

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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**Meeting** Planning Committee  
**Date** 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
**Time** Following Town Council Meeting  
**Venue** Mechanics Institute (Meeting Room)  
**Present** Councillors Swift(Chair), Bowden, Goldfinch, Jean Horsfall, Lomax, Pritchard, A Wild and A Winter.

## MINUTES

### **P10/66 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Linda Leather, Mrs Susanne Lomas, Taylor and R Wild.

### **P10/67 Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 10/02/2011 were a true and correct record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

### **P10/68 Matters Arising**

**APP/H1033/A/10/2139061** – Cllr Pritchard reported he had attended the meeting about Taxal Lodge on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March after which the inspector made a site visit prior to making a decision.

### **P10/69 High Peak Borough Planning Decisions – February 2011**

A list of the planning decisions made by High Peak Borough Council in February 2011 was received. The following decisions affecting Whaley Bridge were noted:

#### **Decisions Made by Committee**

##### **HPK/2010/0491**

Resubmission of application HPK/2010/0277  
for the redevelopment of Taxal Lodge  
to provide 14 No dwellings

Taxal Lodge School

Linglongs Road

Whaley Bridge

Ruttle Contracting Ltd

**FULL/RESUBMISSION**

**Refused**

**HPK/2010/0613** **Refused**  
New 2 storey, 4 bed detached  
property with attached garage  
Vacant plot - adjacent to existing  
house (plot 21) Cotton Close  
Cotton Close, Whaley Bridge  
Mr David Dean  
**FULL**

### **Delegated Decisions**

**HPK/2010/0600** **Approved**  
To extend time limit on HPK/2007/0959  
for change of use of garden to car park  
Land Between Chapel Street and  
Johnson Street  
Whaley Bridge  
Goyt Valley Medical Practice  
**FULL**

**HPK/2010/0621** **Approved**  
Proposed rear conservatory  
30 Jodrell Road  
Whaley Bridge  
Mrs T Longden  
**HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL**

**HPK/2010/0645** **Approved**  
Conversion of an existing mill  
to form a live/work unit  
Cadster Mill  
Chapel Road, Whaley Bridge  
Mr Mark Jacobs & Helen Jacobs  
**FULL**

**HPK/2010/0646** **Approved**  
Four bedroom detached dwelling  
to replace existing bungalow  
12 Bridgemont, Whaley Bridge  
Mr Nigel Rowland  
**FULL**

**HPK/2010/0654** **Refused**  
Proposed change of use of land  
Agricultural to domestic  
and construction of new garage  
Far End Cottage  
Fernilee, Whaley Bridge  
Mr Martin Shuker  
**FULL**

**HPK/2010/0656****Approved**

Retrospective application to lower gable end window to first floor level and fit double doors to juliet balcony. Reposition first floor level window on rear elevation, fit 2no velux windows, change garage doors to half glazed and reposition soil pipe on rear elevation.

1 Mevril Road, Whaley Bridge  
Mr Carl Hutton-Watkins

**RETROSPECTIVE/  
HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL**

**HPK/2010/0655****Approved**

Change of use of barn to domestic dwelling  
Folds Farm Barn

Folds Lane  
Fernilee, Whaley Bridge

Mr Geoff Middlehurst  
**FULL**

**HPK/2010/0671****Approved**

Proposed construction of  
4no. Starter Warehouse units  
Plot 12-13 Bingswood Industrial Estate  
Whaley Bridge

Mr Jim Burgess  
**FULL**

**Peak Park Planning Decisions – None****Derbyshire County Council Decisions - None****P10/70 New Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were received and the undermentioned comments recorded:

**Comments****HPK/2011/0036**

New access road off  
New Horwich Road to serve Chez Ane  
Chez Ane  
Old Road  
Whaley Bridge  
Mr & Mrs Thompson

**RETROSPECTIVE/FULL**

Concern expressed regarding access – there should be no pedestrian or vehicle access onto New Horwich Road or footpath No 50. The route of the public footpath through the site should not be affected and DCC Rights of Way officers should be asked to comment.

P10/71

**HPK/2010/0289 – Listed Building Consent for removal of existing railway bridge and replacement with modern deck structure at Bridge 42 Buxton Road, Adj Gisbourne Works Whaley Bridge.**

The meeting received a letter dated 11/02/2011 from High Peak Borough Council Senior Planning Officer Jane Colley containing questions posed to and answers received from Network Rail concerning the above listed building consent. Comments were requested.

Whaley Bridge Town Council expressed concern that the answers provided are inadequate and do not fully address the questions posed with relevant facts. There is a complete lack of detailed information upon which consideration for approval can be based.

Whaley Bridge Town Council strongly recommend refusal of this application.

There has been no demonstration of benefits to Whaley Bridge.

The Town Council understands, on advice from an expert in bridge engineering, that there are suitable and effective means by which the existing structure could be adequately strengthened. Examples substantiating this being bridges at Alrewas and Butterton Station.

There is great concern that this important listed structure, the last of its type in Derbyshire, should be lost for no acceptable reason. The Council questions the need for the proposed speeds.

The Town Council believes misleading and incorrect information has been provided, with regard to headroom, loading and stresses and strains.

In addition concern was expressed, particularly with regard to freight traffic and especially when loaded, about the proposed speed, noise and the potential damage to property from the resultant sub sonic vibration.

The Council feels that insufficient provision of information and consultation has been carried out by Network Rail not only with Whaley Bridge Town Council but all potentially affected communities along the line regarding their proposed traffic changes.

**Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting**

..... **Chairman**