

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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**Meeting:** Town Council  
**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Mechanics Institute  
**Present:** Councillors Goldfinch (Chairman), Bowden, Gilmour (from 8.45pm), Linda Leather (up to 7.55pm), Lomax, Pritchard, Swift, Taylor, Thomas, and Mrs Anne Winter. PCSO Patrick Findlay-Wilson

## MINUTES

### **C11/174 Apologies for Absence**

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

### **C11/175 Declarations of Members' Interests (3)**

Cllr Goldfinch	Agenda Items 12 and 13	Member of Sports Association Executive
Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Item 21 Planning Application HPK/2011/0718	Applicant services heating system
Cllr Anne Winter	Agenda Item 9 (Correspondence 2)	Hon Sec of Friends of WB Station

### **C11/176 Community Police**

PCSO Patrick Findlay-Wilson reported crime statistics for the previous month.

### **C11/177 Open Forum – No members of the public present**

### **C11/178 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

### **C11/179 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was received.

## **C11/180 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>
2124	Peartree Print	Newsletter/stationery	221.34
2125	Bentham Ltd	Ink cartridges	35.70
2126	Shelter Maintenance Co	Bus shelter cleaning	59.33
2127	Johnston Publishing Ltd	Grants & donations advert	76.80
2128	Mechanics Institute	Repayment of DCC library rent	493.80
2129	Cllr Jon Goldfinch	Chairs allowance	300.00
2130	The Tree Company	Brookfield Pond tree work	410.00
2131	Mechanics Institute	February account	574.08
2133	HP Marquees	Welldressing marquee deposit	163.17
2134	Cash	Petty cash February	49.50
0373	Chris Morell	SA - Part refund invoice 0286	117.00
0374	WBAFC	SA – Part refund invoice 0285	170.50
<b>TOTAL £</b>			<b>2671.22</b>

## **C11/181 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

### **Cllr Mrs Anne Winter (on behalf of Friends of Whaley Bridge Station)**

reported that work raising the platform at WB Station had been delayed as the existing foundations were in a different position than anticipated, causing some technical problems.

**Cllr Thomas** reported on a meeting held by **Whaley4Wards** on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012. He reported that Garie Bevan would be undertaking the refurbishment of the red BT telephone kiosk. Work to redecorate the sports pavilion would commence following completion of the MUGA resurfacing project. It was noted that Goyt Valley Round Table would not be organising the Firework Display this year. Arthur Dewberry had been approached to provide a template for the Cromford and High Peak Railway footpath marker posts.

## **C11/182 Correspondence**

1. Unlock Democracy – e-mail request to support Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council with proposals to Government regarding Large planning applications and measures to enable Town/Parish Councils to make proper comments.
2. DCC – temporary footpath closure information for Footpath 36 between entrance gate to railway platform and bottom of steps beside Jodrell Arms, to facilitate public safety during footbridge refurbishment works. 24<sup>th</sup> January to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012.
3. Ringmaster – alert to scam, hacking into e-mails to ask for help from a friend.
4. RAD – re help to celebrate 2012 Games & Torch Relay with free event at Chesterfield on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February for community groups seeking funding.

