

WINSTER COUNCIL

Clerk & Financial Officer: Trisha Dale
Ivy Dene, Main Street, Birchover DE4 2BN
Clerk@winsterCouncil.gov.uk

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 3rd July 2023, 7:00pm, held at the Jubilee Room, Burton Institute, Winster.

These minutes are hereby approved as a true and accurate record of the above meeting following Resolution of the Council at its monthly Council meeting on 4th September 2023

Signed Chair of meeting

In attendance: Cllr. Frederickson (Chair), Cllr. Hatfield (Vice Chair), Cllr. Brown, Cllr. Robinson, Cllr. Geddes, Cllr Randles, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Stone.

Also Present: Clerk/RFO Trisha Dale, 3 members of the public.

No.	Item	AP
07/01/23	Apologies Apologies received from Cllr. Buckler.	
07/02/23	Declaration of Interests None	
07/03/23	Reports: A: County Councillor's Report: None this month. B: Borough Councillor's: In Cllr Buckler's absence the Clerk updated the Council as follows: It's understood that DDDC has been in contact regarding the cutting at Leacroft, and have confirmed the trees are now high enough for the tractor. If there are any other verges that you wish to consider under the DDDC project, or the DCC Pathfinder project, please let me know. The Council is looking to update the Local Plan, expanding the remit of that to focus on making sustainable communities, we are very keen to understand whether communities, both outside and inside the National Park, feel that they need more housing to help achieve this. Any thoughts from the Council would be good to aid better understanding. DDDC Councillors are allocated £1000 to spend on local projects in their ward. I have already allocated £500I have earmarked approximately £250 for projects in each Parish Council. C: Police Report: None this month. D: Chair Report: Following concerns raised regarding the Pavilion on the playing field I'm pleased to report that the Football Club have removed the building including all debris, they have done an amazing job and the Chair, supported by the Council wishes to send their thanks for a job well done. Clerk to forward on the Chairs thanks and to be included in the article for the village magazine. The Chair asked the Council if they would consider and support the engagement of DALC legal team regarding initiatives/proposals for the Common, especially around the muddy areas where residents/visitors park. This was resolved. (Prop JG, 2 nd MH, unan)	DF
07/04/23	Public Participation Resident 1: i) Would like to give thanks to the prime mover and all involved with the organisation and participation in both the Coronation and Carnival events. It was lovely to see some additional stalls as numbers had fallen over previous years. It was good to see and brings the villagers together. This praise was endorsed by the Council. Cllr Hatfield requested to convey the Council and residents' great appreciation to those involved. Chair to include in village magazine article. ii) Following the drop-in-session it was a shock to see the size of the proposed memorial to Freda, whilst not opposed to a memorial it was felt it was too large and not appropriate to be situated on the common or Woodhouse Lane. Should	DF, MH

