

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Meeting: Town Council
Date: 9th June 2011
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Goldfinch (Chairman), Bowden, Susanne Lomas, Lomax, Pritchard, Swift, Taylor, Thomas, Wild and Mrs Anne Winter. PCSO Tracy Jones

MINUTES

C11/32 Annual Community Award 2011 Presentation

The award was presented to Mrs Beryl Axcell in recognition of her dedication and hard work on behalf of the community over many years.

C11/33 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Linda Leather.

C11/34 Co-option of Councillor for Furness Vale Ward and Taxal Ward

RESOLVED: That Susanne Lomas be co-opted as the councillor to fill the vacancy for Furness Vale Ward.

RESOLVED: That Rodney Gilmour be co-opted as the councillor to fill the vacancy for Taxal Ward.

C11/35 Declaration of Acceptance of Office Forms

Cllr Mrs Susanne Lomas signed her declaration and joined the meeting.

Cllr Rodney Gilmour will be invited to sign his declaration and attend the July meeting.

C11/36 Declarations of Members' Interests (3)

Cllr Thomas	Agenda Item 2	Member of Labour Party
Cllr Goldfinch	Agenda Item 18	Chair of Whaley4Wards
Cllr Anne Winter	Agenda Item 13(21)	Chair of Governors for WB School

C11/37 Cllr Caitlin Bisknell – Leader of High Peak Borough Council

Cllr Caitlin Bisknell attended the meeting to answer questions and discuss issues of concern with members of WBTC.

C11/38 Community Police

PCSO Tracy Jones reported crime statistics for the previous month.

She requested help with finding Steven O’Riordan missing from his home on Old Road as there was concern for his health and whereabouts.

C11/39 Open Forum

David Lees expressed concern about Planning Application HPK/2010/0613 for a dwelling on land adjacent to 21 Cotton Close. This application had been refused but an appeal against the refusal had been made to the Planning Inspectorate. Mr Lees asked for support from the council against the appeal.

C11/40 Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held on 12th May 2011

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held on 12th May 2011 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C11/41 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on 12th May 2011

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12th May 2011 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C11/42 Clerk’s Report

The Clerk’s report was received.

C11/43 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2031	Shelter Maintenance Co	Bus shelter cleaning	39.55
2032	Zurich Municipal	Compensation claim payment	960.00
2033	S Drinkwater & Son Ltd	Grounds maintenance	3.60
2034	F Frodsham	Hanging baskets	3188.00
2035	W Robinson & Sons	Plants for hanging baskets	1664.40
2036	Mechanics Institute	June 2011 Account	571.82
2037	HPBC	Skatepark Inspect Agreement	164.57
2038	HP Marquees	Welldressing marquee deposit	163.17
2039	Street Entertainers	W3 Entertainers	660.00
2040	Marquees.com Ltd	W3 Marquee hire	1098.00
2041	Cash	Petty Cash June 2011	45.36
0342	Stanway & Hallows Ltd	SA – PAT testing and repairs	116.40
0343	HPBC	SA – Rates	152.00
TOTAL			£ 8826.87

C11/44 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies – None

C11/45 Correspondence

1. Peak Park Parishes Forum – Annual Liaison meeting between Parish/Town Councils and officers of Peak District NPA on Tuesday 12th July 2011 at Aldern house, Bakewell.
2. Peak Park Parishes Forum – Peak District NP Management Plan Workshop on Monday 20th June 2011 at Aldern House, Bakewell one place per council.
3. DCC – comments to points raised regarding Cotton Close/Elnor Lane/Chapel Road junction (**Circulated**)
4. BT – information that the phone box on Bings Road, Whaley Bridge could be adopted.
5. Whaley Hall – information about Corpus Christie on Saturday 25th June 2011 at 3.30pm.
6. Vitalise – requesting support for their work in providing respite breaks for disabled people enabling carers to have a rest.
7. DCC – request from Wayne Bexton for comments on issues raised by an Elnor Lane resident regarding the Shallcross Incline and Safe Routes to School.
8. HPBC – notice of essential Code of Conduct training session for elected councillors on Wednesday 8th June 2011 in the Pavilion Arts Centre, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton.
9. Ringmaster – incidents in High Peak & Derbyshire Dales of mobile phone calls purporting to be from the bank to sort problems with bankcards – enquiries continuing.
10. Northern Rail – response from Mark Baker to comments regarding developments at Whaley Bridge Station confirming that signage and information about the ‘easy access area’ will be raised at a ‘handback’ meeting. Provision of a similar facility on the Buxton platform and return of parking spaces with removal of the prefab ticket office have been referred to colleagues.
11. Chris Hartgrove – response regarding rises to Council House Rents – High Peak
12. DCC – copy of Wayne Bexton’s e-mail response to issues raised in Item 7 above.
13. DCC – Section 278 Agreement – Highways Act 1980, Development at Elnor Lane/Chapel Road, Whaley Bridge By Pinetree Developments.
14. Sam Gray – Urgent request for help to run the barbecue at the W3 event 11/12th June.
15. DCC – consultation on the general principle of ‘part street lighting’ being considered to reduce energy costs.
16. Kinder Mountain Rescue Team – information about a Ruby Ball celebration on Saturday 24th September 2011 at Shrigley Hall Hotel.