5. DCC – invitation to next Parish and Town Councils Liaison Forum on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012. **Cllr Martin Thomas will attend.**
6. Ringmaster – Home Security Advice
7. Ringmaster – WB SNT area priority profiles
8. RAD – The Playing Field newsletter winter 2011/12 and ‘A year in the life of RAD 2010-11’
9. Derbyshire Police Authority – Have your say June – September 2011 report.
10. Derbyshire Constabulary – notice of planned changes and closures, police enquiry offices.
11. Ringmaster – Crime prevention, oil theft from dwellings.
12. Groundwork Derby & Derbyshire – invitation to ‘Power to the People’ Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at the Bridge Centre, Langley Mill 10.00am to 1.00pm.
13. DCC – Moving Forward – a healthy future for local transport
14. Peak District Green Lanes Alliance – campaign against off roading article for magazines.
15. Cllr Pritchard – copy of letter D’shire Constabulary about police enquiry offices (as 10)
16. DCC – A New Youth Offer, changes to delivery of youth activities in Derbyshire and consultation events information – High Peak at the Dome Buxton 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012.
17. CPRE & NALC – copy of ‘How to shape where you live: a guide to neighbourhood planning’
18. HPBC – e-mails about issues to be investigated as potential Highway Safety issues, including strobe lighting at the Bike Factory Shop.
19. HPBC – response to Cllr Goldfinch about possible temporary storage of skatepark equipment.
20. Ringmaster – press release about metal thefts – Operation Calanthia.
21. Ringmaster – press release about drop in robberies in Derbyshire, against national trend.
22. DCC – encouraging persons/organisations responsible for war memorials to ensure there is a list of the names enshrined upon memorials, to avoid loss of the information through ageing of the memorials.
23. Ringmaster – press release about badger baiting
24. Cllr Mrs Susanne Lomas – copy of e-mail with information between Dee Hill and FV school governors about the playing field. **Cllr Taylor reported that DCC had agreed to designate 8000 sq m of Furness Vale Playing Field for community use. The remaining 10,000 sq m would be notified as a potential future site for a new school.**
25. Ringmaster – details and request for information about two recent burglaries in WB at a barn on Bings Road and the cricket club on New Horwich Road.

26. Derbyshire Police – e-mail about police enquiry office changes.
27. DCC – News from the Derbyshire Directory – February 2012.
28. Ringmaster – warning of e-mail scam allegedly from the Office for National Statistics.
29. Sport England – notification of development of new programme of support and training for people contributing time and experience to make sports clubs a vital part of the community and request for survey completion.
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<b>DALC Circulars and Information 2012 – Content</b>	
05	General Circular – No DALC subscription rise for the second year running; The new public health system; Heating or eating; DALC Chief Officer Post
06	DCC Items Circular – Liaison Forum 26 <sup>th</sup> April; Derbyshire infrastructure plan and developer protocol; Consultation on policy on management of vehicular use in the countryside; Anew Youth Offer – stakeholder event.
07	General Circular – Draft community right to challenge statutory instruments and guidance; PAYE arrangements for clerks and responsible finance officers.

31. Ringmaster – press release, Virtual Surgery – Equality.
32. Ringmaster – press release, community policing awards.
33. Ringmaster – appeal for information about attempted theft of cable at Stoneheads involving driver of a black vehicle (SEAT) partial registration ‘Y702’.
34. Ringmaster – appeal for information about break ins of 2 garages on Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge and theft of two classic Yamaha motor cycles from one of them. The crime took place between 10.30am Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February and 9.42 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012.
35. DCC – notice of temporary closure of Old Road from junction with Chapel Road to junction with Buxton Road to facilitate electricity cable fault repair works from 9th to 16<sup>th</sup> February.
36. Cllr Susanne Lomas – meeting apologies and information about FV Playing Field.

### **C11/ 183 Budget and Precept 2012/13**

Proposals for the budget estimates and precept for 2012/13 (Draft 2) were received and discussed.

It was proposed by Cllr Jon Goldfinch and seconded by Cllr John Swift that the precept for 2012/13 be set at £73,849.

Cllr Linda Leather requested a recorded vote:

**For the motion:** Cllrs Goldfinch, Thomas, Mrs Anne Winter, Bowden and John Swift.

**Against the motion:** Cllrs Pritchard, Linda Leather, Taylor, Gilmour and Lomax.

Cllr Jon Goldfinch as Chair of the Council took the casting vote in favour of the motion.

**RESOLVED:** That the precept for the financial year 2012/13 be set at £73,849.

**C11/184 Grants and Donations to Local Organisations**

**RESOLVED:** To approve grants to the following organisations:

	£
1. Whaley Bridge Band	75.00
2. Whaley Bridge Welldressing (children's boards)	100.00
3. Friends of Furness Vale Station	75.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£250.00</u></b>

**C11/185 MUGA Resurfacing Project – NEC Short Contract between WBTC and Field Turf Tarkett SAS**

**RESOLVED:** To approve and sign the short contract between WBTC and Field Turf Tarkett SAS to resurface the multi-use games area.

