

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Meeting: Town Council
Date: 8th March 2012
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Goldfinch (Chairman), Gilmour, Lomax, Pritchard, Swift, Thomas, Wild and Mrs Anne Winter. PCSO Karen Green

MINUTES

C11/194 Apologies for Absence

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

C11/195 Declarations of Members' Interests (2)

Cllr Goldfinch	Agenda Items 10 and 11	Member of Sports Association Executive
Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Items 10 and 11	Chair of Sports Association Executive

C11/196 Community Police

PCSO Karen Green reported crime statistics for the previous month.

C11/197 Open Forum – No members of the public present

C11/198 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 9th February 2011

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 9th February 2012 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them, following amendment to the list of attendees to read "Cllr Gilmour (from 7.45pm)".

C11/199 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was received.

C11/200 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2135	HMRC	PAYE & NI payment Feb	583.80
2136	WB Band	Donation	75.00
2137	Welldressing Group	Donation	100.00
2138	Friends of FV Station	Donation	75.00
2139	Kinder Mountain	Donation (replaced cheque)	100.00
2140	Cash	Cllr J Swift expenses	60.00
2141	WB Mechanics Institute	March Account	521.58
2142	MAP Ltd	Newsletter distribution	126.00
2143	Stanway & Hallows	Xmas lights connection	114.00
2144	Leathems Solicitors	Fees for Shallcross Incline	2163.99
2145	Bishop & Co Solicitors	Fees for Shallcross Incline	488.00
2146	HPBC	Xmas tree work	403.82
2147	Cash	Petty cash March 2012	64.39
2148	FieldTurf Tarkett SAS	Resurfacing MUGA Project	110207.41
0375	Patricia Boothby	SA - Relief caretaking	79.04
0376	HPBC	SA - Sports pavilion insurance	125.71
0377	Southern Electric	SA - Electricity	172.50
TOTAL			£ 115460.24

C11/201 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr Thomas reported that local shopkeepers and businesses proposed to set up a Traders Association.

Cllr Thomas reported on a meeting of the Bingswood Access and Canal Basin Regeneration Panel held on 5th March 2012. It was proposed to initiate a meeting with United Utilities to ascertain their current position. **Cllr Mrs Anne Winter** reported on a meeting with Nick Smith from British Waterways held on 13th February 2012. Nick Smith reported that BW proposed to use the transshipment warehouse for storage facilities. British Waterways will be changing their name to The Canal and River Trust.

Cllr Goldfinch reported on a meeting of the Sports Association Executive held on 7th March 2012. Steve Rampley had given a presentation on behalf of Whaley Bridge Football Club outlining proposals for a maintenance programme for the new 3G surface installed on the multi-use games area. (April meeting agenda item.)

Cllr Mrs Anne Winter reported on behalf of the Friends of Whaley Bridge Station. The platform foundations had been found to be weaker than anticipated. Seventeen piles and a new track support system have been installed. The completion date is now expected to be at the end of May 2012.

C11/202 Correspondence

1. Cllr Pritchard – e-mail re: request from Mrs Jean Hallam for cleaning of the stone parapets of the bridge over the River Goyt at Market Street.
2. HPBC – papers for Standards Committee meeting on 22/02/2012
3. Bill Newton Dunn MEP - report to Derbyshire.
4. Peak District NPA – Review of Statement of Community Involvement.

5. Ringmaster – Surgeries for WB and Chapel residents.
6. RAD – New funding opportunity for Energy Projects.
7. Ringmaster –Introduction of new messaging system ‘Derbyshire Alert’.
8. HPBC – list of recent protected tree applications.
9. Derbyshire Police – minutes of recent SNT meeting.
10. United Utilities – Notice of sewer improvement work with removal of trees, River Goyt adjacent to White Hart Hotel.
11. Peak District NPA – request to publicise a letter about illegal tree works to protected trees.
12. PPPF – notice of Planning and Localism free training events in Buxton.
13. DCC – Members’ Community Leadership Scheme payment of £4000 towards MUGA project.
14. WB Welldressing Group – letter of thanks for donation.
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DALC Circulars and Information 2012 – Content	
08	General Circular – Section 137 Expenditure limit for 2012/2013; The Queen Elizabeth II fields challenge – Fields in Trust; Community Commissioning; Information Commissioner’s office guidance on information held in private email accounts.
09	Neighbourhood Planning – All you need to know training at Little Eaton 21 st March 2012; CPRE/NALC Planning Champion for Derbyshire.
10	Meetings of local councils – a summary of the various types of meetings held.
11	General Circular – Prayers at Council Meetings; Repeal of the local government (Discretionary Payments) regulations 1996; Chesterfield police community safety planning day.
12	General Circular – Audit 2011/12; Clerks’ Day 11 th April 2012; Government Fast-tracks general power of competence to permit prayers at council meetings (See DALC Circular 11/2012 item 1); DALC subscription invoices.

