

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, SK23 7AA  
Town Clerk: Mrs S Raybould Tel: 01663 733068 e-mail: townCouncil@whaleybridge.com

**Meeting:** Town Council  
**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Mechanics Institute  
**Present:** Councillors Pritchard (Chair), Bowden, Gilmour, Lomax, Swift, Thomas, Taylor, and Anne Winter. Rev Margaret Jones

## MINUTES

### C14/73 Apologies for Absence

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

### C14/74 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications - None

### C14/75 Minutes

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

### C14/76 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received. Cllr Taylor will attend the National Peak Park Parishes' Day on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

### C14/77 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2575	J W Plant & Co Ltd	Commonwealth flag	69.60
2576	Leander Architectural	Bench & twinning plaque	745.50
2577	Grimshaw Construction	Mechanics Inst. repairs	5544.00
2578	HMRC	PAYE & NI – August	566.71
2579	DCC	Superannuation – August	529.11
2580	M J Whelan	Bench seat fixing	390.00
2581	DCC	Superannuation – Sept	529.11
2582	HMRC	PAYE & NI – September	556.31
2583	Mechanics Institute	Aug & Sept accounts	1091.34
2584	Peartree Print	Newsletter printing	200.40
2585	M Appleby	Brookfield Pond treework	80.00
2586	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Bus shelter cleaning	60.12

2587	Trusted IT Ltd	Monthly backup – August	30.00
2588	MAP Ltd	Newsletter distribution	126.00
2589	Johnston Publishing Ltd	Grants advert	112.70
2590	Chronicle Accountants Ltd	Payroll admin Aug-Jan '15	144.00
2591	Alto Digital Networks Ltd	Photocopying May – Aug	144.00
2592	S Drinkwater & Son Ltd	Allotment & B'Pond material	1003.18
2593	Trusted IT Ltd	Monthly backup – Sept	30.00
2594	Cash	Petty cash – September	42.28
0472	Mark Harrod Ltd	SA - Goal nets	90.00
0473	Hargreaves Services Ltd	SA - Rubber crumb for AGP	252.60
0474	Cllr J Goldfinch	SA - Cleaning materials	29.98
0475	Southern Electric	SA - Electricity	102.93
0476	Tameside Fire Services Ltd	SA - Annual inspection	60.41
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 12530.28</b>

#### **C14/78 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Cllr Pritchard reported that he had been elected as Chair of DALC at their AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014. DALC had successfully relocated to their new HQ at Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell. Rural Action Derbyshire had also relocated to the Derbyshire Dales District Council offices in Matlock.

Cllr Pritchard reported that he had attended a meeting of the High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Mike Rose will be retiring as the Project Officer on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014. Three companies had been shortlisted for consideration to provide the new rail franchise due to start in February 2016.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk requests clarification from Northern Rail about the new fare structure and its impact on passengers using Whaley Bridge and Furness Vale stations.

#### **C14/79 Correspondence**

1. Cllr J Pritchard – HPHV Partnership Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> July information.
2. Bruno Peek – Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015, confirmation of WBTC involvement.
3. Paul Swets – request for road sign on Whaley Lane.
4. DCC – notice of order made for diversion of WB Public Footpath 55.
5. Peak District NPA – Planning Service Parishes Bulletin 07 July 2014.
6. Whaley Bridge Community Trust – thanks for donation towards enabling the Café Bar to proceed.
7. HPBC – notification of decision to confirm TPO for land at Linglongs Road.

