

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Meeting: Town Council
Date: 12th May 2011
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Goldfinch (Chairman), Bowden, Linda Leather, Lomax, Pritchard, Swift, Thomas and Mrs Anne Winter.

MINUTES

C11/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Wild and Taylor. PC Crosthwaite and PCSO Tracy Jones.

C11/16 Declarations of Members' Interests (1)

Cllr Linda Leather Agenda Item 11 Prospective Member of HPBC Development Committee

C11/17 Community Police

A written statement of the latest month Crime and Positive Outcome Figures was received from PC Crosthwaite.

RESOLVED: To ask for this written report to be available at each meeting providing that it is not restricted information.

C11/18 Open Forum

Keith Buttrill addressed members requesting support for the pre-application submission for the proposed planning application for Far End Cottage, Elnor Lane for a new vehicle driveway and garage.

It was noted that the Ward Member for HPBC could be asked to call in an application for determination by the HPBC Development Control Committee rather than the decision be delegated to a Planning Officer.

C11/19 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 14th April 2011

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 14th April 2011 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C11/20 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was received.

C11/21 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2022	Environment Agency	Water abstraction licence	24.67
2023	Mechanics Institute	May account	550.82
2024	B Woodcock	Internal audit fee	86.80
2025	Zurich Insurance plc	Insurance 2011/12	2314.09
2026	Peartree Print	Stationery	89.74
2027	Stamford Products Ltd	Grit bin	114.60
2028	A Dewberry	Hanging basket bracket work	148.00
2029	HPBC	Allotment rent 2011/12	10.00
2030	Cash	Petty cash May 2011 account	60.84
0339	Cash	SA – Petty cash May	3.99
0340	S Drinkwater & Son Ltd	SA – Repairs & maintenance	14.70
0341	HPBC	SA – Rates	147.50
		Total	£ 3565.75

C11/22 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr John Pritchard reported that the easy-access area (raised platform) had been installed on the Manchester side of the station. It was noted that it was also planned to raise the level of the platform on the Buxton side in the near future.

RESOLVED: To write to Northern Rail requesting that the easy-access area is advertised on the platform and on the train to direct passengers to the correct area for improved access.

C11/23 Correspondence

1. RBS – complaints procedure response regretting that there is no error in the Whaley Bridge Branch closure on Mondays and Wednesdays, the decision being reached following their review finding an apparent decrease in usage over the last year. **Notice Board**
2. Ringmaster – attempted burglary at Buxton Road, Furness Vale property between 21st and 25th April 2011.
3. Ringmaster – Roads Policing on-line discussion information.
4. Peak District NPA – appointment of parish members nomination form. Deadline for receipt 5pm on Monday 23rd May 2011.
5. Ringmaster – Special Constables recruitment campaign.
6. Cllr Pritchard – e-mailed copy of response from Richard Benson MP to Simon Baker about proposals to make British Waterways a third sector organisation and fulfilment of obligations under the Reservoirs Act 1975 and Flood and Water Management Act 2010 in respect of the reservoirs in High Peak. **Notice Board**
7. WB Well Dressing Group – letter of thanks for the Council's donation.

8. Ringmaster – notice of police surgery at Tesco Store WB 28th April 2011.
9. Peak District NPA – invitation to take part in a consultation on the next PDNP management plan, from 15th April until 1st July 2011.
10. HPBC – confirmation that if there are any surplus seats from the Memorial Park project, some agreement about them may be reached with WBTC.
11. HPBC – The Memorial Park Ranger/Gardener post is due to be advertised mid May and an introductory meeting with the appointed person can be arranged. Request for basketball nets might be included as an add-on to the project if finances allow. **Agreed to write to Andrew Stokes, Deputy Chief Executive at HPBC, making him aware of our contribution of £10,000 over 5 years to the park refurbishment project and requesting a presentation of the works planned and progress to date.**
12. Ringmaster – notice of Liberation Day (for fifty plus year olds) on Friday 17th June 2011 10.30 – 3.30 at the Agricultural Centre, Bakewell. Free parking, refreshments, lunch and entertainment.
13. HPBC – confirmation of action in relation to 28 Meadowfield. **(Circulated)**
14. Open Spaces Society – ‘fighting sorrows’ appeal to assist action against threats from government changes and cuts.
15. DCC – response to request for parking restrictions on Meadowfield and Whaley Lane. **Agreed to send a letter to the Executive Member for Communities requesting further action be taken to solve the problems at 28 Meadowfield.**
16. Ringmaster – press release re Crimewatch
17. RAD – ruralmatters magazine Spring 2011.
18. Peak Park Parishes Forum – notice of PDNP Management Plan Workshop to feed into the consultation exercise on 20th June 2011.
19. Jonathan Carnall – information about skatepark stage 2 application and request for letter of support. **Agreed to send a letter of support for this grant application.**
20. HPBC – Playground inspection and maintenance report for April 2011.
21. BT – adopt a kiosk information.
22. Barry Rudd – request for concessionary use of the Mechanics Institute for the Water Weekend – Friday 10th to Sunday 12th June 2011. **Request granted.**
23. Rodney Gilmour – letter expressing interest in being co-opted to the Town Council.
24. Neville Clarke – e-mail expressing interest in being co-opted to the Town Council.
25. HPBC – papers for Annual Meeting of the Borough Council on Wednesday 18th May 2011 at 7.15pm at Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Hall.

