

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, SK23 7AA
Town Clerk: Mrs S Raybould Tel: 01663 733068 e-mail: town council@whaleybridge.com

Meeting: Town Council
Date: 13th March 2014
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Thomas (Chair), Bowden, Linda Leather (until 8.30pm), Gilmour, Goldfinch, Lomax, Pritchard, Swift (until 9.00pm) Taylor (until 8.50pm), Wild and Anne Winter. PCSO Tracey Jones

MINUTES

C13/183 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Susanne Lomas.

C13/184 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications (2)

Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Item 12	Chair of DALC
Cllr Swift	Agenda Item 22	Planning Committee – Friend of Applicant

C13/185 Community Police

Sgt Toby Maddock was introduced as the new sergeant covering this area. Cllr Bowden requested further information about a fatal incident on the A6 at Furness Vale which occurred two years ago. PCSO Tracey Jones gave crime statistics for the previous month. Cllr Linda Leather reported continuing problems along Buxton Road through Whaley Bridge with noise and speeding traffic particularly during the night at the weekends. Sgt Maddock responded that there will be an increased police presence along Buxton Road to monitor this nuisance. Cllr Pritchard reported complaints about parking on double yellow lines in the centre of Whaley Bridge causing congestion. It was noted that parking wardens can be requested to be in attendance at particular locations up to 9pm. Cllr Lomax reported obstructive parking on the pavement and grassed areas around the School House at Fernilee. Concern was expressed about traffic turning right from the junction of the road at Bridgemont with the A6.

C13/186 Open Forum - None

C13/187 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 13th February 2014

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 13th February 2014 were a true and correct record of the meeting, following corrections to PCSO Tracey Jones's name and attendance and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C13/188 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received.

C13/189 Accounts for Payment

It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts listed below be authorised for payment:

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2488	Mike Wallbank	W3 Website	100.00
2489	Trusted IT Ltd	Monthly computer backup	30.00
2490	MAP Ltd	Newsletter distribution	126.00
2492	DCC	Superannuation Feb & March	1022.10
2493	Auto Digital Networks Ltd	Photocopying	144.00
2494	Easyspace Ltd	Web Hosting renewal	51.11
2495	Mobelec	Barriers for W3	246.49
2496	Cash	Petty Cash March account	43.89
2497	Mechanics Institute	March account	578.67
0457	Southern Electric	SA – Electricity	639.24
		TOTAL £	2981.50

C13/190 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr Pritchard reported that a new NALC Chief Executive had been appointed. Cllr Bowden reported that he had met with Andrew Bingham MP at his Furness Vale Surgery and discussed traffic issues along the A6 through Furness Vale. Andrew Bingham MP agreed that re-trunking the A6 would be beneficial and he will be investigating this proposal. Cllr Thomas reported on the Whaley4Wards meeting held on 10th March 2014. It had been agreed not to progress with the purchase of a community marquee. Artwork had been received from local artists for the village portal signs and a preferred design chosen. The next W4W meeting will take place on 31st March 2014.

C13/191 Correspondence

1. HPBC – papers for Ordinary Meeting on 24/02/14 at Pavilion Gardens.
2. One East Midlands – Understanding EU Funding free workshop on 18/03/14.
3. High Peak CVS – South West Peaks Consultation
4. Cllr Pritchard – copy of response from HPBC re:Community Infrastructure Levy.
5. DCC – Employer’s Newsletter 116.
6. DCC – response re: comments submitted about FP 55 WB proposed diversion.
7. HPBC – papers for Standards Committee meeting 12th March 2014.
8. DCC – invitation to Digital Derbyshire Parish Council Event – 20/03/14.
9. Derbyshire Districts Citizens Advice – updated publicity materials.
10. RAD – Future of libraries call for evidence.
11. Peak Park Parishes Forum – Consultation - Wider Peak District Cycle Strategy
12. DCC – Temporary footpath closure notice for Footpath 15(part) WB between Buxton Road and a point 115 metres south of Sticking Mires to facilitate public safety during works to level crossing and adjacent land.
13. DCC – Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum invitation on 01/05/14.
14. Cllr J Pritchard – copy of letter to DCC Leader Cllr Anne Western drawing attention to the dangerous state of Wharf Road and requesting that it is made safe for pedestrians (repairs to potholes) as a Public Right of Way.
15. PDNPA – Draft Detailed Design Supplementary Planning Documents on Shop Fronts and Alterations and Extensions.
16. HPBC – recent TPO and conservation area applications.
17. DCC – Temporary footpath closure notice for Footpath 37 until 06/06/14 or until the works are completed to allow for public safety due to subsidence.
18. Notice for free workshop, re: understanding EU funding on 18/03/14 at Buxton.
19. Email from Cllr Pritchard, re: retaining wall on south side of Whaley Lane in poor condition and requiring repair and could be hazardous. **Agreed to inform Derbyshire County Council about the potential hazard to pedestrians and traffic using Whaley Lane and request remedial action.**
20. Local Government Pension Scheme Newsletter No. 117, re: member communications and automatic enrolment thresholds for 2014/15.
21. Letter from Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, re; A6 Corridor Study Consultation. (Circulated)