16. Peak District NPA – planning application refusal notice for NP/HPK/1211/1294 Proposed subdivision of farmhouse and attached converted barn extension into two separate dwellings at Folds Lane Farm. **Copy to Cllr John Swift.**
17. WBTC Bingswood Access and Canal Basin Regeneration Panel – minutes 5/3/12.
18. DCC – confirmation that the Town Council concerns about proposed youth service cuts will be included with the consultation.
19. Open Spaces Society - newsletter Spring 2012 Volume 30 no 3.

20. WB Band – letter of thanks for donation.
21. HPBC – e-mail response from Monica Gillespie about tree felling WB Park/allotments.

C11/ 203 Sports Pavilion and Multi-Use Games Area Lease Extension

In order to comply with the criteria for eligibility for the Football Foundation grant for the MUGA resurfacing project, an unexpired term of 20years for the lease of the facility from High Peak Borough council is required.

HPBC has no objections in principle to extending the term of the lease but wish to make small modifications to the lease to include some personal use of the pavilion by the Park Ranger. A final legal document will be produced by HPBC for full discussion.

Concern was expressed about trees adjacent to the rear fence of the MUGA contaminating the new surface with leaves and catkins. Cllr Pritchard will pursue the case for removing or crowning the trees with HPBC.

C11/204 MUGA – Additional Drainage Work by WBFC

A request was received from WBFC to carry out some additional drainage work to the rear of the pavilion.

It was agreed that WBFC should not undertake any further maintenance works until a formal agreement had been discussed setting out the terms for carrying out maintenance tasks and following investigating any specific insurance requirements. It was agreed that the implications of an agreement be discussed at the April Town Council meeting.

C11/205 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – 4th June 2012

Cllr John Swift agreed to organise the lighting of a beacon and investigate providing a hog roast during the evening. It was suggested that the WB Cricket Club could be a suitable venue. Cllr Lomax stated that HPBC has grant funding available towards the cost of providing Diamond Jubilee celebrations in the Borough.

C11/206 Date for Annual Town Meeting

RESOLVED: To hold the Annual Town Meeting on Friday, 20th April 2012 at 7pm in the Mechanics Institute.

C11/207 Annual Community Award 2012

The Annual Community Award is given to a person or organisation that has made an outstanding voluntary contribution during the previous year to the community of Whaley Bridge or Furness Vale.

It was noted that the presentation of the Annual Community Award would take place during the Annual Town Meeting on Friday, 20th April 2012.

C11/208 Repairs to Potholes along Unadopted Roads

Repairing potholes along unadopted roads was discussed with particular reference to New Road, Horwich End. It was noted that DCC (Highways Authority) are not responsible for repairing potholes along roads which have not been officially adopted to be maintained at the public expense.

Whaley Bridge Town Council did not wish to instigate schemes for filling potholes along unadopted roads that are the responsibility of the residents but would consider making a small contribution towards a scheme undertaken by a group of residents if requested.

C11/209 Spring Newsletter

It was agreed to include articles on:

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| Repairing potholes on unadopted roads. | Annual Community Award |
| Provision of additional allotments | Annual Town Meeting |
| Producing a Neighbourhood Plan | Resurfaced MUGA facility |

C11/210 Acquisition of land off Shallcross Road/Shallcross Incline – Invoice from Leathems Solicitors

RESOLVED: To pay the invoice for £2163.99 to Leathems Solicitors for professional services undertaken to acquire land for the route of the Shallcross Incline Greenway.

RESOLVED: To pay the invoice for £488.00 to Bishop & Co Solicitors for professional services undertaken to acquire a right of access across the verge at the south end of the Shallcross Incline Greenway.

C11/211 Sunnybank Allotment Site

It was noted that there are now 47 names on the waiting list for allotments.

It was suggested that if the waterlogged area to the right of the allotment site could be cleared, then installing small raised plots for cultivation may be possible.

RESOLVED: To contact all the names on the waiting list to ascertain if they are prepared to help with clearance work to provide new allotments or raised beds for cultivation at Sunnybank Allotment Site.

RESOLVED: To contact High Peak Borough Council to ascertain their plans for the area of land at Horwich End traffic lights (Carrs Field) and re-submit a request for this land to be used as an additional allotment site for Whaley Bridge.

RESOLVED: To investigate options for grant funding.

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