

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Meeting: Town Council
Date: 8th December 2011
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Goldfinch (Chairman), Lomax (from 8.45pm), Pritchard (from 8.40pm), Swift, Taylor, Thomas, and Mrs Anne Winter. PCSO Patrick Findlay-Wilson

MINUTES

C11/136 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Susanne Lomas, Linda Leather, Bowden and Wild.

C11/137 Declarations of Members' Interests (1)

Cllr Swift	Agenda Item 20 (Planning Committee) (HPK/2011/0611)	Neighbour and Governor of Taxal & Fernilee School
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C11/138 Community Police

PCSO Patrick Findlay-Wilson reported crime statistics for the previous month. Twelve crimes had been committed which is a 25% reduction for the same period last year. An offender had been arrested and confined for thefts from motor vehicles which had been a problem recently.

Cllr Swift requested that Macclesfield Road be monitored in the area of Taxal & Fernilee School as parked vehicles were causing concern resulting in a recent accident.

It was noted that the missing female teenager had been found safe in Stockport.

C11/139 Open Forum

Mr Jim Gregory reported that a group had been formed and designated the route of the footpath to be claimed as a public right of way across land owned by Bothomes Hall, Bridgemont. He was also gathering User Evidence Forms.

Mr Steve Rampley (Chair of Whaley Bridge Football Club) registered concern about dangerous parking on the bend adjacent to Spire House, Bings Road and requested police monitoring. He was also concerned that no action had been taken by HPBC to deter dog fouling on the football pitches and emails that he had sent to the Borough Council had received no response, particularly regarding the hard surfacing around the pavilion and problems connected with work being undertaken in the skatepark area causing mess and disruption.

RESOLVED: To write to Les Latham at HPBC to seek assurances that damaged drains beneath the pitches would be repaired, request a site visit as soon as possible for all affected parties, complain about the lack of prior notification and communication and supervision of the contractor.

C11/140 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 10th November 2011

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

C11/141 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was received.

C11/142 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2105	LITE Ltd	Xmas tree bulbs	68.10
2106	MAP Ltd	Newsletter distribution	126.00
2107	Shelter Maintenance Co	Bus shelter cleaning	59.33
2108	Peartree Print	Stationery	14.70
2109	Groundwork Derbyshire	Footpath work (MMS grant)	678.00
2110	Mechanics Institute	December Account 2011	652.82
2111	F Frodsham/Piranha	Filling grit bins	430.00
2112	SLCC	Subscription	157.00
2113	Cash	Petty cash December 2011	48.71
0366	Southern Electric	SA – Electricity	176.63
0367	HPBC	SA – Rates	152.00
TOTAL £			2563.29

C11/143 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr Mrs Anne Winter reported on the third meeting of the Bingswood Access and Canal Basin Regeneration Panel. A Mission Statement had been agreed. Traffic issues at the junction of Canal Street and Market Street had been discussed. It was agreed to put this matter on the January agenda for further discussion.

C11/144 Correspondence

1. Ringmaster – request for assistance in locating 13year old Alisha Moss. She was last seen in the Whaley Bridge area around 4.30pm on Thursday 10th November 2011 and is described as white about 5'3" tall, slim with long, straight, dyed black hair and when last seen was wearing black cardigan and tights and blue polo shirt. Police would like to learn of any sightings of her in the area.
2. Ringmaster - request for additional information about burglary at supermarket in Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge on Wednesday 16th November 2011.

3. Leathems Solicitors – confirmation of current position of transfer relating to purchase of land Shallcross Road/Shallcross Incline and costs.
4. DCC – copy of DCC Parish & Town Council Newsletter for November.
5. The Planning Inspectorate – appeal decision re HPK/2010/0491 redevelopment of Taxal Lodge, Linglongs Road, Taxal, Whaley Bridge to provide 14 dwellings. Appeal dismissed.
6. Ringmaster – notice of Public Engagement events on 21st and 22nd November 2011, to help shape future of policing.
7. Cllr Taylor – response for Goyt Valley Forest Design Plan Consultation.
8. Ringmaster – press release about police target of drivers who use mobile phones behind the wheel.
9. Ringmaster – request for information about theft of items stolen from Sunny Bank Allotments on 18th November 2011.
10. MEP Bill Newton Dunn – request to send his regular report by e-mail.
11. HP & HV CRP – notice and papers for meeting on 28th November 2011.
12. Peak District NPA – Review of Statement of Community Involvement and invitation to make comments on content of revision.
13. Ringmaster – renewal of appeal for missing teenager
14. Spirita – Home Improvement Trust (Houseproud Scheme) information.
15. Peak District NPA – various matters including Parishes Accord, Guide to Planning Services, and Electronic Communication.
16. DCC – War Memorials Officer information. **Agreed to obtain free SmartWater for marking war memorials to prevent theft.**
17. DCC – information from Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum.
18. Historical Promotions – Diamond Jubilee and Olympics Entertainment.
19. Cllr Pritchard – HP & HV CRP Meeting Agenda.
20. Ringmaster – alert for awareness of persons obtaining card details by deception for use to pay for goods by telephone.
21. Whaley Hall – Advent Carol Service, Friday 9th December at 7.30.
22. Ringmaster – alert for awareness of suspicious callers such as claims to be from Microsoft maintenance.
23. Peter Rogers – Woodland Trust Jubilee Woods latest news. **Copy to Cllr Swift.**
24. Ringmaster – press release regarding search for missing teenager Alisha Moss.
25. Peak Park Parishes Forum – draft minutes of AGM on 1st October 2011 and Newsletter, winter 2011.
26. Leader – Unsuccessful grant application for relocating heritage red telephone kiosk.
27. Peak District NPA - errata sheet for minor errata in adopted LDF Core Strategy document.

