

# WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of a meeting held at the Burton Institute, Winster on 3 April 2006

- Present** Parish Councillor Brian Long in the chair.  
Parish Councillors Rob Greatorex, Frank Mason, Don Shimwell, Allan Stone and Judy Williams.
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- In attendance** Four members of the public, George Edwards, Liberal Democrat Candidate and Veronica Kemble, Clerk.
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- Apologies** Parish Councillors Geoff Lester and Kevin Markham.
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- Public open session** Concerns were raised at the proximity of the 30MPH signs to the school as speeding is an issue in Winster.  
The resident of Rock View Cottage indicated that he wants to work with the Parish Council and not to cause damage. The skip has been removed and some of the damage to the grass made good. He raised concerns about the upkeep of "The Burma Road" in a letter which will be circulated before the next Parish Council meeting and discussed at that meeting.  
The ivy alongside Ashlea on Woodhouse Lane has regrown in places.  
The owner of Ashlea, Woodhouse Lane spoke in support of her planning application which is dealt with later in the minutes.
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- 349/06 Minutes** **Resolved** That the Minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on:  
1. 6 March 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.  
2. 29 March 2006 be confirmed as a correct record subject to the addition of the declaration of a personal interest by Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex due to living on and owning a property on West Bank, and be signed by the Chair.
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- 350/06 Clerk's update on matters in hand and action required** **04/04 Bus stops** DCC has again confirmed that the bus bays are the correct minimum length of 15m, although it is difficult to get a bus into and out of the bays on a narrow road. To make them more useable they need to be extended to 19m. This would mean the buses would be able to use them even if cars are parked at both ends and across the road from the bus stop. The other option is to remove the bays. DCC has funding available for either option. It is believed that Hulleys is obtaining some smaller buses which will be used on the Winster route. The Clerk will contact Hulleys to ascertain the likely date for any new smaller buses being used on this route and will ask DCC for a site meeting so that the proposed extensions to the bus bays and the positions of the raised platforms can be discussed. This will be placed on a future agenda.  
The Clerk asked that members of the public and Parish Councillors note the need for residents to complain directly to the authorities concerned as well as to the Parish Council, as one letter from the Parish Council is not always considered to be enough for action to be taken.  
**62/04 Buckdale Lane/Lower Westhills** PDNPA recognises that the site has deteriorated and that further action needs to be considered. The Enforcement Team included this site on its list of high priority cases, which has since been agreed by Planning Committee. Further investigation will be progressed in the coming weeks and it should go to the Planning Committee in May.

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**350/06  
Clerk's update  
on matters in  
hand and action  
required  
continued**

**75/04 Birchover Lane** DCC are not planning any major work as this is a minor road. DCC will continue to fill potholes and do work to get water off the road.

**128/04 Wensley Road** No further work has been carried out by DCC.

**244/05 Rubbish on the Common outside Wesson Cottage** The situation remains unchanged.

**309/05 Verges on Leacroft Road** The Highway Inspector and Highway Care Manager are still investigating this problem.

**309/05 Weight limits** Following the meeting of the Parish Council on 29 March 2006 DCC withdrew its report to Cabinet. Full details of the line to be taken by DCC are awaited.

**330/06 Gully at Ephraim House, East Bank** This was reported to DCC together with details of the planning condition relating to the driveway.

**330/06 Wall on Woodhouse Lane** This is still outstanding with DDDC's letter well overdue.

**342/06 Blocked gullies at Four Lane End** These have been reported to DCC.

**342/06 Building materials on The Common** The skip has been removed and some of the damage to the grass made good. The resident has written to the Clerk about this and the state of "The Burma Road" and this letter will be circulated before the next meeting and placed on the agenda for discussion.

**342/06 Florence Gladwin Close** A site meeting was held with Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex, the Clerk and two representatives from Walbrook Housing. They have now seen the site and understand what is included in the contract. They will ask the residents whether they wish to pay an additional charge for grasscutting.

