

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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**Meeting:** Town Council  
**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Mechanics Institute  
**Present:** Councillors Goldfinch (Chairman), Bowden, Mrs Linda Leather, Lomax, Pritchard, Swift, Thomas, Taylor and Mrs Anne Winter. PC Andy Crosthwaite

## MINUTES

### **C11/212 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Susanne Lomas, Gilmour and Wild.

### **C11/213 Declarations of Members' Interests (1)**

Cllr Goldfinch	Agenda Items 10 and 11	Member of Sports Association Executive
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### **C11/214 Community Police**

PC Andy Crosthwaite reported crime statistics for the previous month. It was agreed that improved signage was required at the junction where the road to Chinley joins the A6 at Bridgemont, together with reducing speeding traffic. It was suggested that a CCTV camera be erected at this location.

Cllr Linda Leather reported that speeding vehicles along Buxton Road and Old Road late at night continued to cause a hazard and noise nuisance. PC Crosthwaite requested that residents reported the incidents to the police whilst they were occurring so the traffic police could take immediate action.

The next Safer Neighbourhood Meeting will be held at the Mechanics Institute at 7pm on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

PC Crosthwaite reported that the Police Office in Whaley Bridge would be permanently closed in the near future.

### **C11/215 Open Forum**

Steve Rampley, Chair of Whaley Bridge Football Club, stated that the club was prepared to undertake minor maintenance tasks at the sports pavilion and multi-use games area on a voluntary basis. He supported the proposed hire charges with an agreed discount for the football club as required by the terms of the Football Foundation grant for the MUGA Project. He indicated that WBFC would consider taking over the lease for the whole facility at some point in the future.

**C11/216 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**C11/217 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was received.

**C11/218 Accounts for Payment**

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

<b>Chq</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2149	Neil Miller	Notice boards	822.00
2150	Mark Harrod Ltd	Goals for AGP	4528.32
2151	FieldTurf Tarkett SAS	MUGA Resurfacing Project	30805.31
2152	HMRC	PAYE & NI March	583.60
2153	Fran Frodsham	Grounds Maintenance	50.00
2154	Shelter Maintenance Co	Bus shelter cleaning	59.33
2155	DALC	Clerk's training course	30.00
2156	Peak Park Forum	Subscription	8.00
2157	DALC	Subscription	829.67
2158	Mechanics Institute	April account	542.58
2159	Easyspace Ltd	Web hosting	46.80
2160	Environment Agency	Water abstraction licence	25.00
2161	Peartree Print	Newsletter and stationery	224.40
2162	Cash	Petty cash April	89.88
2163	DCC	Pension payments Feb & Mar	971.50
2164	HMRC	PAYE & NI April	564.85
0378	Southern Electric	SA – Electricity	125.32
0379	Bywater LP Gas	SA – Gas cylinders	104.00
0380	Shorrock Trichem Ltd	SA – Cleaning materials	13.32
0381	Cash	SA – Petty cash April	4.50
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 40428.38</b>

**C11/219 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

**Cllr Mrs Anne Winter** reported on behalf of the Friends of Whaley Bridge Station. The completion date for work raising the platform is now expected to be mid-June 2012. Network Rail is trying to implement measures to reduce excessive noise overnight caused by the work. The next phase of the project will be to refurbish the footbridge over the track and install an access ramp to the platform.

**Cllr Thomas** reported on the minutes of the Whaley4Wards meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012. Amy Hubble will be producing a design for the location at the Station Car Park for the red telephone kiosk to be used as a community information point. The public seat condition survey was almost complete. It was noted that the seat at the junction of Start Lane and Whaley Lane had been demolished and should be removed.