	<p>the Council agree to the construction and siting within the village then they would be setting a precedent for this and future Councils. It was felt that the siting of such a large memorial on Woodhouse Lane would be inappropriate and overshadow existing memorials by the Winster Morris and one honouring a resident's husband, that it would be unfair and wrong. In addition, due to the size it would block views. As this is a personal memorial perhaps those requesting the installation could consider either using their own field where it could be seen through the gate and from the ginnel, and they could if they wish permit entry. Alternative Freda's Garden? The farmer may allow this alongside the footpath, it could, if desired, be fenced and used additionally as a stockade for sheep. A Councillor queried the size of the proposed memorial, and having known Freda well is convinced that this wouldn't be what she would want, she was unassuming, a lovely modest lady who wouldn't want such a large monument. Concerns were also raised as to the additional costs/time this would impose on the Council, gaining permission from the Secretary of State and maintaining the area from weeds and grass, birds perching and dropping seeds that would cause trees to grow that would need to be removed. Chair reminded all present that the memorial would be considered in the overall Commons project including wild flowering, tree planting etc., which once the consultation paper is produced will be open for consultation with residents, until then no decisions will be made.</p> <p>Resident 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Following a recent incident involving a vehicle on the B5056 by the Miners Standard caused by lack of vision due to the overgrown Laurel at the property, it is becoming increasingly dangerous. It was requested that the Council assist with contacting the resident who owns the property to request that the bushes be cut back. ii) The signpost on the edge of the triangle needs replacing, Highways to be contacted again. Clerk suggested that anyone that seeing any issues with signs to contact, detailing location and supporting photographic evidence, and this can then be brought to the attention of Highways. iii) Raised an issue of antisocial behaviour at the village toilets. Recently in the gents a toilet was filled with Ivy, and the honesty box sign was forcibly removed and posted in the honesty box together with more ivy. It took a lot of time and effort to remove and wasn't a pleasant job. It is believed that the perpetrators are young residents. It was also noted that weeds/vegetation has built up around the back of the toilets and needs to be removed. The Council agreed to place an article in the village magazine making residents aware of the situation, to challenge and requesting that parents talk to their children about the impact this behaviour is having. The Warden will be asked to rectify the weeds/vegetation. iv) Issues around the common. Due to parking, it is becoming increasingly difficult to mow the verges. The Council are aware of this long-standing issue and hope to address in the overall plans for the common. A car, with no tax, has been parked on the common for over a month. The resident was asked to provide the Clerk with the registration number, Clerk then to contact PC Carly Maddison with the details asking for assistance in this matter. <p>Resident 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Echoed resident 1's comments on the memorial for Freda and that it would be greater than that of the War Memorial which honours many who lost their lives. To be aware that should the common be considered that there are areas of archaeology interest, the land was once used as a cock fighting pitch. With regards to the legal aspect of constructions and other proposed changes to the common in the first instance it was advised that Open Spaces should be contacted for advice. Chair advised, after researching the matter, in the first instance he will be contacting DALC legal team (see item 07/03/23 Chair report) for advice and support, after which if required he will seek assistance from Open Spaces. ii) It was asked when the Gigaclear welfare unit will be removed. Council explained that the agreement was for two weeks only and that they will be 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>DF, Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>DF</p>
--	---	--

