

**WINSTER COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025*

*Signed ..... Chair of meeting*

In attendance: Cllr. Frederickson (Chair), Cllr. Hatfield (Vice Chair), Cllr. Geddes, Cllr. Randles, Cllr. Stone, Cllr. Wood.

Also Present: Trisha Dale (Clerk), 5 members of the public, Cllr. Buckler.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>AP</b>
01/01/25	<b>Apologies</b> Cllr. Brown, Cllr. Cooper and PCSO Trish Thompson	
01/02/25	<b>Declaration of Interests</b> Cllr Wood, Finance 01/07/25 iii).	
01/03/25	<b>Reports:</b> A: County Councillor's Report: None this month. B: Borough Councillor's: None this month. C: Police Report: PCSO: None this month D: Chair Report: There was no Chair report given; the Chair permitted Cllr. Geddes to update the Parish Council on recent Bus Service developments. It was shared that the Director of Hulleys has been summoned to appear before the Transport Commissioner on the 17 <sup>th</sup> January as concerns have been raised regarding the services provided. No further information is available and no actions can be taken at present.	
01/04/25	<b>Public Participation</b> Resident 1: Asked the Parish Council if there had been any development with the external auditor. The Clerk responded that there had not, that the Parish Council has prepared responses in readiness. That a further request that an estimate of cost be provided had been sent, as the Parish Council needs to prepare the budget/precept for 2025/26 as no extension has been permitted by DDDC. Therefore, these need to be agreed at the February meeting, but again no response has been received. <i>A resident entered the meeting.</i> Resident 2: The resident, as a representative of the Village Shop, provided an update to the Parish Council. Following contact details provided by the Chair for Amanda Brown from Derbyshire Dales they are now liaising with the aim to secure a grant from the Chamber of Commerce. Whilst this may not be available at present, the Village Shop is working on a five-year plan with the hope of future funding. Through discussions and further contacts other fundings have been investigated, unfortunately they were not eligible. However, a grant of £250 had been successfully obtained from funding given by Cllr. Buckler from their borough council fund. The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council would support the Village Shop, that Amanda was a very good contact and would be of help and benefit. Cllr. Geddes, raised on behalf of a resident not in attendance, clearance/gritting of East Bank is understood to have been previously be cleared in bad weather. There is no footpath and it is a safety issue. There is currently no routine or specific Snow Warden covering East Bank. Cllr. Randles highlighted that the same concern had been raised regarding the area between Leacroft Garage and the Shop. More volunteers are needed, people have been asked but if Councillors and residents could ask other residents. Any interested resident should contact the Clerk who will supply the application forms, which will include a link to an online training session. Cllr Geddes agreed to provide an article on encouraging residents to become Snow Wardens. <i>Cllr. Buckler entered the meeting.</i>	<b>JG</b>

	<p>Cllr. Randles asked if the Remembrance Day poppies have now been taken down. Cllr Wood replied that they had with the exception of a few that had been missed and that this will be dealt with.</p> <p>The Chair, following Cllr. Buckler, entered the meeting, thanking him for the grant provided to the Village Shop. (see above under Resident 2)</p> <p>Cllr. Geddes advised Cllr. Buckler that there was an issue with lighting at Matlock station car park that needs to be addressed as this is a health and safety issue.</p>																															
01/05/25	<p><b>Members Questions to the Chair</b></p> <p>Cllr. Hatfield raised the issue of lighting, the street light between Leacroft Garage and the Village Shop has been covered by a resident resulting in poor lighting in the area. It was asked if the individual resident could be approached to remove the covering and reinstate the lighting for the safety of other residents.</p>	<b>MH, Clerk</b>																														
01/06/25	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto</b></p> <p>A: The minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 were considered and approved. (Prop: DF 2<sup>nd</sup>: MH; Unan)</p>																															
12/07/24	<p><b>Finance</b></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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</th> <th>As at 2<sup>nd</sup> December 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>£27,150.21</td> <td>£27,137.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Expenditure</td> <td>£17,316.94</td> <td>£15,946.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td>£54,563.79</td> <td>£55,922.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Last Statement Balance as at 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024</td> <td>£55,662.80</td> <td>£56,829.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less un-presented cheques</td> <td>£1,127.09</td> <td>£964.27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Add uncleared deposits</td> <td>£28.08</td> <td>£57.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Available Balance 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</td> <td>£54,563.79</td> <td>£55,922.14</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"> <li>i) T. Dale – Salary - £426.90</li> <li>ii) HMRC – Employer contribution - £106.08</li> <li>iii) S. Wood – Cleaning - £100.00</li> <li>iv) SSE Electric (DD 22/11/24) – utilities - £213.64</li> <li>v) Waterplus (DD 28/11/24) – utilities - £31.08</li> <li>vi) National Trust – Market House Lease - £390.00</li> </ul> <p>C: To note the income and receipts of the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Honesty Box - £12.46</li> </ul> <p>Cllr. Stone raised concerns, supported by Cllr. Wood, at the quarterly costs of the electricity provided for the Village toilets. Clerk to investigate and circulate costs breakdown.</p> <p>(Prop: JG 2<sup>nd</sup>: MR; Unan)</p> <p>D: An update on 2023/24 Audit was provided earlier in the meeting under Public Participation Resident 1.</p> <p>E: The Clerk advised that a separate meeting needs to be held to discuss and agree a proposal for the 2025/26 Budget/Precept at the meeting to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Cllr Hatfield to circulate and agree dated for a meeting to be held.</p>		As at 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	As at 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024	Balance brought forward 1st April 2024	£44,730.52	£44,730.52	Total Income	£27,150.21	£27,137.75	Total Expenditure	£17,316.94	£15,946.13	Balance	£54,563.79	£55,922.14				Last Statement Balance as at 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	£55,662.80	£56,829.35	Less un-presented cheques	£1,127.09	£964.27	Add uncleared deposits	£28.08	£57.06	Available Balance 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	£54,563.79	£55,922.14	
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01/08/25	<p><b>Council Matters</b></p> <p>A: Following a discussion, it was agreed to set up a working group to identify Parish Council ownership of Land/Common. The working group will be led by Cllr. Frederickson, and will include the Clerk and residents with suitable professional abilities will be invited to join, along with any Councillor who wishes. The group will identify ownership and make recommendations to the full Parish Council. It is believed that the group will provide long terms benefits to the village.</p>																															