**C11/220 Correspondence**

1. PDNPA – ‘ParkLife’ Community Newsletter
2. Defra – Consultation on changes to National Park Governance
3. Urban Vision Partnership Ltd – invitation to be involved in shaping waste plan for Derby City and Derbyshire County Council.
4. Network Rail – notice of essential piled foundation work at WB station.
5. Unlock Democracy – news of success on proposals to empower councils
6. HPBC – Tree works applications list.
7. Simon Mellor – Old Skatepark and some suggestions.
8. Cllr Pritchard – breaking news on planning and changes to revised timetable for replacement to the High Peak Local Plan (Saved Policies)
9. SPEED – introduction to SPEED Safe Pedestrians, Equines, the Environment and Drivers, formed by villagers of Charlesworth.
10. Lucy Howarth – e-mails about Wind Turbine planning permission. **Cllr Swift requested a copy.**
11. HPCH – Councillor Newsletter March 2012.
12. HPBC – Changes to Rates Relief for Sports Clubs (effective from 1/4/13)
13. Friends of the Peak District – increased support request.
14. HPHV CRP – minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012.
15. DCC – grit bin, Church Bank, refill request.
16. Cllr Pritchard – information on deadlines re: appeal against refusal of planning application for three houses on land at 87 Chapel Road.
17. Networkrail – information in response to request re: ownership of New Road.
18. Derbyshire Alert – launch of operation to reduce accidents involving motorcyclists.
19. PDNPA – Defra Consultation on Governance information.
20. RAD – Play Area Inspection training event 17<sup>th</sup> May at Darley Dale.
21. Frederic Robinsons Ltd – The Board Inn closure. **The Clerk was requested to progress action with Frederic Robinsons regarding purchasing, or obtaining a long lease for, the garage area within the Mechanics Institute.**
22. CPRE – Countryside Voice spring 2012 and members guide 2012.
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<b>DALC Circulars and Information 2012 – Content</b>	
13	General Circular – VAT; Local Government Pay 2012/13; Campaign to secure a share of business rate for Parish/Town Councils; East Midlands Allotments Officers Forum.
14	General Circular – STOP PRESS URGENT – towards a waste plan for Derby & Derbyshire workshop; Consultation on changes to National Park Governance; Redundant Skatepark

	equipment; Derbyshire Broadband; development of the Derbyshire health and Wellbeing strategy – consultation on the proposed high level priorities.
15	General Circular – Changes to police enquiry offices in Derbyshire; Public sector mapping agreement.
16	General Circular – Breaking News – The National Planning Policy Framework; Unfair dismissal changes effective 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2012; VAT – changes of VAT classification of charges for memorials in cemeteries; Response to the future homes commission consultation Prayers at Council Meetings; Repeal of the local government (Discretionary Payments) regulations 1996; Chesterfield police community safety planning day.

24. DCC – Temporary closure of Footpath 15 WB from Buxton Road to west side of railway during maintenance works from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2012.
25. DCC – Closure of Footpath 36 WB between entrance gate to western railway platform on station approach to bottom of steps beside Jodrell Arms until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012 or until footbridge and platform refurbishment works are completed.
26. HPBC – notice of appeal by Mr & Mrs Bromley re Planning Application HPK/2011/0408, Land adjoining 87 Chapel Road.
27. WB Rose Queen festival committee – request for concessionary use of Mechanics Institute on 22<sup>nd</sup> June to raise funds. **Approved**
28. DCC – modification order for footpath from Chapel Rd to FP 61WB.
29. Peak District NPA – Planning Liaison Officer Changes/ Planning Surgery

### **C11/ 221 Sports Pavilion and Multi-Use Games Area Lease Extension**

A lease extension document was received from High Peak Borough Council. The council were not in agreement with Clause 2 (p) which stated that the council (WBTC) would not be permitted to carry out any alterations modifications or improvements to the Demised Land without the prior written consent of the Lessor (HPBC). This restriction would hinder necessary maintenance work.

The council (WBTC) did not approve Clause 2 (r) and required that High Peak Borough Council should make financial contribution towards the cost of their community use of the building.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Goldfinch requests that the Football Foundation reconsider their requirement for the lease to be extended to 25 years (as a condition of the grant) and that the current lease remains unaltered for the current term of 20 years.

This subject to be further discussed at the May 2012 Town Council meeting.

**C11/222 MUGA – Hire Charges and Maintenance Arrangements with WBFC**

**RESOLVED: 9.25PM** To suspend Standing Orders to allow Steve Rampley to address members.

He confirmed that WBFC would accept a 15% discount applied to hire charges for using the MUGA, to be reviewed after one year.

Zurich Insurance had confirmed that the council's Public Liability Insurance would cover work being carried out by volunteers on behalf of the council.

**RESOLVED:** To grant a 15% discount on hire charges for the MUGA and Sports Pavilion to WBFC.

**RESOLVED:** That the Chair of WBTC, the Chair of the Sports Association (currently Cllr John Pritchard) and the Clerk be permitted to authorise minor maintenance work at the MUGA and pavilion, not exceeding the total maintenance budget of £2000.

