

WINSTER COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 7th October 2024, 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 November 2024
 Signed Chair of meeting*

In attendance: Cllr. Frederickson (Chair), Cllr. Hatfield, Cllr. Cooper Cllr. Geddes, Cllr Randles.
 Also Present: Trisha Dale (Clerk), PCSO Trish Thompson, 5 members of the public.

No.	Item	AP
10/01/24	Apologies Apologies received from Cllr. Brown, Cllr Stone	
10/02/24	Declaration of Interests None declared.	
10/03/24	Reports: A: County Councillor’s Report: None this month. B: Borough Councillor’s: None this month. C: Police Report: PCSO Trish Thompson introduced herself at the meeting, with no specific updates but if there were any questions/concerns she was happy to answer. If that was not possible then she would look into any matters and respond at a later date. The Chair recognised that the PCSO was attending the café meetings and feels this is a good place to meet residents, discuss and respond to their concerns. D: Chair Report: None this month.	
10/04/24	Public Participation Resident 1: Raised two items. 1. Concerns raised of the signage at Woodhouse Lane, as the wording on the sign is disappearing and at one point a car had parked and when challenged it was stated that they could not read the sign as it was unclear. It is believed that either DDDC or DCC originally placed the sign. Clerk to contact to have the sign replaced/repaired. 2. Concerns raised about communications regarding the wild-flowering project on Leacroft. It was questioned if the Parish Council had not got the message across of intent and benefits, as personally it can’t be believed that residents would prefer barren grass to colourful wildflowers. The Chair explained that the grass had been cut, as scheduled, this is allowing for time for the Parish Council to consider next steps. The resident also explained the benefit to animals, in the past an animal was discovered and reported as in distress, this was attributed to the only vegetation being barren grass and wildflowers were a healthy option. Cllr Randles also explained that a consultation with residents, especially those living in Leacroft, will take place to discuss and seek opinions. It was felt that a middle ground should/would be reached, residents will want mown areas but we hope we can work towards more aesthetically pleasing wild flowering areas. Resident 2: Raised two items. 1. Asked the Parish Council if there were any updates on the parking issue on the small, narrow road opposite the Miners Standard and towards the Poor House. The road is not wide enough to accommodate two cars therefore owners driving there risk wrecking their suspension, and it had been witnessed that another car had got stuck there. To date there had been no update, unofficially cones that had previously been placed there were removed after a couple of weeks. PSCO Trish Thompson agreed to visit the area and investigate cones, with a police notice added to those in place in Wensley and hope these are a deterrent. As there are no yellow or white lines ticketing individuals would not be appropriate. It was questioned if this was the case where parking was obstructive? Cars have been known to park on the end near to	Clerk