Cllr Lomax expressed concern about the damage to the surface of Park Road caused by heavy vehicles accessing the works being undertaken at the skatepark and MUGA.

**RESOLVED:** To write to DCC and HPBC requesting an engineer survey Park Road following completion of the skatepark and MUGA projects and that any necessary repairs are undertaken.

**C11/186 MUGA Project Funding**

It was noted that there might be occasions when reserves may need to be utilised during periods between receiving grant payments, and stage payments made to the contractor for work completed.

**C11/187 Retention, Storage and Re-use of Redundant BMX/Skatepark Equipment**

The redundant skatepark and BMX equipment had been removed and temporarily placed adjacent to the football pitch. HPBC had requested that the equipment be moved and stored elsewhere, prior to deciding where the equipment should be permanently relocated.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Swift would investigate a solution.

**C11/188 Revised Policy for the Management of Motorised Vehicles in the Countryside – Consultation Document and Survey Form**

The consultation document was received and discussed.

**RESOLVED:** That members should complete the questionnaire individually and return it to DCC.

**C11/189 DCC – Proposed Changes to Youth Service Provision**

A letter was received from Ian Thomas (DCC Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults) stating that DCC is planning to change the way it delivers youth activities in Derbyshire. The proposals will mean that DCC no longer provide front-line activities for teenagers and will close all youth clubs and the mobile youth service. DCC will set up a Youth Activities Grant scheme to support new projects, voluntary, community and independent groups which provide youth services and activities. It also plans to review youth centres to transfer or dispose of the buildings. A consultation on these proposals will take place from 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

Cllr Swift and Cllr Taylor expressed concern about these proposals, as Whaley Bridge would be directly affected when support was withdrawn for services provided in Whaley Bridge. It was agreed that support for Youth Services provided at Footsteps should remain in place, together with the mobile service which provides important advice and information to young people.

**RESOLVED:** To respond to DCC opposing their proposals and stating that higher priority and more investment in providing youth services is needed at this time.

**C11/190 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – Beacon**

Cllr Swift reported that the site for the Jubilee Beacon would be at Wythen Lache which is visible from Whaley Bridge, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Staffordshire Moorlands. It was suggested that other activities could take place in conjunction with the beacon and volunteers would be required. It was agreed to put this item on the March meeting agenda for further discussion.

**C11/191 Traffic Issues at Canal Street/Market Street Junction**

Problems with large HGVs entering and leaving this junction were discussed together with the suggestion to undertake a traffic survey and count.

Cllr Bowden suggested that using the entrance from Buxton Road (currently blocked) could be considered along with enlarging and redesigning the junction at Canal Street and Market Street.

Cllr Lomax suggested that Manchester University might be interested in undertaking a traffic survey at this junction.

Cllr Taylor was not in favour of large HGVs passing through the town centre to turn around in the layby at Long Hill, returning through the town to access Canal Street from one direction only, as this would exacerbate congestion at busy times along Buxton Road.

**C11/192 Quotation for repairs to Furness Vale Notice Board and Posts for Horwich End Notice Board**

A quotation was received from Neil Miller for £235 to carry out repairs to the Furness Vale notice board.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the quotation from Neil Miller for £235 to carry out repairs to Furness Vale notice board and to accept the quotation for £125 to provide hardwood support posts for the new Horwich End notice board.

**C11/193 MUGA Project – Partnership Agreement with WB Football Club**

As a condition for the Football Foundation grant towards the MUGA resurfacing project, WBTC is required to sign a partnership agreement with Whaley Bridge Football Club stating that the club would be allowed preferential booking and hire charges.

**RESOLVED:** That the Partnership Agreement be approved and signed.

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