

WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 6 February 2006

- Present** Parish Councillor Brian Long in the chair.
Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Geoff Lester, Kevin Markham, Frank Mason, and Don Shimwell.
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- In attendance** Three members of the public, Pc Sandra Wetton, Pc Dave Rowbotham and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
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- Public open session** Pc Sandra Wetton introduced herself as Winster's beat officer. She works two days a week and covers Hartington, Elton, Youlgrave, Winster and the surrounding areas. Pc Rowbotham is the beat manager based at Bakewell. Pc Rowbotham outlined recent crimes in and around Winster and asked residents to report any issues, using 999 for emergencies or where a crime is being committed, and 0845 123 3333 for all other matters.
The Police are happy to work with the Parish Council on issues relating to parking on the bus stops and to liaise on traffic matters when the results of the school's transport survey have been analysed.
A resident complained about the state of the paper recycling bin at Bank Top which has been reported to DDDC several times.
The stile into Placket is broken - DCC is aware of this.
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- Apologies** Parish Councillors Allan Stone and Judy Williams.
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- 327/06 Minutes** **Resolved** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 January 2006 be amended to show:
- Parish Councillors Geoff Lester, Kevin Markham and Don Shimwell be deleted from those present.
 - **322/06 Insurance** the additional wording "Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex asked if parish councillors are insured for any manual work they carry out on behalf of the Parish Council."
 - **323/06 Land rental agreements** "Tenant" should read "licence holder"
- The amended minutes were duly signed by the Chair.
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- 328/06 Clerk's update on matters in hand and action required** **128/04 Wensley Road** Part of the white lining has been carried out. The Clerk has received a plan which shows two "posts" are due to be installed. The Parish Council will continue to monitor traffic in this area.
244/05 Rubbish on the Common outside Wesson Cottage Some of the rubbish has been removed, but a mound of earth and some rubble remains. DDDC considers this to be fly tipping and the Clerk will ask DDDC to take action against these residents.
284/05 Grit bins Some of the new bins have yet to be installed. DCC will refill the Parish Council's grit bins in the autumn/early winter if a blanket request is sent. There will be no reduction in the cost as DCC claims to charge for refilling the bins at cost.
Further complaints have been received about the new grit bin on East Bank. All sites were approved by the Parish and County Councils before the bins were installed. The situation will be monitored.

328/06 Clerk's update on matters in hand and action required continued

309/05 Weight limits on East Bank and West Bank This will go to Committee as objections have been received. The Clerk will request a copy of the Cabinet report in due course. The Police have been carrying out speed checks on West Bank.

309/05 Parking on Leacroft Road grass areas The parking has restarted and this will be reported to DCC.

317/06 Christmas tree recycling The trees have now been removed. The lack of communication which led to the misunderstanding will be resolved this year, and the Clerk has asked DDDC to put a notice up on the site and to place an advert in the Village Magazine giving full details of the arrangements for recycling Christmas trees.

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

329/06 Planning

NPDDD 0106 0018 Car parking at The Headlands, Winster The Parish Council approves this application.

NPDDD 1005 1018 and 1019 Winster Village Shop, Main Street, Winster This application has been withdrawn.

NPDDD 1105 1115 Stone Heath, Main Street, Winster This application has been granted.

NPDDD 1105 1129 Luntor Farm This application has been refused.

62/04 Buckdale Lane/165/05 Pikehall Lane The Clerk wrote to the Officer dealing with this matter on 12 January 2006 but has not received a reply or acknowledgement. The Clerk will write to John Lomas, Director at PDNPA asking for an update on this matter.

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

330/06 Footpaths, highways and related issues

75/04 Birchover Lane This is in a very bad state of repair with potholes, mud and standing water. Photographs were shown to the meeting which clearly showed standing water despite a prolonged period of dry weather. The Clerk will write to DCC asking for remedial work including clearing the blocked culverts to keep this important link between two communities open. The letter will be copied to County Councillor Ray Caswell.

216/05 Cemetery turning area The large piece of stone has been moved and lorries are again turning in this area and cutting up the ground. The stone will be replaced and the situation monitored. The Chair has been made aware of a possible offender and this will be investigated.

Gulley at Ephraim House, East Bank This is blocked and the Clerk will report it to DCC. It appears that the gravel from the driveway has caused the blockage and the Clerk will ascertain whether this is a breach of the planning permission.

Traffic signs The 30MPH signs on Bank Top and by The Vicarage are frequently being spun round. This will be reported to DCC highways department.

Wall on West Bank The wall at the top end of West Bank which is Parish Council owned has been damaged by vandalism and will be put on a future agenda once quotes have been obtained.

Broken/electrified stiles The stile leading into Placket has still not been repaired. The electric fence near the stile on Footpath 13 from the B5056 is shorting and causing dog owners problems. The Clerk will report these to DCC.

