

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, SK23 7AA
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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th January 2016 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge.

Present: Councillors Thomas (Chair), Bowden, Goldfinch, Pritchard, Swift, Taylor, Wild and Anne Winter.

In Attendance: Rev. Margaret Jones; Keith Bradshaw, Town Clerk; Four members of the Public.

C15/166 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Zara Clark; Lou Cooper, family bereavement; Gilmour, work commitments and Lomax.

C15/167 Declarations of Members Interests and Dispensation Applications

There were no Declarations of Interests or Dispensation Applications.

C15/168 Community Police

There was no report as no representative from Derbyshire Constabulary was present. The Clerk advised that the next SNT Governance meeting will be held on Thursday 28th January at 7pm – 9pm in the Mechanics Institute.

C15/169 Open Forum – Public Participation

Mr. Christopher Dudhill, Chair of the Friends of Memorial Park, thanked the Council for the use of the meeting room free of charge for the Lantern Workshop and its donation. The lantern event was well attended despite the bad weather and a small surplus was made. There will be planned activities to raise funds and promote the park which will include a dry stone walling course and a coffee morning. The Council was thanked again for its support and was asked for its continued support.

Councillors Goldfinch and Pritchard congratulated Mr Dudhill on the organisation of a successful event.

C15/170 Change to Order of Business and Standing Orders

RESOLVED: To move agenda item 15, Snow Warden Scheme further up the agenda to enable input from Mr. John Hambrook.

C15/171 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 10th December 2015

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 10th December 2015 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C15/172 Town Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: That the Authorisation of Salaries Payments be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

RESOLVED: To note the Town Clerk's report.

C15/173 Accounts for Payment

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

Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
2820	Altodigital Networks Ltd	Photocopier Charges	35.41
2821	Chronicle Accountants	Payroll July - December	132.00
2822	Trusted IT Ltd	Website, 365 & Backup	84.24
2823	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire etc.	585.17
2824	HMRC	PAYE/NIC	1,103.67
2825	DCC	Superannuation	1,129.20
2826	Cash	Postage/Office Provisions	21.58
DD	Supatel Ltd	Broadband & Telephone	33.58
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	TOTAL	3,124.85
Sports Association			
513	High Peak Borough Council	Insurance - Pavilion etc.	70.08
514	Robert Jackson	Gutter repairs	30.00
515	Shorrocks Trichem Ltd	Toilet Rolls/Cleaning Materials	28.22
516	Stanway & Hallows Electrical Ltd	Service fan in ladies toilet	36.00
	Sports Association	TOTAL	164.30
		TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3,289.15

C15/174 Snow Warden Scheme

Derbyshire County Council give one tonne of salt to the Council per annum and this is stored in the locked compound at the pavilion. In the past High Peak Borough Council has gritted the town centre footpaths using quad bikes.

RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Orders.

It was reported that more volunteers are required to do the work.

High Peak Borough Council will only use staff for gritting if they cannot do their usual work. It was suggested to leave any changes for a year to see if HPBC do any gritting this year.

Lockable bins need to be durable and cheap and the costs will be looked into.

STANDING ORDERS were reinstated.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with Joy Redfearn, manager for quad bikes at HPBC, regarding the proposed scheme.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Snow Warden Scheme as outlined in the report.

C15/175 Reports from Outside Bodies

Re-Trunking of the A6

Councillor Bowden attended and spoke to the last meeting of New Mills Town Council who no idea of the implications of this issue but did show interest. County Councillor Beth Atkins supported the idea of a Central Area Forum.

RESOLVED: That the reinstatement of the Central Area Forum be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Stepping Hill Abdominal Unit

The initial review has come out in favour of Stepping Hill and the Wythenshawe case dismissed.

Borough and County Council reports

The Clerk pointed out that general reports from Borough and County Councillors should be given in Public Participation.

C15/176 Correspondence

1. HPBC – High Peak Local Plan Main Modifications Consultation – December 2015. Comment submission required by 28th January 2016.
2. Cllr Thomas – notice from WB SNT that next governance meeting will be on Thursday 28th January 2016, 7-9pm at the Mechanics Institute.
3. The Small Project Group– Notice Board issue 37.
4. Peak District NPA – Planning Services Parishes Bulletin 12
5. CAB – Annual Impact Report
6. Derbyshire Pension Fund – Employers’ Newsletter No 135 December 2015
7. Pageantmaster – Queen’s 90th Birthday Beacons – 21st April 2016.
RESOLVED: To forward a copy of this letter to David Cadwallader of Whaley Bridge Cricket Club with an enquiry regarding the organisation of this event with copies to Councillors Thomas, Goldfinch and Lomax.