17. Local Development Framework – information about High Peak Community Conversations
18. Friends of the Peak District – e-newsletter May 2011
19. Ringmaster – notice of 14th Annual Emergency Services Display Day on the Pavilion Gardens Promenade, Buxton on Sunday 12th June 2011.

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DALC Circulars and Information 2011 – Content	
	DCC letter with information about Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum on Thursday 23 rd June 2011 6-8pm Members Room, County Hall, Matlock
29	General: Sport England – Protecting Playing Fields; Human Resources Consultancy from Hampshire Association of Local Councils; HM Revenue & Customs – free employer and business advice open day.
30	Election for Executive Committee 2011-2015
31	General: Cutting Red Tape; Consultation on Regulations under the sustainable Communities Act 2007; HM Revenue & Customs – Free Employer and Business Advice Open Day

21. WB Primary School – request for donation towards Centenary Project to convert old outside toilet block to new classroom.
22. Peak District NPA – ballot paper for appointment of Parish Members High Peak and Metropolitan Area. **Agreed to submit the Town Council's vote for Peter Harrison.**
23. Ezra Garside – pictures of derelict old cricket pavilion.
24. Communities and Local Government – community right to build proposals
25. Dave Lees – e-mail thanks for information about Cotton Close adoption.
26. HPBC – Playground inspection report.
27. Ringmaster – Operation Blackbrook meeting cancellation.
28. HPBC – signed copy of Service Level Agreement for Children's Playground Inspections.
29. Chapel-en-le-Frith Mobile Physiotherapy Service – notice of AGM on Wednesday 29th June 2011 in Thornsett Room at Chinley Independent Chapel and request for donation.
30. WB Rose Queen Festival Committee – invitation to Council Chair to attend the Annual Carnival Day on Saturday 25th June 2011.
31. DCC – reminder for Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum meeting on 23rd June 2011 and request for attendees names to assist with planning the evening. **Cllrs Jon Goldfinch and Martin Thomas to attend.**

32. DCC – invitation to voluntary and community groups to join in celebrating Small Charities Week 2011 20th – 24th June 2011 with special event from 6.30 to 8.30 at County Hall Matlock on Tuesday 21st June 2011.
33. NALC – LCR summer 2011.
34. Leathems solicitors – request for instruction re Shallcross Incline.
35. Local Authority Publishing Co Ltd – Prices for Town Guide reprint.
July agenda item.

C11/46 Request for a Grant from Toddbrook Sailing Club

RESOLVED: To grant £200 to Toddbrook Sailing Club to provide new buoyancy aids for younger members to encourage them to learn this sport.

C11/47 Adoption of Cotton Close as a road maintained by DCC

An email was received from Paul Edwards (DCC) explaining the reasons why Cotton Close had not been adopted as a road maintained as a public highway by DCC. The original developer had not entered into a Section 38 Agreement with DCC for the adoption of Cotton Close, which is necessary to enable the developer to legally dedicate that estate street as a public highway. Entering into a Section 38 Agreement is voluntary and therefore DCC is unable to insist that the developer enters into such an Agreement.

RESOLVED: To write to Andrew Bingham MP stating that the procedure is unacceptable and that the legislation does not work and requesting him to draw the above matter to the attention of the appropriate minister.