**RESOLVED:** To resume Standing Orders

**C11/223 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

Cllr John Swift reported that the celebrations and beacon would take place at the Cricket Club on New Horwich Road. The proposed celebrations would include producing a leaflet giving details of walks to the cricket club, lighting a beacon, a barbeque and entertainment.

The family event would take place during the evening and the Clerk had applied to HPBC for a grant towards the expenses.

**C11/224 Annual Community Award 2012**

Five nominations had been received for the award. Following a secret ballot it was:

**RESOLVED:** That the Annual Community Award for 2011/12 be awarded to Mrs Sheila Walton in recognition of over 50 years voluntary service helping Whaley Bridge Band and the Rose Queen Festival Committee.

**C11/225 Sunnybank Allotment Site – Disposal of Buried Asbestos**

The tenant of Allotment 10A unearthed some asbestos pieces on her allotment. The Clerk is liaising with High Peak Borough Council regarding the appropriate way to dispose of the waste and will be meeting Philip Wiggans on site on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2012 to discuss a solution.

**C11/226 Shallcross Incline Greenway – Official Opening Event**

The greenway will be officially opened on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012. Invitations had been issued.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk be allocated a budget of £150 to cover expenses incurred in connection with the event.

**C11/227 Shallcross Trail – Leaflet, Waymarkers and Signage**

Cllr Thomas outlined details for the proposed Shallcross Trail and submitted quotations for approval.

**RESOLVED:** To authorise £820 expenditure for waymarking for the Shallcross Trail in accordance with quotations submitted by Cllr Thomas.

**RESOLVED:** That Peartree Print print 200 Shallcross Trail leaflets at 25p each, total £50, to be made available from the Mechanics Institute, Footsteps and Whaley Bridge Library.

**C11/228 Shallcross Incline – Provision of Two Memorial Seats**

**RESOLVED:** To purchase two teak bench seats from Cyan Teak Furniture costing £333.32 each plus VAT, delivery and anchorage fixings. One seat to be inscribed to commemorate the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee and one to bear a brass plaque in memory of former councillor George Shuker.

The seats will be placed at the top and midway along the new Shallcross Incline Greenway. The installation and bases to be agreed.

**C11/229 Furness Vale Field Day – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

A letter was received from Mr Les Footitt, Furness Vale COGS, requesting a contribution towards funding the Furness Vale Field Day on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

**RESOLVED:** To inform Mr Footitt that the Town Council has a budget of £1000 for 2012/13 to be used in support of the Furness Vale Park Project.

**C11/230 Bus Shelter Repair – Shelter opposite St John’s Church, Furness Vale**

**RESOLVED:** To accept the quotation from Shelter Maintenance Company for £40 to carry out repairs to the damaged framework of the bus shelter opposite St. John’s Church, Furness Vale.

**C11/231 Brookfield Pond Nature Reserve – Tree Maintenance**

A verbal quotation was received from The Tree Company for £120 to remove the dead alder tree (Tree No. 8 on the survey).

**RESOLVED:** That Cllrs Swift and Taylor inspect the tree and report any necessary action to the council.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

.....Chair

## List of Abbreviations:

AMT	Action for Market Towns
CAB	Citizens Advice Bureau
Cllr	Councillor
COGS	Community Organising Green Space (Furness Vale)
CVS	Council for Voluntary Services
DALC	Derbyshire Association of Local Councils
DALGS	Derbyshire Aggregates Levy Grant Scheme
DCC	Derbyshire County Council
DDEP	Derby & Derbyshire Economic Partnership
DDHPAP	Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Accessibility Partnership
DEP (now)	Derbyshire Economic Partnership
DRCC	Derbyshire Rural Community Council
EMDA	East Midlands Development Agency
HLF	Heritage Lottery Fund
HP&HV CRP	High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership
HPBC	High Peak Borough Council
HPCH	High Peak Community Housing
MUGA	Multi-Use Games Area
NALC	National Association of Local Councils
PC	Police Constable
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
PDNPA	Peak District National Park Authority
PDSEG	Peak District Sustainable Energy Group
RAD	Rural Action Derbyshire
SA	Sports Association
SEMMMS	South East Manchester Multi Modal Study
SLCC	Society of Local Council Clerks
SNT	Safer Neighbourhoods Team
W3	Whaley Water Weekend
W4W	Whaley4wards
WBA	Whaley Bridge Association
WBFC	Whaley Bridge Football Club
WBTC	Whaley Bridge Town Council