8. Jonathan Carnall/HPBC/Derbyshire Wildlife Trust – Badgers in Skatepark.
9. David Pilkington – request, with photographs, for reverse of town signs to be painted to blend into their surroundings.
10. KBS Oakes Partnership - comments and suggestions in response to Park Right initiative.
RESOLVED: To try and determine ownership of the land behind the White Hart
11. Rural Services Network – Rural Vulnerability Service, Rural Transport, December 2015.
12. Robinsons Brewery – response regarding rat problems in garage.
13. Deborah Bailey, chair of High Peak badger group – confirmation that HPBC have placed a notice at the skate park for people to contact the badger group over the holiday season if a badger gets caught in the park.
14. Cllr Goldfinch – feedback from Hares & Graces in response to Park Right initiative.
15. Susan Wyatt – seeking support for reversal of decision to remove Recycling sites.
16. Peak District Rural Housing Association – e-mail about possible housing scheme at Bridgemont
17. Inside Government – invitation to attend innovative forum ‘ Creating a Supply of Affordable Housing to Meet Future Demand’ on Tuesday 26th January 2016 in Central Manchester.
18. HPBC – notice of HM the Queen’s 90th Birthday – Civic Thanksgiving Service at 300pm on Sunday 12th June 2016. Formal invitation to Town Council Chairman to be sent in due course.
19. HPBC – notice of accessibility to local firms for Business Adviser 1-2-1 appointments at Whaley Bridge Mechanics Institute on Friday 29th January 2016.
20. DCC – Isobel Mulligan response to request to review parking on Buxton Road, WB, A5004. This will be carried out in accordance with the department workload.
21. **DALC Circulars**
No 26/2015 – General – LIAS - Housing - CPRE Report & Spending Review; Revised LTNs; Council Processes and Good Practice - your Agenda; Transparency Fund; Auto Enrolment; DALC Office Christmas

Closure; Vacancies

No 27/2015 – General – Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS); LCAS Review; NALC Website update; Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Limited; Provisional Local Government Financial Settlement; Spring Seminar 2016; Training Events 2016; DALC Subscriptions 16-17; Managing Employee's Performance

No 01/2016 – Index of Most Important Elements of 2015 Circulars

No 02/2016 – General – Revised Legal Topic Notes & Legal Briefing; Consultation National Planning Policy Exec Summary; Consultation New Homes Bonus; DALC Executive Vacancies; DALC Spring Seminar; Training March 2016; HM Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations; Vacancies; Important information on HM Treasury Budget 2016.

COUNCIL TO NOTE that it can apply for enhanced DALC membership at any time.

22. RW Alcock – update regarding vehicles and rubbish dumped on Bingswood Road and concern about lack of progress in action to clear these items and enforcement of abandoned vehicle notice.

RESOLVED: To note that efforts have been made, that the drain is running and that there is a need to press for ongoing regular maintenance and removal of vehicles.

C15/177 Medium Term Objectives and Vision for the Future

The following items were put forward for consideration:-

- Obtain Local Council Awards Quality Status
- Repair the drainage system on land surrounding the Shallcross Incline so that it is resilient to future storms and periods of sustained rainfall
- Extend the Shallcross Trail through to Fernilee
- Resolve the garage issue with Robinsons to make the Mechanics Institute a level access building with lift and disabled toilet facilities
- Bring about a rational car parking regime in Whaley Bridge
- Ensure that any future development in Whaley Bridge is of a 'good' design appropriate to the location
- Internet Banking
- All Councillors to have access to the Internet and receive emails
- Early warning system for Todbrook Reservoir
- Resolve the issues at Bingswood Road
- Preparation of a statement of funding
- Long term vision for development
- Closer links with businesses in the town – Traders Association and database
- Second Bridge
- A6 Improvement

RESOLVED: That any further ideas be sent to the Clerk by February 1st so that a ranked list can be prepared for the next meeting showing what can be done in the short term and medium term and what the Council would like to.

C15/178 Budget and Precept for 2016/17

The Clerk will check with High Peak Borough Council the latest date for submission of the precept request could be made.

RESOLVED: That a final budget be presented to Council at the next meeting or an extraordinary meeting if approval is needed before then.

C15/179 Village Entry Sign – Macclesfield Road

RESOLVED: To provide a Village entry Sign on Macclesfield Road at a cost of £1,759.00 including planning permission.

C15/180 Car Park Works – Canal Basin car Park

RESOLVED: To have a professional plan for the car park layout prepared at a cost of £500.00 which equates to £250.00 net Cost to the Town Council.

RESOLVED: To allocate the sum of £1,802.00 for physical works if approved by High Peak Borough Council which equates to a net cost of £541.00 to the Town Council

C15/181 Football Foundation Grant Application

The grant will be towards £20,000.00 for resurfacing outside the pavilion. 50% of the total cost i.e. £10,000.00 will be provided by Sports Association Reserves If the application is successful. As Whaley Bridge Town Council is the leaseholder of the land the Grant Application must be submitted in its name.

RESOLVED: That Whaley Bridge Town Council applies for a Football Foundation Grant for resurfacing and that Councillor Jon Goldfinch is authorised to submit this application on behalf of the Council.

C15/182 Repairs to Wall – Shallcross Incline

RESOLVED: To determine the responsibilities of Whaley Bridge Town Council regarding repairs to Mrs Fox's wall

C15/183 Cheque Signatories at Royal Bank of Scotland

RESOLVED: That the authorised signatories in the current mandate for all Whaley Bridge Town Council accounts at the Royal Bank of Scotland, be changed as follows:- Stephanie Raybould, the retired Town Clerk, to be removed and replaced by Keith Bradshaw the New Town Clerk.

The meeting closed at 10.08pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

.....**Chairman** **Date**.....