

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, SK23 7AA
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Meeting: Town Council
Date: 14th April 2011
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Swift (Chairman), Bowden, Goldfinch, Jean Horsfall, Linda Leather, Susanne Lomas, Lomax, Pritchard, R Wild, Taylor and Mrs Anne Winter. Andrew Bingham MP and PCSO Tracey Jones.

MINUTES

C10/188 Andrew Bingham MP

Andrew Bingham MP attended the meeting and discussed issues of concern with members.

C10/189 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Wild.

C10/190 Declarations of Members' Interests (5)

Cllr Anne Winter	Agenda Item 14	Hon Sec of WB Amenity Soc
Cllr Linda Leather	Agenda Item 21	Member of HPBC Development Committee
Cllr John Pritchard	Agenda Item 14	Subject of complaint
Cllr Jon Goldfinch	Agenda Item 15	Website Advisory Group
Cllr R Wild	Agenda Item 21	Network Rail Employee

C10/191 Community Police

PCSO Tracey Jones reported recent crime statistics totalling 8.

A joint venture with the British Transport Police is being organised.

Furness Vale, Stoneheads and Whaley Lane are earmarked for attention next month.

Concern was expressed about the dangerous junction turning right from the Buxworth Road onto the A6. Traffic should only leave this junction to turn left and new additional road markings are required to enforce this action. It was suggested that a Lendacam be erected at this junction for a period of 4-6 weeks, managed by the police, to collect evidence.

C10/192 The Chairman, Cllr John Swift, thanked Cllr Jean Horsfall for her dedication, support and hard work on behalf of the council over her past 13 years of service.

C10/193 Open Forum

Cllr Linda Leather declared an interest and left the meeting.

Mr Andrew Fox and Mr Peter Green raised concerns about the application CD1/0311/177 for the Shallcross Incline greenway.

Mr Geoff Sullivan raised concerns about the strain put on the road policing units due to the financial cuts, the need for more support to provide activities for young people and the problems encountered with the grit content of the grit and salt mixture used to grit the roads during bad winter weather.

C10/194 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 10th March 2011

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 10th March 2011 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C10/195 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was received. It was noted that the damaged grit bin on Linglongs Road would be replaced at no charge to the council and the new planter had now been placed outside the pet shop on Market Street.

C10/196 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2004	Ravenwood Joinery	Honours Board	380.00
2005	Shelter Maintenance Co	Bus Shelter Cleaning	59.33
2006	Shelter Maintenance Co	Repairs to bus shelter	306.00
2007	Peartree Print	Stationery	18.60
2008	HPBC	Payroll Jan-Mar 2011	7488.47
2009	HPBC	Playground Inspection	318.00
2010	WB Community Trust	Toddbrook Valve Project	210.00
2011	Cllr J Swift	Chair's Allowance	300.00
2012	DALC	Annual Subscription 2011/12	829.67
2013	Mechanics Institute	April 2011 Account	583.82
2014	Peak Park Forum	Subscription 2011/12	8.00
2015	Peartree Print	Newsletter printing	205.31
2016	Groundwork	Footpath work	678.00
2017	DALC	Training fees	30.00
2018	DALC	Postage for guides	6.50
2019	Fernmoss Pet Supplies	Bedding for planter	22.35
2020	Cash	Petty Cash April 2011	82.13
2021	Easyspace Ltd	Website domain renewal	44.78
0335	HPBC	SA – Rates	145.00
0336	HPBC	SA – Payroll Jan-Mar 2011	629.08
0337	Calor Gas Ltd	SA – Gas cylinders	123.40
0338	Cash	SA – Petty Cash	3.50
		TOTAL	£ 12471.94

C10/197 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr John Pritchard reported that the new Station Manager for Northern Rail is David Waite.

Cllr Jon Goldfinch reported progress regarding implementation of the HLF Lottery Grant for refurbishing the Memorial Park. He requested that urgent talks take place with HPBC regarding their proposals.