22. Local Government Pension Scheme Employer's Newsletter No. 118, re: Insurance against Pension Fund Ill Health Strain Costs.
23. Email from Caroline Wheatley (HPBC) – New allotment lease area. (Circulated)
24. Letter from David Woodward (Royal British Legion) – Invitations to RBL Rededication of the War Memorial in the Memorial Park on 11th May 2014.
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No:	DALC Circulars and Information 2014 – Content
04	Repeal of s.150(5) of Local Government Act 1972
05	General Circular - Subscription renewals; NALC Consultation; Quality Council Scheme Portfolios; Banking arrangements; The Big Allotment Challenge; Vacancy

C13/192 Electronic Mailing of Council Agendas and Minutes for Meetings

RESOLVED: That Cllrs Bowden, Linda Leather, Susanne Lomas, Taylor, Wild and Anne Winter would continue to receive hard copies of meeting papers in the post.

C13/193 Grants and Donations to Local Voluntary Organisations

RESOLVED: That the following grants and donations be made:	£
1. Chapel-en-le-Frith Mobile Physiotherapy Service for vehicle replacement fund.	75.00
2. Whaley Bridge Toddler Group for replacement floor mats and equipment.	75.00
3. Whaley Bridge Film Group – equipment, film licences.	75.00
4. Whaley Bridge Football Club – towards dugout 'cages'.	50.00
5. Whaley Bridge Rose Queen Festival Committee for barriers cones and road closure signs.	75.00
6. Toddbrook Sailing Club – paddles for new training sessions.	75.00
7. Whaley Bridge Canal Group – equipment.	75.00
8. WB Royal British Legion – grant for rededication of War Memorial.	<u>75.00</u>

TOTAL £575.00

C13/194 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Subscription Renewal 2014/15

RESOLVED: To renew the 2014/15 DALC subscription of £837.97.

C13/195 Community Flood Defence Plan – Community Owned Telemetry Equipment

It was agreed to support the proposal to obtain a grant from the Environment Agency towards providing a flood defence warning system, defence barriers and equipment. Cllr Thomas will contact Lynsey Cottle to progress this project prior to 31st March 2014.

C13/196 Flash Flood and Drainage Issues along Eccles Road, Whaley Bridge

It was noted that surface water was bypassing drains in the road which are not in the correct location for dealing with the water flows. DCC (as the Highways Authority) had been informed and Neil Hickman had agreed to investigate relocating the existing drains to address the surface water flow but he had stated that this would be low priority at present.

RESOLVED: To write to DCC emphasising the need to relocate the drains urgently prior to flash flooding affecting surrounding property on Eccles Road.

C13/197 3G Artificial Grass Pitch at Sports Pavilion – Usage and Income Report

Cllr Goldfinch circulated a report giving details about the income generated and use of the 3G AGP over the past year. It was agreed that the Sports Association earmarked reserves should reflect the sinking fund requirement, cover the income over expenditure surplus, cover a full year's expenditure requirement and future project aspirations. The earmarked reserves were expected to total £38,100 at the end of the current financial year.

Thanks were given to Cllr Goldfinch for his time and effort spent voluntarily managing the bookings system and ad-hoc bookings administration, together with maintenance tasks at the facility.

C13/198 South West Peaks Consultation

An email was received from High Peak CVS requesting support for the Peak District National Park Authority consultation being undertaken in advance of a heritage grant application to preserve the South West Peaks living landscape which includes a section of the Parish of Whaley Bridge. It was agreed that the Town Council would support this consultation.

C13/199 Consultation on Wider Peak District Cycle Strategy and Cycle Routes

It was noted that the PDNP was offering grant funding to help local business and groups create a welcoming destination for cyclists in the wider Peak District. The PDNP is also consulting on its Wider Peak District Cycle Strategy. Further information can be obtained from the links:

- www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/cycle-strategy-consultation
- www.eroicabritannia.co.uk
- www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/visiting/cycle/peak-district-cycle-friendly-places-fund

C13/200 Sunnybank Allotment Site – Water Supply Project and New Lease with HPBC

An email was received from Caroline Wheatley (HPBC) regarding the statutory requirements regarded as being adequate to protect the underground utility water supply pipe which crosses the allotment site. The proposed covenant area still needs to be agreed and Caroline Wheatley will contact United Utilities to obtain their further advice. The council agreed that the remaining Heads of Terms for the new lease had been addressed and approved.

C13/201 Spring Newsletter

It was agreed that the Spring Newsletter should include reports for the Neighbourhood Plan and success of the 3G Artificial Grass Pitch.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

.....Chairman

Date.....