**342/06 Church gate** This has been reported to the Church Warden.

**347/06 National Trust** The school children dressed up in costumes from 100 years ago and the event ran well.

**347/06 Licensing ceremony for John Marshall** There was a good attendance in Church for this event.

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

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**351/06  
Planning**

**NPDDD 0106 0018 Parking area at The Headlands, East Bank, Winster** This application has been withdrawn.

**NPDDD 0206 0167 Listed building to convert outside toilet to inside toilet at The Old Brew House, Main Street Winster** The Parish Council approves this application.

**NPDDD 0206 0181 Extension and alterations at Ashlea, Woodhouse Lane, Winster** The Parish Council approves this application.

**NPDDD 0306 0201 Extension and alterations at Winster Village Shop, Winster** Parish Councillors Brian Long and Judy Williams declared a prejudicial interest having a financial interest in the village shop and the Clerk declared a prejudicial interest being a director and company secretary of the applicant and all three left the room. Parish Councillor Rob Greatorex took over the chair for this item.

The Clerk will write to PDNPA as follows:

<p><b>351/06</b> <b>Planning</b> <b>continued</b></p>	<p>Winster Parish Council is happy with the size and scale of the proposed units and supports this application subject to the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a local needs stipulation is appropriate to this application.</li> <li>b) the stone steps appear to encroach on adjacent land.</li> <li>c) there are access issues relating to manoeuvrability of vehicles onto adjacent land to enable four vehicles to park.</li> </ul> <p>The Parish Council supports the listed building application.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> To contact PDNPA as outlined above and note the matters raised. Brian Long retook the chair.</p>
<p><b>352/06</b> <b>Footpaths,</b> <b>highways and</b> <b>related issues</b></p>	<p><b>330/06 Electrified stile</b> The stile on Footpath 13 has been replaced by a gate.</p> <p><b>Dogs loose on footpaths</b> Concern was raised about a dog which is often left loose outside a property beside a public footpath intimidating walkers. This should be reported to DCC or to the Police.</p> <p><b>Football on Leacroft Road</b> Complaints have been received about young people playing football on Leacroft Road, climbing garden fences to retrieve the ball, hitting cars with the ball and harassing residents. There is a “No ball games” sign on Florence Gladwin Close and Wyntor Avenue but not in this area, although these signs are advisory only. The Clerk will contact Dales Housing about this in the first instance and residents will be asked to report any further incidents. The Police should also be informed as calls for service will promote further visits to the village.</p> <p><b>Overhanging vegetation</b> This is again a problem outside The Nook/Doe Lea Cottage. The Clerk will contact the owners about this.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> To note the reports and write the letters outlined above.</p>
<p><b>353/06</b> <b>Burial fees</b></p>	<p>A comment was made that the low burial fees could attract many out of parish burials. This issue will be considered as part of the new regulations.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> To increase all fees by 10% rounded up.</p>
<p><b>354/06</b> <b>S137 donation to</b> <b>Twinning</b> <b>Association</b></p>	<p>This request meets the requirements of S137 by benefiting one or more people within the Parish. No specific amount has been requested and any donation will be used towards the children’s costs of the trip.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> To make a donation of £200 specifically towards the children’s costs.</p>
<p><b>355/06</b> <b>Mosey Mere</b></p>	<p>It appears from the vehicle tracks that Mosey Mere is being used to wash tractors. The Parish Council has registered an interest with the Land Registry and the verbal counterclaim to ownership has never been supported by written evidence. The Parish Council has so far avoided fencing Mosey Mere due to costs and for aesthetic reasons. PDNPA paid for the clay lining and this will be damaged by vehicles using the Mere. Concern was raised about liability should the deep ruts cause an accident. Other residents have been contacted about damage to, for example, the Common and this is no different.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> To put an article in the Magazine about the ecological damage and damage to the clay liner, and asking people to report any misuse of this site.</p>
<p><b>356/06</b> <b>Affordable</b> <b>Housing</b></p>	<p>Alison Clamp from Midlands Rural Housing Association talked about affordable housing. They provide properties for rent and for shared ownership, but always retain a minimum of 20% ownership and the freehold of their properties. They own Alice’s Cottages in Elton.</p>