C10/198 Correspondence

1. Sacre – Annual Report 2009/10
2. Ringmaster – distraction burglary alert.
3. Buxton Military Tattoo – Saturday 9th July 2011, Devonshire Dome at 6.00pm.
4. IWPS – One Seven Four newsletter February 2011.
5. HPBC – Service Level Agreement – Children’s Playground inspections.
6. Peak District NPA – notice of planning surgery at Cliff College 29th March 2011.
7. Ringmaster – Metal thefts alert.
8. Ringmaster – announcing crime levels in the county have fallen for 8th year.
9. Cllr Goldfinch – e-mail with information about presentation of FA Charter Status to WBFC on Saturday 9th April 2011.
10. Ringmaster – information on introduction of e-forum to the Community Messaging Service.
11. WB Band – thanks for donation.
12. Ringmaster – urging attention to sheds and garages security following burglaries.
13. Friends of the Peak District – eNewsletter March 2011.
14. Ringmaster – reporting on cold caller implications for elderly and vulnerable persons.
15. Peak District NPA – twice yearly Community newsletter – ‘ParkLife’ 11th issue.
16. Ringmaster – Police surgery at Tesco WB on Thursday 31st March 2011.
17. DCC – notice of report to DCC cabinet meeting about review of public transport subsidies.
18. Ringmaster – press release re helicopter unit.
19. High Peak CVS – training programme and workshops March 2011 to March 2012.
20. DCC – Parish & Town Liaison information
21. DCC – Derbyshire News for Parish and Town Councils March 2011.
22. Peak District NPA – Green Communities Conference: Friday May 6th 2011.

23. Ringmaster – Derbyshire bobby of the year award nominations request.
24. DCC – Winter Service- Emergency snow clearing tender application recommendation request.
25. HPBC – List of cleaning frequencies (with key) requested by Cllrs Lomax and Pritchard. **Notice Board**
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DALC Circulars and Information 2011 – Content	
19	Good Councillor Guide – 3 rd Edition
20	General: Action for Market Towns Awards nominations; DCC Liaison Forum; Winter Service- Emergency Snow Clearing – HMR&C – Employers’ Workshop
21	General: Accounts & Audit Regulations etc - Heath & Holmewood; PC Clerk Vacancy - Duffield PC; Cemetery Superintendent Vacancy - Pentrich PC; Clerk RFO Vacancy.
22	General: The Abolition of the Default Retirement Age (“DRA”)- Update (see circular 11/2011; Wirksworth Town Council Vacancy Part-Time Responsible Financial Officer & Assistant Clerk; Wirksworth Town Council – Vacancy – Part-Time Caretaker; Dale Abbey Parish Council – Vacancy – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

27. HPBC – Playground inspection and Maintenance report for March 2011.
28. DCC – Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum – postponement of meeting from 14th April 2011 to Thursday 23rd June 2011, 6pm-8pm Members Room, County Hall, Matlock.
29. WB Community Trust – letter of thanks for grant towards heating system improvement.
30. Nigel Eastmond – request for response on correct action regarding Elnor Lane/Chapel Road/Cotton Close to ensure assessment and attention of the footway and street furniture. **Agreed to contact Ian Stephenson at DCC to organise attention to this junction.**
31. Barrie Walker – request for issues in respect of Elnor Lane/ Cotton Close road junction to be brought to the attention of the Town Council. **Action as above.**
32. Cllr Goldfinch – forwarding of e-mail from WB Forum regarding alteration to train services on the Manchester/Sheffield line with impact on commuters to both cities.
33. HPBC – Street Trading Consent Application Consultation, whole borough but mainly New Mills for ice cream and soft drinks.

C10/199 Annual Community Award

It was noted that the presentation of the Annual Community Award would take place during the council meeting on 9th June 2011. Nomination forms are available from the Clerk's office.

C10/200 Hanging Basket Bracket Check

A verbal quotation was received from Mr A Dewberry to check the hanging basket brackets are secure.

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation for £2 each to check that the 75 hanging basket brackets in Whaley Bridge and Furness Vale are secure.

C10/201 Minor Maintenance Scheme 2011/12

Details of the Minor Maintenance Scheme 2011/12 and grant from DCC towards minor maintenance of public rights of way within the parish was received and discussed.