	contacted to establish the situation. It was suggested that the extension may be due to our request to delay work post the Carnival and Secret Gardens, work is scheduled in the area on the 24 th July.	Clerk																											
07/05/23	Members Questions to the Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Approached by residents it was asked if there is to be any screening around the Gigaclear box at the car park. Clerk explained that we had managed to secure some funding c£300 for the purchase of planting trugs to be placed around the site. Consideration would need to be given as to what would be planted, low maintenance etc. For the avoidance of doubt, funding will not be given directly to the Council, Gigaclear will be purchasing the items once we have identified our requirement. It was asked if instead of the screening the funding could go towards something for the entrance to the village? Following the drop-in-session (see item 07/08/23 Council Matters E) this seems to be higher on residents' preferences. Clerk to contact Gigaclear to see if this is possible. Depending on this outcome Council to review and add to the next agenda if appropriate. ii) There are still a number of issues regarding the reinstatement on the common, following work carried out by Gigaclear. Clerk to contact requesting dates when this will be rectified. iii) Traffic issues, the Chair has spoken to the individual raising this issue. It is unclear as to which business is involved. Cllr Brown to liaise with Cllr Randles on contact details for business and to contact them again regarding the problems this is causing. iv) Parking on Leacroft, cars are persistently parking on the edge of the road right up to the junction. This has been raised a number of times with DCC with no positive outcome. There were some ideas floated prior to Covid but no action taken. Clerk requested to contact PC Carly Mattison for assistance. v) Allotments, as there is a lack of knowledge on the layout of the allotments Simon Wood has kindly agreed to continue to support and manage. A thank you was given for the offer with the Council accepting. 	Clerk Clerk DB, MR Clerk																											
0/06/23	Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto A: The minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 5 th June 2023 were considered and approved. (Prop: DF 2 nd : MH; Unan)																												
07/07/23	Finance A: To note the Council's monetary assets: Bank of Scotland, and for the Chair of the meeting to examine, approve and arrange to sign the bank reconciliation and latest current account statements when available. <table border="1" data-bbox="325 1357 1251 1832"> <thead> <tr> <th></th><th>As at 3rd July 2023</th><th>As at 5th June 2023</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Balance brought forward 1st April 2023</td><td>£34,563.70</td><td>£34,563.70</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total Income</td><td>£26,450.27</td><td>£23,713.85</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total Expenditure</td><td>£7,389.00</td><td>£5,992.92</td></tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td><td>£53,624.97</td><td>£52,284.63</td></tr> <tr> <td>Last Statement Balance as at 1st June 2023</td><td>£54,740.27</td><td>£54,597.75</td></tr> <tr> <td>Less un-presented cheques</td><td>£1,396.22</td><td>£4,220.97</td></tr> <tr> <td>Add uncleared deposits</td><td>£280.92</td><td>£1,907.85</td></tr> <tr> <td>Available Balance 3rd July 2023</td><td>£53,624.97</td><td>£52,284.63</td></tr> </tbody> </table> B: To approve and instruct the payment by cheque, of presented invoiced items, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) T. Dale – Salary - £323.20 ii) F. Purlow – Salary and expenses – (£14.40) - £405.58 iii) HMRC – Employer contribution - £452.64 iv) E. Smith – Cleaning - £100.00 		As at 3 rd July 2023	As at 5 th June 2023	Balance brought forward 1st April 2023	£34,563.70	£34,563.70	Total Income	£26,450.27	£23,713.85	Total Expenditure	£7,389.00	£5,992.92	Balance	£53,624.97	£52,284.63	Last Statement Balance as at 1 st June 2023	£54,740.27	£54,597.75	Less un-presented cheques	£1,396.22	£4,220.97	Add uncleared deposits	£280.92	£1,907.85	Available Balance 3 rd July 2023	£53,624.97	£52,284.63	
	As at 3 rd July 2023	As at 5 th June 2023																											
Balance brought forward 1st April 2023	£34,563.70	£34,563.70																											
Total Income	£26,450.27	£23,713.85																											
Total Expenditure	£7,389.00	£5,992.92																											
Balance	£53,624.97	£52,284.63																											
Last Statement Balance as at 1 st June 2023	£54,740.27	£54,597.75																											
Less un-presented cheques	£1,396.22	£4,220.97																											
Add uncleared deposits	£280.92	£1,907.85																											
Available Balance 3 rd July 2023	£53,624.97	£52,284.63																											

