree recycling</b> This year there is no provision for Christmas trees to be recycled from Bank Top although several trees have been left in the car park. The Clerk has asked DDDC to remove these when they collect the green waste on Thursday. <b>Resolved</b> To note the matters in the report and to take the action outlined.

318/06  
Planning

**NPDDD 1105 1129 Erection of agricultural workers dwelling at Luntor Farm, Wensley Road, Winster** The Clerk will write to PDNPA as follows:

Winster Parish Council is unable to make a decision on this application without more information to cover the following points:

1. The size of the dwelling house is substantial and there is no evidence whether a building of that size can be supported by the agricultural use of the unit.
2. No need has been established in the supporting documentation.
3. There is no evidence of a Section 106 agreement.

The Parish Council would like the opportunity to consider this application again when this evidence has been supplied.

**62/04 Buckdale Lane/165/05 Pikehall Lane** Nothing has been heard from PDNPA since Mr Davies attended the Parish Council meeting in September 2005. It is believed that there is some residential accommodation on the Buckdale Lane site and this will be raised with PDNPA.

**The Angel, Main Street, Winster** Residents have raised concern about the works being carried out on this listed building and also parking issues in the area. PDNPA has been made aware of the works and will investigate the matter.

**Resolved** To write to PDNPA as outlined above and note the matters raised.

319/06  
Footpaths,  
highways and  
related issues

**04/04 Bus stop markings** A complaint has been received from a resident that the buses are not pulling into the kerb even when cars are not parked on the bus stops. It appears that the bus stop bay may not be large enough for buses to pull in and out, and that the bay outside Winster Hall may not be aligned to the raised kerb. There is no raised kerb at the bus stop outside Moot House. The Clerk will write to DCC asking them to check the bus stops and also to ascertain why the bus drivers are reluctant to pull into the bus stop outside Winster Hall.

**309/05 Weight limits on East Bank and West Bank** DCC indicated that it was unable to extend the deadline for comments on this matter, so a letter was sent outlining the Parish Council's concerns and asking for a site meeting. This was copied to Brian Lucas (Cabinet Member), Ray Caswell (Divisional Member), District Councillor Ray Dring, and Patrick McLaughlin (MP). If a site meeting is not forthcoming, the Parish Council resolved to take whatever action is required to seek to restrict unsuitable vehicles using East Bank and West Bank.

**Pedestrian safety on Elton Road** A resident has expressed concerns about the lack of a footway and lighting on parts of Elton Road. This will be considered at a later date when the issue of traffic in the village will be discussed and the results of the School's Routes to School survey will be available.

**Ploughed footpath** Footpath 17 between Sacheveral Farm and the B5056 has been ploughed and not reinstated. This has been reported to DCC.

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

320/06  
Affordable  
Housing  
seminar

Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex presented a report on this seminar. It is 15 years since the last affordable housing survey in Winster and it is felt that another survey would be appropriate. Alison Clamp of Midlands Housing Association has offered to talk to the Parish Council on this and will be invited to the March 2006 meeting.

**Resolved** To note the report and write to DDDC about a new survey and invite Alison Clamp to the March 2006 meeting.

**321/06  
Cemetery**

A quote of £1,027.50 plus VAT has been received for improving the levels of the right-hand side ready for future burials. The Clerk will write to DDDC advising them of the work towards future burials and seeking funding.

The memorial gardens previously discussed will not be progressed at this stage as it may not be necessary to move the existing benches, although some of the trees and the unauthorised planting will probably need to be removed.

The regulations need updating to make them more “user friendly” and to include a policy on plot reservation and who can be buried in the Cemetery. The size of grave space currently offered is now considered to be generous and this also needs to be amended. This will be considered again in more detail at a future meeting.

A request to reserve a plot has been received from a former resident of Winster. This was approved in the absence of a formal policy.

The question of water in graves was considered but nothing can be done to resolve this problem which stems from former use of the land. The Clerk will write to the resident who raised this matter.

**Resolved** To approve the quote in principle, write to DDDC and the two members of the public outlined above and to place this matter on a future agenda.

**322/06  
Insurance cover**

The Parish Council must have employer’s liability and fidelity insurance cover and this is in place (motor insurance is also required if there is a Council motor vehicle). The level of cover of the fidelity insurance should be the highest amount the Parish Council has in the bank at any time during the year. Public liability is at the insurer’s recommended level, and the Council’s assets/insurance were updated recently.

**Resolved** To review the need for defamation and professional indemnity insurance and to review the insurance cover annually. The Clerk will also examine the existing policy to ensure adequate cover in all areas.

**323/06  
Land rental agreements**

In January 2005 it was agreed to put the two grazing licences to tender in 2006. However, it is likely that the proposed works on the Cemetery will take place during the 2006 grazing season and this may impact on the tenant’s access to Ashmore Pingle or cause inconvenience to the tenant.

**Resolved** To offer the grazing to the two existing tenants on the same terms as for 2005 whilst advising the tenants of Ashmore Pingle of the potential need for access during the season.

**324/06  
Financial update**

<b>Resolved</b>	To note:	£
<b>Payments requiring approval</b>	s/o Clerk’s salary	112.38
	s/o Warden’s salary	122.95
	160 Post Office Ltd re tax on clerk’s (£31.70) and warden’s salaries (£27.05)	58.75
	161 Club Private Hire (Taxi voucher scheme) (VAT £1.66)	11.16
	162 Platts Harris (VAT £1.20)	8
<b>Balances at 9.1.06</b>	Current account	175.00
	Savings account	10,356.30
<b>Including</b>	Earmarked reserves for open spaces	1,650.00
	Earmarked reserves for taxi voucher scheme	1,365.48

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<b>325/06</b>	Aitchelle sports dev	“Your Active Community”
<b>Correspondence</b>	CPRE	PDNP Hydropower Study
	DALC	Circular 34/2005
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	DALC	Circular 36/2005
	DALC	Circular 38/2005
	DALC	Circular 39/2005
	DDCVS	Quart issue 17
	DDDC	DD&HP Local Strategic Partnership draft
		Community Strategy 2006-9
	DDDC	Central area leisure centre “Options Appraisal”
	Larissa Worthington	Pedestrian safety on Elton Road
	Michael Greatorex	Plot in Winster Cemetery
	Rosemary Smith	Flooding in Winster Cemetery
	Safer Derbyshire Dales	Meeting notes – 1.12.05
	Parish Councillor Judy Williams will draft a response to the Hydropower Study to include the possibility of wind generators and other renewable energy sources.	
<b>Public open session</b>	The applicant in the planning application responded to some of the Parish Council’s concerns.	
	Woodhouse Lane was not swept during the recent street cleansing.	
	Users of the Burton Institute are often asked to park by the Church to avoid congestion in Main Street but are generally reluctant to do so because the route to and from the Burton Institute is poorly lit.	
<b>326/06 Matters for information</b>	The Taxi Voucher Scheme should end on 28 February 2006 when the Countryside Agency is wound up. Natural England will take its place and the TVS will continue until June 2006.	
	John Marshall has been made Curate of Winster on a two year contract. The Clerk will write to him to wish him well in this post. The new Bishop has indicated that the Diocese no longer intends to sell the Vicarage.	
<b>Next meeting</b>	Monday 6 February 2006.	

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