	<p>the Poor House, which was felt to be obstructive. PSCO Trish Thompson will visit the area and assess the situation.</p> <p>2. Potholes on the lower side of the common were raised. Cllr Randles agreed to take a look, photograph the potholes and report them alongside reporting some blocked drains that she is aware of.</p> <p>No other residents raised any issues/concerns.</p>	MR																														
10/05/24	<p>Members Questions to the Chair</p> <p>There were no questions raised to the Chair.</p>																															
10/06/24	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto</p> <p>A: The minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 2nd September 2024 were considered and approved. (Prop: JG 2nd: MH; Unan)</p>																															
10/07/24	<p>Finance</p> <p>A: To note the Council's monetary assets: Royal 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.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>As at 7th October 2024</th> <th>As at 2nd September 2024</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Balance brought forward 1st April 2024</td> <td>£44,730.52</td> <td>£44,730.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Income</td> <td>£25,208.45</td> <td>£25,123.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Expenditure</td> <td>£13,451.52</td> <td>£11,200.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td>£56,487.45</td> <td>£58,653.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Last Statement Balance as at 30th August 2024</td> <td>£58,798.20</td> <td>£59,994.81</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less un-presented cheques</td> <td>£2,440.60</td> <td>£1,386.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Add uncleared deposits</td> <td>£129.85</td> <td>£45.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Available Balance 7th October 2024</td> <td>£56,487.45</td> <td>£58,653.23</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>B: To approve and instruct the payment by cheque, of presented invoiced items, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) T. Dale – Salary - £343.20 ii) F. Purslow – Salary and expenses – £7.00 + £280.03 = £287.03 iii) HMRC – Employer contribution - £86.60 iv) S. Wood – Cleaning - £100.00 v) WaterPlus – Utilities (DD) - £20.27 vi) SSE – Utilities (DD) - £213.69 vii) HMRC – Employer Contributions arrears - £278.02 <p>In addition, late submissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Simon Wood Gardening Services – Buffer Maintenance - £170.00 <p>C: To note the income and receipts of the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Honesty Box - £84.85 <p>(Prop: JG 2nd: DF; Unan)</p> <p>D: An update on 2023/24 Audit was given by the Clerk. Unfortunately, due to objections being raised the external auditors have not signed off the accounts, and investigation is continuing with the matter hopefully resolved shortly.</p> <p><i>Resident left the meeting</i></p>		As at 7th October 2024	As at 2nd September 2024	Balance brought forward 1st April 2024	£44,730.52	£44,730.52	Total Income	£25,208.45	£25,123.60	Total Expenditure	£13,451.52	£11,200.89	Balance	£56,487.45	£58,653.23				Last Statement Balance as at 30th August 2024	£58,798.20	£59,994.81	Less un-presented cheques	£2,440.60	£1,386.58	Add uncleared deposits	£129.85	£45.00	Available Balance 7th October 2024	£56,487.45	£58,653.23	
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10/08/24	<p>Council Matters</p> <p>A: No update on Playground replacement and funding was available. Item to be added to the next agenda.</p> <p>B: A brief update on Leacroft Management plan was given earlier in the meeting under Public Participation, see Resident 1. Item 2.</p> <p>C: There was no update on the request under Freedom of Information on housing. Item to be added to next agenda.</p> <p>D: Following on from last month's meeting, no additional information on a pathway from Florence Gladwin Close to the Play Area was given. This item will return to the agenda</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>DB</p>																														