	<p>v) S. Wood – Grounds Maintenance £150, repairs to benches £800.00 - £950.00</p> <p>vi) Waterplus – utilities - £22.54 (DD)</p> <p>C: To note the income and receipts of the Council paid in March</p> <p>i) Burial Ground – Marsden - £235.00</p> <p>ii) Honesty Box – Donations - £45.92</p> <p>iii) Gigaclear – Wayleave - £1,033.50</p> <p>iv) Burial Ground - Stone - £678.00</p> <p>v) Better Derbyshire Dales – Wildflower funding - £744.00</p> <p>All above resolved for payment. (Prop MH, 2nd MR, Unan)</p> <p>In addition, as there will be no meeting in August it was agreed to process any payments due in August. (Prop DF, 2nd DB, unan)</p>	
07/08/23	<p>Council Matters:</p> <p>A: A quote to be obtained for the remaining repairs at Woodhouse Lane for the purpose of the 2023 PROW scheme to be agreed. Item to be added to next agenda.</p> <p>B: A quote for repairs on Woodhouse Lane drainage was received at a cost of £1,380 plus VAT covering materials and labour. Clerk to try and obtain further quotes before resolution is achieved. Item to be added to next agenda.</p> <p>C: Update on Playground replacement and funding. An issue regarding a resident overpaying via the Just Giving app has been resolved.</p> <p>Work on funding continues and holiday cottage owners have been written too, Winstor Hall has donated £100 with the project receiving £25 from another. Further Organisations will be contacted. So far c£6K has been raised. A further request for funding will be asked of the Secret Gardens. In the near future Councillors will need to agree what contribution the Council can afford. Item added to next agenda.</p> <p>D: A brief update on Management Plan was received, currently dates are being organised for late July for the annual cut and collect on the common. The current plan for wild flowering is to establish yellow rattle and other grass parasites to get the grass under control. To establish how well it is going, charting the successes, it may be that some areas are a struggle with the possibility in the future these areas revert to mowing, the working group will also be taking into account access to the common areas. For areas that revert to a mowing plan regime, Council to be aware there will be a need to commit to additional costs. Interesting conversation was had with residents who remember the use of the common for games such as tug-of-war, any history photographs would be good to see.</p> <p>The tree planting consultation paper is underway and scheduled to be prepared for the next meeting. Item to be added to next agenda.</p> <p>E: Feedback from the village engagement drop-in session were given, see annex A. There was a good turn out with c20 – 25 residents in attendance.</p> <p>These items were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Football changing rooms have now been removed, resolving this issue. 2. It was agreed that the area needs more work, unfortunately the work requested from DDC was not actioned this year. It is now planned for next year, a meeting with them will be arranged nearer the time to discuss and agree specifications. The expectation is that there will be a 1-2 metre verge with further wildflower seeding taking place before the end of the year post-scarifying of areas. It was proposed that the funding available from Cllr Buckler of £250 could cover the costs. (Prop MR, 2nd DR, unan) 3. The traffic and pavement concerns raised have all been subject to issues presented previously to DDC Highways. In order to take these issues forward a meeting to be organised with County Councillor S Spencer, Parish Council and residents. 4. The tree planting paper is underway (see item F) and will be shared with residents once ready. In preparation the ground will be prepared with an 	<p>AC, Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>DB, Clerk</p> <p>DR, Clerk</p> <p>MR, Clerk</p> <p>DF, DB</p>

Feedback from Drop-in-Session June 2023

1. Concerns expressed about the football changing rooms at the playing fields being unsafe.
2. Leacroft concerns about the green at the front, untidy if grass just allowed to grow. A need for more active seeding if its going to be left as a meadow.
3. Traffic and pavement issues in the village.
 - i) Pavement opposite Ore House requires a defined kerb
 - ii) East Bank 50 mph concerns
 - iii) Lack of action concerning the reinstating the signage moved from East Bank
 - iv) Number of lorries coming through Main Street
 - v) Pavement condition outside the school
4. Tree and seed planting plans for the common and latest wildflower survey
 - i) To consider that trees would need to be planted in autumn
 - ii) Residents preferred the idea of a "coppice" rather than dense planting across the area
 - iii) Residents interested in seeing the proposed plan
 - iv) Residents would like to see a footpath created away from the road, access is needed
 - v) Residents would like to see the grass around the swing and swing seats replaced at the Griffin
 - vi) Residents would like pedestrian paths through wildflower meadows so people can enjoy it.
5. The Parish Council would like to address conditions on Burma Road. Possibly introducing hardcore to reduce the muddy areas and the positioning of stones to prevent further incursion of the common, views were sought. Residents were mainly supportive of this, additionally would like the Council to consider including a safer pedestrian strip to walk along.
6. Memorial bench, siting and construction.
 - i) Questions raised about how the Council would/should consider memorial requests. What makes one person's request more significant/acceptable than another? Agreeing to the current request could set a precedence.
 - ii) Siting, is the common the best place? It has the best views, is an area where the bee orchid and other significant wildflowers are growing. Its adjacent to a property. When considering the other side of the Griffin, it is more shaded, views hampered by looking across the road and cars. Perhaps consider the flat area by the outdoor gym, looking over the pond and Orchard, this however may require the trees being cut back.
 - iii) The size of the memorial considered to large for the Griffin, may dominate the area and eat into the meadow. May be okay if by the outdoor gym.
7. Gigaclear, can they be followed up as to whether they are going to make good as promised and remove stones that were thrown on the common
8. The Bus timetable on Hulls site is wrong. There is no sign opposite the shop showing it is a bus stop.
9. The house were recently the windows have been painted pink, this has been reported to Peak Park by resident/s
10. A question was asked if the Council still had the old water distribution ordnance survey map.