

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, SK23 7AA
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Meeting: Town Council
Date: 13th October 2011
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Goldfinch (Chairman), Bowden, Gilmour, Pritchard, Swift (until 9.00pm), Taylor, Thomas and Mrs Anne Winter. PC Andy Crosthwaite.

MINUTES

C11/106 Apologies for Absence

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

C11/107 Declarations of Members' Interests (3)

Cllr Goldfinch	Agenda Item 10	Chair of Whaley4Wards
Cllr Goldfinch	Agenda Item 11	MUGA Project Co-ordinator
Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Item 15	Member of HPBC

C11/108 Community Police

PC Andy Crosthwaite reported crime statistics for the previous month.

Cllr Bowden registered concern about dangerous driving and impaired visibility at the Bridgemont roundabout and requested that DCC investigate the problems which could potentially cause an accident.

Cllr Goldfinch registered concern about traffic speeding through Horwich End traffic lights.

C11/109 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 8th September 2011

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 8th September 2011 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C11/110 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was received. It was noted that DCC had received a letter from PT Building Developments Ltd stating their intention to pursue a Section 104 Agreement with United Utilities and connection of the street lighting column and then request adoption of cotton Close by DCC.

C11/111 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2076	WB Primary School	Donation	100.00
2077	Chapel Mobile Physio	Donation	150.00
2078	RBL	Donation	100.00
2079	1 st Taxal Scout Group	Donation	150.00
2080	WB Band	Donation	200.00
2081	Kinder Mountain Rescue	Donation	100.00
2082	Furness Vale COGS	Donation	50.00
2083	WB Cricket Club	Donation	150.00
2084	HP Twins/Multiples Club	Donation	50.00
2085	Batemill Trade Centre	Water cylinder for MI	510.00
2086	S Drinkwater & Son Ltd	Footpath repair materials	84.00
2087	Peartree Print	Stationery	117.58
2088	DCC	Payroll August 2011	2775.66
2089	Notice Board Company	COGS notice board	508.79
2090	Peartree Print	Newsletter printing	200.40
2091	Open Spaces Society	Subscription	40.00
2092	Michael Nelson	FV Xmas tree electricity	50.00
2093	Mechanics Institute	October 2011 account	566.57
2094	DCC	Brookfield Pond Tree Survey	140.40
2095	Shelter Maintenance Co	Bus Shelter Cleaning	59.33
2096	Cash	Petty Cash – October account	37.62
0356	DCC	SA – Payroll August 2011	233.13
0357	HPBC	SA – Rates November	152.00
0358	Surfacing Standards Ltd	SA – MUGA condition report	582.00
TOTAL			£ 7107.48

C11/112 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr John Swift had attended the planning appeal for the Taxal Lodge development. He stated that there was a discrepancy between the valuations for the development and whether it would generate enough profit to contribute towards provision of affordable housing. The decision is pending

Cllr Pritchard had attended a meeting of the High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership which discussed the future provision of ticket offices along the Buxton line.

C11/113 Correspondence

1. COGS – Thanks for donations for newsletter and noticeboard projects.
2. RAD – information on consultation on proposal to examine the deregulation of Schedule One of the Licensing Act 2003.
3. Ringmaster – request for help to report and deter scrap metal thieves.
4. Derbyshire Police Authority – Local Policing Review 2011.
5. DCC – notice of publication of the new Derbyshire Local Transport Plan.

6. Ringmaster – warning regarding bogus ‘Council Tax Officers’.
7. HP&HV CRP – papers for meeting.
8. Steve Rampley/Paul Evans – e-mails about dog fouling at the Memorial Park football pitches. **Agreed to write to Christine Latham at HPBC to request that dogs are kept on leads in the Memorial Park, specifically in the children’s play areas and football pitches.**
9. Boundary Commission for England – 2013 Review of Parliamentary constituencies in England consultation.
10. Cllr Jon Goldfinch – e-mail about MUGA issues, relating to funding bids, raised by the football club and discussed at the last council meeting.
11. Cllr John Pritchard – copy of e-mail about rail booking office closures.
12. HPBC – Notice of HPBC Open Day on 21st September 2011.
13. Bright Sparks – looking for champions for rural communities and enterprise in the Peak District, to support the Bright Sparks programme.
14. WB Cricket Club – thanks for donation from the council.
15. DCC – e-mail about report from Mr Eric Baldwin of 1 Beech Rise regarding damaged grit bin. **Cllr Taylor to inspect.**
16. Andrew Bingham MP – thanks for our support of proposals submitted by Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council for large planning applications. Also a link to a guide to the Localism Bill.
17. HP CVS – invitation to AGM on 20/10/2011 at New Mills Town Hall.
18. DCC – Young Achievers Awards 2011 – nominations by 14/10/2011.
19. WB – Tymbark Twinning – Newsletter Autumn 2011
20. Goyt Valley Round Table – e-mail about Fireworks for 2011.
21. Chapel-en-le-Frith Mobile Physiotherapy Service – thanks for donation.
22. Ringmaster – Press release about new van to keep revellers safe.
23. Ringmaster – New DVD for witnesses and victims.
24. DCC – Temporary Road Closure notices at Hockerley Lane from 14-16 November 2011 to facilitate carriageway-patchingworks and at Meadowfield on 17/18 November 2011.
25. HPBC – papers for Ordinary meeting on 5th October 2011.
26. Fields in Trust – update on timeline for QEII Fields Challenge.
27. Ringmaster – Press release about Specials.
28. DCC – Steve Allcock, comments re: Yeadsley Lane meeting on 20/9/11.
29. HP & HV CRP – minutes from last meeting.
30. Andrew Wild – e-mail to DCC about Yeadsley Lane meeting.
31. PC Andy Crossthwaite – re: next SNT meeting 19th October at MI.
32. Ringmaster – WB SNT area forum.
33. HPBC – proposed relocation of Red kiosk to Tom Brads Croft, confirming planning permission would not be required, but advice should be sought about impact on trees from arboricultural officer and possible

interference with visibility splays from DCC.