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

**331/06
Headstones**

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with The Association of Burial Authorities (ABA) and DDDC concerning the safety of headstones in the Cemetery and Churchyard.

ABA confirmed that the Parish Council has limited responsibilities in the Churchyard and is not the occupier or owner of the land. It has a duty to its employees and if it feels that a particular area of the Churchyard is not safe due to unsafe headstones, then it should warn its staff not to work in that area and make the Parochial Church Council (PCC) aware of its concerns.

Responsibility for making the headstones in the Churchyard safe lies entirely with the PCC, which under public liability law is responsible for the safety of the public in its public places.

In general, modern headstones cause the most safety issues as they are just sitting on top of a small plinth on the ground and have no fixings. For the Cemetery, consideration should be given to using monoliths made from one piece of stone with at least one-third of its length buried in the ground - this is the type used in the Commonwealth War Graves.

From 1 April 2006, DDDC will use only registered stone masons who will be required to give a 30 year guarantee on the safety of the headstone, with 5 year extensions being granted to the owner of the headstone thereafter, subject to a safety inspection. The validity of the guarantee is in doubt unless backed by insurance. This system is approved by the National Association of Memorial Masons.

DDDC is unable to provide financial support for testing or remedial work either in the Cemetery or Churchyard.

The Parish Council will need to carry out a survey in the Cemetery in the near future.

Cemetery Regulations may need to be updated and provision for future headstones can be incorporated into this. This could be considered at the Annual Parish Meeting. The importance of keeping families informed of any work to be carried out relating to headstones was stressed.

The Chair and the Clerk will circulate all available relevant literature on this topic to enable all Parish Councillors to be fully conversant with this matter.

In the meantime, the Clerk will write to the PCC clearly setting out the information above, confirming what the Parish Council advised some months ago and confirming that there is no provision for costs or funding towards this.

Resolved To note the report and write to the PCC as outlined.

**332/06 Cutting
the common**

No quote has been received for the common or Woodhouse Lane. The Clerk will pursue these quotes. It was agreed to award the contract for the common to DCC at a maximum cost of £1,854 (verbal quote and amount allowed on the Precept) subject to written confirmation and ratification at the next meeting.

**333/06 Yew tree
in Churchyard**

Confirmation is awaited from PDNPA's tree officer as to the scope of works allowed. A quote will then be obtained and the matter put on a future agenda.

**334/06 Parcels
of land**

The information on registering these was not to hand and this will be placed on a future agenda once the detail is received.

**335/06 Annual
Parish Meeting**

This will be on Wednesday 17 May 2006. An article will be placed in the Village Magazine to try to encourage a good turnout.

336/06	Resolved	To note:	£
Financial update	Payments requiring approval	s/o Clerk's salary	112.38
		s/o Warden's salary	122.95
		163 Post Office Ltd re tax on clerk's (£31.70) and warden's salaries (£27.05)	58.75
		164 Burton Institute room hire October, November & December 2005 (VAT £9.83)	66.00
		165 DCC Inv ESF8264 Streetlight - East Bank (VAT exempt)	788.51
		166 JB's Taxis - Taxi voucher scheme (VAT £10.40)	69.80
	Balances at 9.1.06	Current account	580.14
		Savings account	9,695.97
	Including	Earmarked reserves for open spaces	1,650.00
		Earmarked reserves for taxi voucher scheme	1,295.68

A query was raised about the tax deducted for the Clerk and Warden. A tax code is still awaited for the Warden and any adjustment will be made when it is received.

VAT and reimbursable expenditure are being reclaimed.

Parish Councillor Allan Stone will be requested to carry out the quarterly internal audit.

337/06	DALC	Circular 02/2006
Correspondence	DALC	Circular 03/2006
	DALC	Circular 04/2006
	DALC	Circular 05/2006
	DALC	Circular 06/2006
	DALC	Circular 07/2006
	DALC	Circular 08/2006
	DCC	SACRE annual report 2004/2005
	DCC	OnBoard Winter 2005/2006
	DCC	Derbyshire Directory
	DDDC	East Midlands Rural Delivery Framework
	Derbyshire Fire Service	Budget setting consultation
	EMDA	News Magazine January 2006
	PPPF	News
	PDNPA	Statement of Community Involvement

The Fire Service is seeking a large increase this year.

The Clerk's and Warden's pay rises are set out in the DALC circular.

PDNPA's Statement of Community Involvement is the first part of the changes to the Local Plan. This is currently in circulation and will be placed on the March agenda.

The speaker on affordable housing will be at the March meeting.

Public open session Offroaders are using Birchover Lane.

338/06 Matters for information 2006 sees the 100th anniversary of the National Trust acquiring the Market House and there will be some celebrations during the year.

There are tyre tracks around Mosey Mere again, and possible solutions will be considered on a future agenda.

Next meeting Monday 6 March 2006.