RESOLVED: To contact David Frith to ask him for further suggestions for work required to our local footpaths and to use some of the grant funding to replace missing or damaged wooden waymarkers.

C10/202 WB Allotment and Gardeners' Society – Request for Memorial Seat

A letter was received from the WB Allotment and Gardeners' Society requesting permission to erect a seat in memory of Mr John Howes at the Sunnybank Allotment Site.

RESOLVED: To grant permission for the memorial seat.

C10/203 Councillors Using their Title for Non-Council Business

Two letters were received from Mr D Ridgers regarding the protocol for councillors using the title of "councillor" for non-council business.

RESOLVED: To obtain some guidance and advice in writing from the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils as to when councillors are allowed to use that title and respond to Mr Ridgers accordingly and to consider whether this advice should be incorporated in Standing Orders.

C10/204 WB Community Website – Format for Council Documents

Cllr Goldfinch declared an interest.

It was felt that producing council documents in word format for the website was not very secure.

RESOLVED: That in future all council documents appearing on the website should be in PDF format.

C10/205 Tesco Section 106 Agreement

A town centre improvement contribution of £115,000 will be paid by Tescos when the extension to the store is implemented. About 90% of this will be spent in Whaley Bridge to provide streetscape improvements, improved car parking, improving shop fronts and providing village entry signage and features including highway verge planting schemes. This fund has a five-year lifespan.

C10/206 Traffic Problems at the Junction of Meadowfield and Whaley Lane

A letter was received from Carol James regarding the traffic problems at the top of Meadowfield where parked vehicles are causing an obstruction before the blind bend. She requested that parking restrictions and yellow lines be implemented at the junction.

RESOLVED: To write to Ian Stephenson at DCC to request that the traffic problems at the junction of Meadowfield and Whaley Lane are investigated and action taken to alleviate the potentially dangerous situation.

C10/207 Request for a Basketball Court

An email was received from Toby Carson asking the council to consider the provision of a basketball court at the Memorial Park.

RESOLVED: To request HPBC to include a basketball court as part of the play area within the refurbishments planned later this year for the Memorial Park (HLF Lottery Bid).

C10/208 Consultation Documents: (1) A Community Right to Buy – Assets of Community Value and (2) A Community Right to Challenge

In its Coalition Agreement framed after the 2010 General Election, the Government committed to granting communities new powers to help them save local facilities threatened with closure – the Community Right to Buy.

The Community Right to Challenge is an important part of the Government’s attempt to move power from Whitehall to local councils. It also seeks to devolve power direct to citizens and communities. The Government will ensure that good ideas from local community groups and related bodies get a fair hearing regarding their suggestions to better deliver services more efficiently. The Community Right to Challenge gives effect to this power and this commitment. The consultation closes on 3rd May 2011.

RESOLVED: To respond to the National Association of Local Councils in support of the above consultation documents.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

.....Chair

List of Abbreviations:

Cllr	Councillor
WBTC	Whaley Bridge Town Council
HPBC	High Peak Borough Council
DCC	Derbyshire County Council
PDNPA	Peak District National Park Authority
PDSEG	Peak District Sustainable Energy Group
WBA	Whaley Bridge Association
W3	Whaley Water Weekend
SA	Sports Association
MUGA	Multi-Use Games Area
PC	Police Constable
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
SNT	Safer Neighbourhoods Team
HP&HV CRP	High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership
NALC	National Association of Local Councils
DALC	Derbyshire Association of Local Councils
DRCC	Derbyshire Rural Community Council
SLCC	Society of Local Council Clerks
CVS	Council for Voluntary Services
CAB	Citizens Advice Bureau
EMDA	East Midlands Development Agency
DDEP	Derby & Derbyshire Economic Partnership
DEP (now)	Derbyshire Economic Partnership
DDHPAP	Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Accessibility Partnership
HPCH	High Peak Community Housing
RAD	Rural Action Derbyshire
SEMMMS	South East Manchester Multi Modal Study
HLF	Heritage Lottery Fund
WBFC	Whaley Bridge Football Club
DALGS	Derbyshire Aggregates Levy Grant Scheme
COGS	Community Organising Green Space (Furness Vale)