34. Pageantmaster, The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons – Guide.
35. Open Spaces Society – notice of Special General Meeting on 23rd November 2011 to give effect to incorporation of the society as unanimously approved by the trustees.
36. Peak District NPA - Community Newsletter, ParkLife.
37. Ringmaster – re: cash machine users to check for suspicious devices.
38. Ringmaster – Save a Life Scheme information.
39. Open Spaces Society – re: Defra Consultation on Village Greens.
40. Rodney Gilmour – e-mail raising issues about a section of Elnor Lane.
Agreed to write to DCC expressing concern about the inadequate drainage and water erosion on Elnor Lane.
41. Ringmaster – Crime Figures for first six months of year.
42. WB Rose Queen Festival Committee – application for concessionary use of MI for presentation evening on 12th November 2011.
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No.	DALC Circulars and Information 2011 – Content
43	General Circular – The Bribery Act 2010, impact on Local Councils; Seventh Annual Countryside Alliance Awards; Finding and bidding for project funding.
44	Supporting Communities and Neighbourhoods in Planning – Training in Derbyshire for Parish/Town Councils Outside the Peak District National Park – Important Training Opportunity.
45	General Circular – The Sport England's Iconic Facilities Fund; Village SOS Active, your Power of Well Being Opportunity; Minutes of the DALC Executive Committee held on 3 rd September 2011; Minutes of the DALC AGM 3 rd September 2011.
46	General Circular – The 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England; LCR Surveys 2011; The Future of Standards of Conduct of Members of Local Authorities in England – Update; Derbyshire Police Authority, Local Policing review 2011.
47	General Circular – Audit Commission work to be put out to tender; Prince's Fund Re-opens for applications; Internet Banking and Section 150(5); The Gathering, Markham Vale's light and sound event; DCC Parish Forum
48	General Circular – The code of recommended practice for local authorities on data transparency; Shipley PC Clerk/RFO Vacancy; East Midlands Allotments Officers' Forum
49	DALC Training Circular – Law & Good Practice Course; New Course – Minutes and Procedures; New Course – Being a Good Councillor
50	General Circular – 2011 Young Achievers Awards.

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C11/ 114 Whaley4Wards

A letter was received from Cllr Caitlin Bisknell (Leader of HPBC) stating that the regeneration partnership will receive £4000 for local projects for 2011/12.

Minutes of the W4W meetings held on 26th July and 6th September 2011 were received and discussed.

Various projects are being investigated including the promotion of a sculpture walk in the Memorial park, renovating the steps at the far end of Toddbrook Reservoir, a Best Kept Garden competition and sponsorship of the council's flower tubs and hanging baskets by local organisations and businesses.

Relocating a red heritage telephone kiosk to the town centre as an information point was also discussed.

It was agreed that the Coronation Rowan trees at the canal basin required some limited pruning work with agreement from British Waterways.

RESOLVED: That Whaley4Wards should investigate sponsorship for individual flower tubs and hanging baskets.

RESOLVED: That a litter pick be organised for 26/27th November 2011 along the left-hand side of the canal basin area.

C11/115 MUGA Resurfacing Project

Cllr Goldfinch reported on the position with funding applications and regulations affecting reclaiming VAT.

The total cost of the project had risen to £103,580. Funding sources for this had been identified providing VAT could be reclaimed.

Cllr Goldfinch agreed to contact HMRC and DCC for further expert advice.

C11/116 Sports Pavilion Roof Repairs

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation for £90 from R.H. Longden to carry out repairs to the end plates on the roof at the Sports Pavilion.

C11/117 Concessionary Use of the Mechanics Institute

RESOLVED: To grant concessionary use of the Mechanics Institute for community Christmas activities on Friday, 2nd December 2011.

RESOLVED: To grant concessionary use of the Mechanics Institute for the Rose Queen Presentation Evening on Saturday, 12th November 2011.

C11/118 Brookfield Pond Nature Reserve – Tree Survey

A survey of the trees at Brookfield Pond had been undertaken by DCC on 4th August 2011 and a survey report received and the recommendations

discussed.

It was noted that Paul Evans (Memorial Park Ranger) would be organising a litter pick around the pond and embankments.

Cllrs Taylor and Swift agreed to investigate the recommendations resulting from the tree survey report and progress any necessary actions.

C11/119 Disposal of Litter and Dog Waste at Toddbrook Reservoir

Concern had been expressed by local residents that the dog waste bin had not been emptied and had now been removed.

Cllr Pritchard explained that High Peak Borough Council had removed the dog waste bin at the entrance to Toddbrook Reservoir as it was not being maintained or emptied by British Waterways (owners) thus causing an unsightly mess and health hazard.

HPBC are not the landowners and do not have any responsibility for emptying the bin but had offered a service contract to British Waterways for this action but BW had not responded.

It was noted that HPBC would be serving an enforcement notice on BW to keep their land free of litter and hazardous dog waste.

RESOLVED: To ask HPBC to erect signs requesting the public to dispose of bagged dog waste in litterbins provided within the Memorial Park or their own wheelie bins.

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

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Community Organising Green Space (Furness Vale)
Whaley4wards