**356/06**  
**Affordable**  
**Housing**  
**continued**

In order to consider providing more affordable housing in Winsters, a suitable building plot needs to be identified and the Parish Council would be asked to help with this through its contacts with land owners and local knowledge. A housing needs survey would be distributed to every house in Winsters which would be more specific than the recent housing needs survey which was district wide and only sent to a sample of houses. If a need and site are identified, a bid would be made to The Housing Corporation for funding. There are also procedures for compulsory purchase of "empty" properties although this is usually a lengthy and expensive route.

If a need does exist and a site can be found, the planning permission would be subject to a local residency clause as defined by PDNPA which includes someone who:

- has lived in the parish for a minimum of 10 years and is in need of housing or is setting up a household for the first time
- has lived in the parish for 10 of the last 20 years and wants to return
- is a dependent relative of someone who has lived in the parish for 10 years
- is the carer of someone who has lived in the parish for 10 years

**Resolved** To liaise with the relevant authorities in carrying out a housing needs survey and identifying a suitable plot.

**357/06**  
**Headstone**  
**survey in**  
**Cemetery**

The Chair commented that conflicting advice is appearing in the Press regarding the required action by burial authorities. He was keen for a visual inspection to be carried out by the Warden. It was mentioned that perhaps the Parish Council should seek the opinion of the ABA before this course of action.

The Parish Council needs to meet all current and future health & safety requirements in order to protect public safety and satisfy its insurance policy.

The installation of new headstones may need to be regulated and this could be incorporated into the new Cemetery regulations. Concrete footings for headstones could be considered when finalising the work to be carried out on extending the area available for burials.

The Open Spaces Committee will look at this and other issues relating to the Cemetery and report to a full meeting.

**Resolved** To write to the ABA and if approved by them to ask the Warden to carry out a visual check of all headstones and pass this information to the Open Spaces Committee for further consideration.

**358/06**  
**Financial update**

<b>Resolved</b> To note:		£
<b>Income</b>	DDDC reimbursables	1,337.12
<b>Payments</b>	s/o Clerk's salary	112.38
<b>requiring</b>	s/o Warden's salary	122.95
<b>approval</b>	174 DALC re ABA subscription	54.00
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	176 DCC re grit refill (VAT £9.89)	66.39
	177 PPPF subscription	30.75
	178 Winsters Twinning Association (\$137)	200.00
	179 Post Office Ltd re tax on clerk's (£31.70) and warden's (£27.05) salaries	58.75

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<b>358/06</b>	<b>Balances</b>	Current account	830.13
<b>Financial update</b>	<b>at 3.4.06</b>	Savings account	8,495.97
<b>continued</b>	<b>Including</b>	Earmarked reserves for open spaces	1,650.00
		Earmarked reserves for taxi voucher scheme	1,295.68

The grit refills from DCC are expensive and an alternative supplier should be used next year.

Salary increases from 1 April 2006 have not been included above and an adjustment will be made for all back pay due to the Warden and Clerk.

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<b>359/06</b>	Clerks & Councils Direct	Issue 44 - March 2006
<b>Correspondence</b>	DALC	Circular 11/2006 (Circular 10 is subscription info and not circulated)
	DDDC	Band concert programme
	Friends of Victim Support	Minutes of EGM
	The band will be booked for 25 June 2006.	
	Letters were received from residents concerning grit bins and "The Burma Road" and will be circulated before the next meeting.	

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**Public open session** No matters were raised.

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**360/06 Matters for information** No matters were raised.

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**Next meeting** Monday 8 May 2006.

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