	<p>Cllr. Buckler asked to be kept informed as he may be able to assist on topics raised. (Prop DF, 2nd JG, Unan)</p> <p>B: An update on Playground replacement and funding was deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p>C: An update on the current position of leafletting residents on Leacroft regarding the revised proposals for wild flowering, following receiving the petition, was deferred to the next meeting. As Cllr. Buckler was present the Chair asked if he felt it would be beneficial to set up a meeting with residents and DDDC to explain their policies and aspirations and receive feedback as the Parish Council is aware that DDDC would not wish to implement anything that residents would be against. Cllr. Buckler agreed that this would be welcomed for the Chair to contact Sam Grisman to make arrangements</p> <p>D: An update on repairs to Woodhouse Lane deferred until next meeting.</p> <p>However, the Clerk was able to confirm to the Parish Council that a submission for funding to DET for the footpath between Woodhouse Lane and Florence Gladwin Close had been successful. For compliance three quotes need to be obtained, two have been received and a third has been requested.</p> <p>E: An update on the PROW repairs deferred to till the next meeting.</p> <p>F: A brief update on various traffic issues within the Village was received. It was confirmed that Speedwatch sessions will commence once the weather has improved. Cllr Geddes informed the Parish Council that he continues correspondence over the advertised closure via Gellia Road. The details on One Network are still ambiguous even after a slight amendment following the request for more detail. The work for Tree Felling will now commence on the 14th January and expected to be completed by the 1st March 2025. The information currently states the road will be closed in full during this period but it is understood that work will be on a rolling basis with parts of the road closed at a given time, it is this detail and dates that are being requested. Cllr Geddes will continue to push for this information.</p> <p>Other road closures were raised as there appears to be a number currently. Wensley, Snitterton closure 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> January, Darley Bridge for traffic control work and Darley Bridge to Winster in February (overnight).</p> <p>G: There were no urgently matters raised or noted.</p>	<p>DF</p> <p>DB</p> <p>DB</p> <p>DF</p> <p>AC</p> <p>MR, Clerk</p> <p>AC</p> <p>JG</p>
01/09/25	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>A: The following were discussed, considered and instruction reporting the Council's views on applications received are available to view on <a href="http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk">www.peakdistrict.gov.uk</a>, including the following:</p> <p>i) NP/DDD/1124/1276 - The Manor, Underwood House, Main Street, Winster. Erection of garden shed/greenhouse - <b>No objections raised.</b></p> <p>B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority: - None this month.</p>	
01/10/25	<p><b>Correspondence &amp; Circulars:</b></p> <p>Noted and discussed, correspondence received and pre-circulated to Members by email, unless otherwise indicated, including the following:</p> <p>i) DCC – Community News, Road Closures, Mobile Library Route, Bus Service Improvement Plan, Consultation on further integration between Derbyshire County Council &amp; Derbyshire Community Health Service.</p> <p>ii) DDDC– Bin Collections.</p> <p>iii) Public Sector Executive – various.</p> <p>iv) Peak Park Parish Forum – Bus Franchising.</p> <p>v) Rural Services – Bulletins.</p> <p>vi) Rural Action – New Online Food Support Map Launched.</p> <p>vii) Open Spaces – November Update.</p> <p>viii) PDNPA – News, The Royal Countryside Fund.</p> <p>ix) DALC – Newsletter.</p>	

01/11/25	<p><b>Items for the Village Magazine:</b></p> <p>An article on Snow Wardens. (Public Participation)</p> <p>An article on Road Closures, following interpretation of the information held on OneNet advising Residents of the details. In addition to post on Noticeboard, and share via the village email group with the hope of reaching all residents. (Council Matters F)</p> <p>Cllr. Randles asked if there was an update on the request for information share on how many requests were received by the Parish Council and asked that they be added to the next agenda. Clerk informed the Parish Council that there was no update at this time.</p>	<p><b>JG</b></p> <p><b>JG</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
	<p><b>The next Council Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025, at the Jubilee Room, Burton Institute, Winster. Meeting closed at 7.35pm.</b></p>	

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