28. HPBC – Horticultural Service Tree Preservation order applications and tree notifications in Conservation Areas list (none for Whaley Bridge).
29. Cllr Goldfinch – information on arrangements with Stockport College for pavilion repainting
30. Peak District Online – link to video, Ancient Sites of the Peak District.
31. Cllr Goldfinch – e-mail re: unsuccessful WREN grant for MUGA project.
32. Directory@Derbyshire - possible small grants available for Community/Sports Action groups.
33. Ringmaster – seeking information about theft of copper wire and lead flashing from Fernilee treatment works 25th-27th November 2011.
34. Friends of the Peak – e-newsletter November 2011.
35. Local Works – plea to help save the Sustainable Communities Act
36. CPRE – South Yorkshire December eNewsletter.
37. Peak District Online – link to new video, Bakewell Farmer’s Market.
38. Ringmaster – re: stray dogs and 101 non-emergency number.
39. Bright Sparks Network - Gathering reminder for 8th December 2011
40. Open Spaces Society – campaign to save green spaces.
41. Ringmaster – missing person Alisha Moss found safe on 3rd December.
42. Ringmaster – press release, safety reminder about defrosting cars.
43. Peak Park Parishes Forum – PDNPA and support for broadband.
44. Forestry Commission – additional map for Goyt Valley Forest Design Plan.
45. HPBC – information about RAD oil heating initiative.
46. Ringmaster – Specials attestation press release,
47. Ringmaster – Postal scam warning press release.
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DALC Circulars and Information 2011 – Content	
55	General Circular – PAYE Penalties 2010-11; Qualifying Period for unfair dismissal claims to increase in 2012 and employment tribunal fees to be introduced in 2013; Acas Guidance on social networking; Localism: Local Action in Partnership.
56	NALC Consultation – Neighbourhood Planning Regulations; Community Infrastructure Levy; Local Government Pension Scheme
57	General Circular – Financial Inclusion in Derbyshire – Future needs:2012 onwards – Day Conferences: Friday 20 th and Thursday 26 th January 2012; Can Community Payback help to keep costs down; Shaw’s and NALC join forces to offer substantial discounts to local councils.

58	Derbyshire County Council Parish Liaison – Newsletter November 2011; Parish Council Insurance; Presentations to the Forum.
59	General Circular – Localism Bill Receives Royal assent
60	General Circular – Technical reforms of Council Tax; Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum 10 th November 2011; Parish Council Finance.

C11/ 145 Budget and Precept 2012/13

To be discussed at the January meeting. Awaiting Regeneration Projects Expenditure details for approval in order to reclaim the HPBC regeneration project grant of £4000 for this financial year.

C11/146 Horwich End Notice Board

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation for £462.00 from Neil Miller to replace the notice board at Horwich End with a stained hardwood board, with an additional allowance of £100 to provide two new posts.

C11/147 Tree Work at Brookfield Pond

Three quotations were received to carry out work to trees 8, 10, 12 and 19 as specified in the tree survey carried out by DCC.

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation from The Tree Company, Furness Vale, for £410 to carry out the work.

C11/148 Commemorative Coronation Rowan Trees

Cllrs Taylor and Swift reported that they had carried out a survey of the Coronation Rowan trees. Some limited maintenance was required, i.e. removing dead branches, ash tree saplings and pruning.

RESOLVED: To discuss with Nick Smith at British Waterways (the landowners) whether permission would be granted to carry out some limited tree maintenance and possibly plant three new trees to maintain the continuity of the row of trees and improve their appearance.

C11/149 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations Consultation

A consultation document was received from the Department for Communities and Local Government seeking views on the Government's proposed new regulations governing the process for establishing neighbourhood areas and forums, the requirements of Community Right to Build organisations and the preparation of neighbourhood plans, neighbourhood development orders and Community Right to Build Orders.

RESOLVED: To complete and return the questionnaire as discussed and agreed by the council.

C11/150 Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation

A consultation document was received from the Department for Communities and Local Government seeking views on the proposals and draft regulations for reform to the Community Infrastructure Levy. The regulations allow a charging authority to levy a charge on the owners or developers of land so that they contribute to the costs of providing the infrastructure needed to support the development in the area.

RESOLVED: To complete and return the questionnaire as discussed and agreed by the council.

C11/151 Grounds Maintenance Contract 2012/13

RESOLVED: To obtain two further quotations for competitive tender for this contract for 2012.

C11/152 Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service – 2011/15 Service Plan Budget Consultation

A consultation document was received from the Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service inviting views on the 2011/15 Service Plan.

RESOLVED: To complete and return the survey as discussed and agreed by the council.

C11/153 Provision of Additional Christmas Tree Lights

RESOLVED: To reimburse Cllr Jon Goldfinch £45 for the cost of providing three sets of Christmas tree lights for the shops as insufficient sets of lights were available.

RESOLVED: To spend £150 purchasing ten additional sets of lights for additional trees ready for next year.

C11/154 Shallcross Incline – Coal Authority Search

A letter was received from Leathems Solicitors recommending that a coal authority search be undertaken for the length of the Shallcross Incline in order to cover the risk of any unknown mine shafts within the land in view of the fact that the land is to be utilised by the general public as a footpath.

RESOLVED: To authorise Leathems Solicitors to undertake a coal authority search costing £91.42

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