C11/48 Sunnybank Allotment Site – Request for a Skip

A letter was received from Mr David Dugate (Allotment No. 2) requesting that a skip be provided at the allotment site to remove larger items of accumulated rubbish. This request was supported by the Allotment and Gardeners Society.

RESOLVED: To provide a skip as part of a wider clearance scheme prior to installing a water pipe and tank to supply tenants with fresh water for their plots.

RESOLVED: To write to all tenants requesting their help with the ground preparation including site clearance, drainage, tree removal, digging a channel and installing a water pipe and tank.

RESOLVED: To review the tenancy agreements at a future council meeting and obtain a model allotment tenancy agreement for discussion.

C11/49 Proposal to Transfer £2000 from Election Budget to Regeneration Budget

This proposal was discussed.

RESOLVED: To transfer £1000 from the budget for elections to the budget for regeneration for 2011/12 due to no expenditure being incurred for the May elections.

C11/50 Whaley4Wards

Minutes of the inaugural meeting for Whaley4Wards, the new regeneration forum, which took place on 1st June 2011 were circulated. Cllr Jon Goldfinch had been elected as Chair and Cllr Martin Thomas as Secretary of this organisation at that meeting.

Cllr Taylor had been appointed by DCC as their official representative to the previous Whaley Bridge Regeneration Partnership.

RESOLVED: To inform DCC that the old Regeneration Partnership is now defunct and has been replaced by Whaley4Wards and to request that Cllr Taylor be their official representative on Whaley4Wards instead.

Cllr Goldfinch reported that information was available on the community website (www.whaleybridge.com) with a resources page including copies of past feasibility studies and plans for the regeneration of Whaley Bridge and Furness Vale.

It was noted that Cllr Susanne Lomas was willing to be the representative for Furness Vale COGS and this would be ratified at the July Town Council meeting.

C11/51 Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service – Emergency Cover Review

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service have conducted a detailed review of emergency cover and is consulting on the proposals contained in the review report. The review proposed that options be developed to improve the resilience and cover in the western part of the High Peak area.

RESOLVED: To respond expressing support for the expansion of Whaley Bridge Fire Station facilities to improve response times along the A6 and bypass and provide better cover for the central High Peak Area.

C11/52 DCC – Part-night Street Lighting Consultation

A letter was received from Ian Stephenson stating that DCC is currently considering ways in which it can make savings by reducing its energy costs and reduce the carbon impact associated with street lighting. 'Part night lighting' is being investigated which involves turning off identified street lights between the hours of midnight until 5.30am each day, or permanently switching off lighting which is no longer providing a community benefit. These measures are planned to achieve a £400,000 budget saving.

RESOLVED: To complete the questionnaire and respond to the consultation, supporting the proposals in principle and suggesting that reducing lighting on main traffic routes should also be included.

C11/53 Mink Control at Brookfield Pond Nature Reserve

An email was received from residents adjoining the Brookfield Pond Nature Reserve complaining about the sightings of mink in the area around Brookfield Pond Nature Reserve. Mink are a non-native invasive species with no known predators, feeding on water voles (endangered species), ducks, fish, hens and other small animals and are becoming a problem in many areas. There are strict guidelines for the monitoring, trapping and disposal of these creatures.

RESOLVED: To write to the Moss Side Social Anglers Society requesting assistance in the monitoring and control of mink around Brookfield Pond and Toddbrook Reservoir.

RESOLVED: To ascertain whether British Waterways have any policies for the control of mink in this area.

RESOLVED: To alert neighbouring parishes to the problem and request their assistance in the control of mink in the central area of the High Peak.

C11/54 Shallcross Incline – Access Issues

Cllr Swift stated that he would be attending a site meeting on 10th June 2011 to discuss and resolve remaining access issues. He will report back to the July meeting.

C11/55 Purchase of Fennels Restaurant (No. 29) adjacent to the Mechanics Institute

It was noted that the restaurant adjacent to the Mechanics Institute (Fennels/No.29) was for sale by auction with a reserve of £125,000. The suggestion to purchase this property with a view to improving access to the Mechanics Institute was discussed. It was felt that the timescales involved were too prohibitive to progress the suggestion at the present time.

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)