

WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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

- 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 and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
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- 339/06 Minutes** **Resolved** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 6 February 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.
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- 340/06 Clerk's update on matters in hand and action required**
- 04/04 Bus stops** DCC have confirmed that the bus stop markings are the correct size for the buses to pull in and out of the bays and that the raised kerb is in the correct place. Hulley's have received no specific complaints other than the letter from the Parish Council and feel the bus bays are too short if there are cars parked at either end. The Parish Council feels that the current situation is worse as parking spaces have been lost to the bus bays but the buses are still not pulling in, leaving the passenger and traffic problems remaining. The Clerk will write again to DCC asking for confirmation that the raised kerbs are in the right place, that there is no raised kerb at the bus stop opposite the shop and asking them to ensure that buses pull in to the bays when they are clear. The problem of cars parking in the bus bays will still need to be dealt with once the other issues are resolved.
- 128/04 Wensley Road** No further work has been carried out by DCC.
- 244/05 Rubbish on the Common outside Wesson Cottage** DDDC has written to the residents asking them to remove the remainder of the rubbish. The Clerk will obtain a copy of the letter and the situation will be monitored.
- 309/05 Weight limits** This went to Cabinet on 16 February 2006 and a blanket order was made. DCC intends to put temporary signage and ask Trading Standards to carry out enforcement to deter overweight vehicles from coming through the village. The Clerk will obtain a copy of the Cabinet minute.
- 309/05 Verges on Leacroft Road** No reply has been received from DCC.
- 334/06 Registration of parcels of land** An information pack has been received from the Land Registry and further details will be obtained before this is placed on a future agenda.
- Resolved** To note the matters in the report and to take the action outlined.
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- 341/06 Planning**
- 62/04 Buckdale Lane** No response has been received to the letter to John Lomas. The Clerk did not chase a reply following receipt of the report to the planning committee on enforcements. This report which was welcomed by the Parish Council shows that PDNPA is taking this matter seriously although the lack of a response to any of the Parish Council's letters is a cause for concern. The Clerk will contact John Lomas and advise him that it is believed that persons are living at this site.
- The report also mentions Painters Way Farm as being resolved and the Clerk will ascertain to what this relates.
- Resolved** To contact PDNPA as outlined above and note the matters raised.
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**342/06
Footpaths,
highways and
related issues**

75/04 Birchover Lane The Clerk has not sent the letter yet as she was waiting for copy photographs. A letter will be sent 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 possible offender has not been traced and no further information is available. The stone block still needs to be re-sited to its original position.

330/06 Gulley at Ephraim House, East Bank The planning permission allows for a tarmac surface to the driveway. The blocked drain and breach of planning permission have been reported to DCC.

Blocked gullies The gullies at Four Lane Ends are all blocked. This will be reported to DCC.

Building materials on The Common The resident at Rock View Cottage is storing building materials on The Common and this is causing damage to the ground. The Clerk will write to him to ask him to reinstate the damage as soon as possible.

Church gate The gate has dropped and this will be reported to the Parochial Church Council for repair.

Florence Gladwin Close Walbrook Housing has contacted the clerk concerning complaints received from residents concerning the grounds maintenance. Grasscutting is not in the schedule of works and to cut this small area of grass would take about two hours allowing for bringing equipment to site. The Clerk will contact Walbrook and arrange a site meeting with the officer concerned who has never seen the site.

Rights of way survey DCC is carrying out a rights of way survey and whilst the Parish Council would like to support this it was felt that it is not essential for a Parish Councillor to undertake this role. A request for volunteers will be placed in the Village Magazine. In the meantime the Clerk will be the contact point.

Streetlight by Church The trees are still overhanging this. It has been reported to DCC and the owner of the trees has been contacted to no avail. The Clerk will again contact DCC about this.

Trip hazard on East Bank This will be reported to BT.

330/06 Wall on Woodhouse Lane The wall abutting the play area, which is believed to be owned by the Old Coach House is still outstanding. A follow up letter is still required from DDDC and the insurers will be kept up to date.

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

**343/06
Grasscutting
contracts**

DCC have quoted £820 for Woodhouse Lane and £1,798 for The Common. The Parish Council has not been able to obtain other quotes for several years, so these quotes were approved.

Resolved To accept the quotes received from DCC.

344/06 Donations

No specific requests have been received from non-village registered charities.

345/06 Handrail

Resolved To approve the cost of up to £150 for materials for the installation of a handrail by the gate at the Elton Road end of the Churchyard.

346/06	Resolved	To note:	£
Financial update	Payments requiring approval	s/o Clerk's salary	112.38
		s/o Warden's salary	122.95
		167 Post Office Ltd re tax on clerk's (£31.70) and warden's (£81.15) salaries	112.85
		168 B K Long for Chair's allowance	100.00
		169 DCC for Woodhouse Lane & Common (VAT £442.58)	2,971.58
		170 R Comley Extra hours	245.90
		171 Audit Commission (VAT £21.00)	141.00
		172 QC Supplies (Toner) (VAT £5.25)	35.24
		173 V Kemble clerk's expenses July 2005 to Feb 2006	181.67
	Balances at 6.3.06	Current account	1,591.51
		Savings account	8,195.97
	Including	Earmarked reserves for open spaces	1,650.00
		Earmarked reserves for taxi voucher scheme	1,295.68

The invoice from DCC has not been received but needs to be paid before 31 March 2006. This was approved up to £3,000.

The invoice for QC Supplies was incorrect and has been reissued for the above amount which differs from that published on the agenda.

The Warden's extra salary is to balance the extra hours worked during the year.

347/06	DALC	Circular 09/2006
Correspondence	DCC	Condition of Public Rights of Way network
	DCC	Parish events in the highway
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	Friends of Victims Support	Re-organisation of Victim Support/EGM
	John Marshall	Correspondence re headstones in Churchyard
	PDNPA	Enforcement document
	Ray Dring	Resignation as District Councillor
		The Clerk will write to Ray Dring to express the Parish Council's appreciation for all the work he has done in the past.
		On the issue of the headstones in the Churchyard, the Parish Council does not feel it appropriate to become involved with the Secret Gardens Committee in how their allocate their funds.
		The National Trust has invited Parish Councillors to the event to mark the 100th anniversary of the acquisition of the Market House on 21 March 2006 from 11 am to 12.30 pm.
		The licensing ceremony for John Marshall is in the Church on 12 March at 3 pm.
Public open session		A resident believes that the garden area adjoining the recreation grounds belongs to The Old Coachhouse.
348/06 Matters for information		A notice will be placed in the Village Magazine advertising the Annual Parish Meeting and asking for agenda items.
		Affordable Housing will be on the April 2006 agenda.
		The History Group has asked the National Trust if they can hold an old-style market in September to commemorate the anniversary of the Market House.
		Young people have been gathering and leaving rubbish in the public toilets.
Next meeting		Monday 3 April 2006.