26. Copy of email from Barrie Walker to DCC, re: Cotton Close/Elnor Lane junction. (circulated). **Agreed to write to DCC stating that no money should be returned to the developer until it is confirmed who has responsibility for completing the works at this junction and future maintenance.**

DALC Circulars and Information 2011 – Content	
23	General: East Midlands Allotments Officers' Forum;
24	Urgent: NALC Legal Briefing – Future Standards of Conduct of Members of Local Authorities in England
25	General: Landfill Communities Fund Grants Available from DET; End of Aggregates Levy Fund.
26	General: Digital Switchover and Switchover Help Scheme.
27	Training: One day training course for chairmen and other prospective chairmen; HM Revenue & Customs workshops
28	Revised First Edition of 'Standing Orders for Local Councils'

C11/24 Annual Community Award

Two nominations were received.

RESOLVED: That Beryl Axcell receive the Annual Community Award for 2010/11 to be presented at the Town Council Meeting to be held on 9th June 2011.

C11/25 Annual Town Meeting - Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 15th April 2011 were received. As requested in Minute No: T2011/09 – Questions and Resolutions from members of the public, it was:

RESOLVED: To write to Chris Hartgrove, HPBC Head of Finance and Revenue, asking why council house rents for 2011/12 had been increased by 5.91% and what 'advice' from High Peak Community Housing is being referred to in Section 5.3.5 (of Section 5.3 Housing Revenue account) on page 29 of appendix B of the Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12 – 2013/14.

C11/26 Internal Audit of Accounts to 31st March 2011

The accounts for the financial year 2010/11 had been audited and approved by Mr Barrie Woodcock. He completed and signed the Internal Audit section of the Annual Return with no further action required.

C11/27 Approval and Signature of the Annual Return 2010/11, Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement

The completed Annual Return for 2010/11 was received.

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts to 31st March 2011 and to authorise the Chairman, Cllr Goldfinch, to sign the Annual Return, Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement as a true and correct record.

The year-end accounts and signed Annual Return will be submitted to the External Auditor (Audit Commission) by 16th May 2011.

C11/28 Whaley Bridge Regeneration Forum – The Way Forward

Cllr Martin Thomas stated that the issues relating to the construction of the Goyt River Bridge should be considered separately from a new regeneration forum which should focus on achievable local projects.

Cllr Lomax proposed that a letter be sent to the Executive Member for Regeneration at HPBC highlighting the Goyt River Bridge issue and inviting him to a future Town Council meeting to discuss this project with members.

RESOLVED:

1. To form two separate groups: A **Goyt River Bridge Steering Group** and the **Whaley Bridge 4Wards** (new regeneration forum).
2. To write to the HPBC Executive Member for Regeneration (as above).
3. To convene a meeting of interested parties to form Whaley Bridge 4Wards and discuss the production of a Town Plan.

C11/29 Insurance Policy Renewal – Zurich Municipal

RESOLVED: To renew the insurance policy with Zurich Municipal for 2011/12 costing £2,314.09.

C11/30 New Leader of HPBC

RESOLVED: To invite the new Leader of High Peak Borough Council to attend the June Town Council Meeting to discuss issues of concern.

C11/31 Removal of Tree – Shallcross Incline

Cllr Lomax reported that a resident had requested the removal of a tree at the bottom of the Shallcross Incline, identified by a blue “W” on the trunk.

RESOLVED: To request a visit by HPBC Tree Officer, Monica Gillespie, to agree that the tree should be removed.

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)