	<p>once notification has been received on the application for funding, which is likely to be January 2025.</p> <p>E: A brief discussion on traffic issues was discussed. A couple of issues were raised.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lorries driving through the village. Lorries going to or from Ecrobot have raised concerns. Cllr Randles had contacted Ecrobot to discuss the situation. They were very pleasant and provided a contact and a direct number. In order for them to assist they will need to know number plates, date, time and business logo where possible, then will then be able to check the CCTV and speak directly with the driver. They will also remind operations of the restrictions and to avoid Winster. Cllr Randles will place an article in the village magazine to make residents aware. Concerns regarding weight limits were also raised as a real problem. PSCO is aware and reiterated the importance of evidence. The Chair stated that we have a resident who is photographing and recording heavy vehicles in the village. 2. The Chair raised the lack of progress with the 20mph outside the school, even though the Parish Council has the support of the County Councillor. To move things forward he has personally purchased twenty "20 is plenty" signs and hopes that residents near the school will display these in front gardens, on bins and possibly on lampposts. If the County/Borough Council object then the Parish Council will receive a response, hopefully starting communication in a more proactive manner. PSCO Trish Thompson said that she was aware and had witnessed speeding coming into Winster and understands the frustrations. She is currently on a training course after which she will be qualified to independently give out enforcement tickets. The Chair advised that the village has a Speedwatch group, recently they had captured three vehicles travelling over 36mph and that there were more events coming up, that it would be good if she could meet the group. <p>F: There was no update on the expansion of the Burial Ground, item to be added to the next agenda.</p> <p>G: Until the outcome of the external audit is completed there will be no further update on status of repairs to Burma Road.</p> <p>H: A brief update was given on the tender for cleaning of the public toilets. Advertisements for the role have been posted with a deadline of 31st October in time for readiness for the next Parish Council meeting on the 4th November.</p> <p>I: It was resolved at the Parish Council meeting that funding will be made available for the memorial wreath. (Prop: MR 2nd: AC; Unan).</p> <p>J: The Chair wished to discuss the Clerk's contracted hours. Since starting the role, the Clerk has worked way-way above paid hours. After joining, following an unstable time for the Parish Council, it took effort and time to get all accounts/records in order. And unlike previously Clerks, our current Clerk has never claimed for additional hours worked. The Chair has kept the Clerk's hours under review, continually talking and receiving updates from the Clerk regarding their work and hours. The Clerk has faced extra demands and issues, such as challenges to the accounts etc, which take up even more time. When taking into account all the duties this leaves c10hours per month to deal with everything else that is required. The job is getting bigger therefore the Chair proposed that the Clerks hours be increased to 30 hours per month. (Prop: DF 2nd: JG; Unan).</p> <p>K: An update on the PROW repairs was given. Initially the Parish Council considered repairs to the footpath at Placket where it gets bogged down with water, and stones to firm up the ground would be required. However, since the recent bad rain damage has been done to the recently repaired Woodhouse Lane footpath and it was thought that this should take precedence. The repairs would be twofold, a more substantial repair, which could involve placement of a "sleeping policeman" is being considered and scoped, followed by re-stoning and compressing taking place, which could be covered by the PROW scheme. Cllr Randles and Cllr Cooper to draw up a requirements specification prior to quotes being obtained.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>AS</p>
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	<p>Resident 1 witnessed the rain and described how it was awfully difficult to stand/walk as the water become quite deep. That Woodhouse Lane seem to experience the difficulties as the rain water runs from the main road down the lane.</p> <p>Cllr Geddes suggested that a few Councillors should visit the site in heavy rain to see the issues first hand.</p> <p>L: A brief update was given on the Parish Council Casual Vacancy. Advertisements for the role have been posted with a deadline of 28th October, in readiness for the next Parish Council meeting on the 4th November where it is hoped to instate a new councillor via co-option.</p> <p>M: It was resolved to participate in the 2024 Snow Warden Scheme, Clerk to begin to process and contact previous volunteers to request their participation.</p> <p>N: It was resolved to continue and renew the 2024-2025 lease of the Market House. Clerk to notify National Trust. (Prop: DF 2nd: JG; Unan).</p> <p>H: Whilst there were no urgent items required to discuss that merited the Council's attention Cllr. Geddes informed the Parish Council that there is expected closure of the 5056 Road coming shortly. The road will be closed for three nights allowing for the laying of cables/fibre by Gigaclear. Following this there are likely to be further short closures as residents sign up for their services as in some cases there may be a requirement to lay cables where no black box on poles allowing for direct connection.</p>	<p>MR, AC</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10/09/24	<p>Planning:</p> <p>A: The following were discussed, considered and instruction reporting the Council's views on applications received are available to view on www.peakdistrict.gov.uk, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) NP/DDD/0924/1010 - Mews Cottage, Elton Road, Winster. S.73 application for the removal or variation of conditions 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 on NP/DDD/0723/0786. No objections raised. ii) NP/DDD/0924/1009 - Mews Cottage, Elton Road, Winster. S.73 application for the removal or variation of conditions 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 on NP/DDD/0423/0415. No objections raised. <p>B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority: - None this month.</p>	
10/10/24	<p>Correspondence & Circulars:</p> <p>Noted and discussed, correspondence received and pre-circulated to Members by email, unless otherwise indicated, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) DCC – News, Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum, Road Closures. ii) DDDC– Community Safety, Review of Polling Places/Districts/Stations, Temporary Travellers Site Consultation Responses. iii) Public Sector Executive – various. iv) PDNPA – Climate Change Survey, News. v) DALC – Newsletters. vi) PPPF – AGM. vii) Rural Services – Group Annual Meeting. viii) Ramblers Derbyshire Dales- Newsletter. ix) Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport – Letter to Councillors. <p>Cllr Geddes, noted the letter from Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport was requesting funding from Parish Councils. The Parish Council is not aware of how many residents use the service and it is believed the service is expensive. It was agreed to invite a representative from the organisation to a Parish Council meeting to discuss.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
10/11/24	<p>Items for the Village Magazine:</p> <p>Traffic issues – information on the issues and reporting required. (See Council Matters E, item 1.) Road Closures – A map of road closures has already been posted however an article on upcoming to be produced.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>JG</p>
	<p>The next Council Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Monday 4th November 2024, at the Jubilee Room, Burton Institute, Winster. Meeting closed at 7.45pm.</p>	