8. DCC – confirmation of action to request responsible landowners to deal with overgrown vegetation reported at First Steps Nursery, A6 Furness Vale.
9. HPBC – Guidance for the recording of public Council meetings.
10. HP CVS – introduction of CANparent initiative.
11. HPBC – TPO register of applications for work.
12. Peak District NPA – Local Development Plan detailed design Supplementary Planning Documents for Shop Fronts and Alterations and Extensions.
13. HPBC – update regarding action to relocate Canal Basin Bring Site.
14. Cllr J Pritchard – details of times for DALC AGM and Annual Executive.
15. DCC – notice of order made for diversion of WB Public Footpath 15 (Part).
16. Derbyshire Alert – information on how to Share Your Views on Policing.
17. Cllr J Pritchard - copy of response from DCC confirming the public toilets should be open from 8am until 6pm daily.
18. Peak Park Parishes Forum – notice of AGM on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at Aldern House, Bakewell commencing at 9.30am.
19. WB Welldressing Group – thanks for provision of the marquee.
20. Derbyshire Pension Fund – Employers’ Newsletter No 127 – August 2014.
21. Cllr Mrs S Lomas – more detail re Furness vale Post Office.
22. Cllr Mrs S Lomas – Encroachment onto Furness Vale Community Field.
23. Cllr Mrs S Lomas – Trees on land opposite Tesco, Bridgemont.
24. Andrew Bingham MP – 1<sup>st</sup> Weekly Newsletter.
25. Cllr Mrs S Lomas – notice of COGS AGM on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 and copy of e-mail to HPBC leader re access problems to FV field and COGS Project.
26. **DALC Circulars**  
**No.17/2014** - Openness of Local Government Bodies Regs 2014;  
 NALC wants clear audit direction;  
 Taking parish pulse test on community rights;  
 Your community needs you cries NALC;  
 SLCC branch meeting;  
**No. 18/2014** – DALC Training Courses for Autumn 2014  
**No. 19/2014** – New DALC Website.
27. Chronicle Accountants – Mechanics Institute Accounts for yearend 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.
28. Peak District NPA – review of Parish Member appointment arrangements.

29. Furness Vale COGS – notice of AGM Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014.
30. Andrew Bingham MP – 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekly Newsletter.
31. HPHV CRP – documents from Cllr Pritchard for meeting 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
32. HPHV CRP – copy from Cllr Pritchard of ‘Designated Line Plan Buxton’.
33. Barrie Walker – follow up enquiry about action regarding Memorial Park toddler’s playground safety.
34. Barrie Walker – further information about the unsafe design of the Whaley Bridge Children’s Play and the need to provide safe conditions for toddlers equipment as is provided at Buxton.
35. Community Payback – requesting ideas for projects for teams.

**C14/80 Grants and Donations**

**RESOLVED:** To make the following donations to local organisations.

	£
1. Whaley Bridge Cricket Club for new scoreboard.	544.00
2. Whaley Bridge Training Band to help towards instrument repairs and replacement.	250.00
<b>TOTAL £</b>	<b><u>794.00</u></b>

**C14/81 Highways Issues – Junction of Whaley Lane and Reservoir Road and Parking Restrictions**

Cllr Lomax suggested dedicated parking restrictions be introduced in front of the Hares and Graces shop on Buxton Road. This was not supported as it was felt that adequate parking was available near to the shop.

A site meeting took place on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014 with Steve Alcock and Isobel Mulligan from DCC Highways to consider ways to improve pedestrian safety at the junction of Reservoir Road with Whaley Lane. Steve Alcock suggested that the design of the footway at this point could be improved and he agreed to submit a drawing for approval. Parking issues opposite the Uniting Church, Buxton Road were also discussed. Further consultation with affected businesses and residents along Buxton Road was planned.

**C14/82 Furness Vale Post Office**

Cllr Pritchard reported progress with providing a PO counter facility in the Community Centre. This new facility is expected to open in two months’ time.

### **C14/83 Christmas Festivities 2014**

Christmas festivities will take place in Whaley Bridge on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014. It was noted that Footsteps would provide the grotto and manage the Christmas Market stalls in the Mechanics Institute. Cllr Thomas volunteered to liaise with Rev Margaret Jones and Churches Together regarding any necessary additional arrangements.

**RESOLVED:** That HPBC supplies two Christmas trees again this year, including delivery, erection, fixing the lights, dismantling and disposal.

### **C14/84 Autumn Newsletter**

It was agreed that the Autumn Newsletter would include information about the Christmas Festivities and members were requested to submit other items to the Clerk as soon as possible.

### **C14/85 Sunnybank Allotment Site**

Cllr Thomas gave a progress report. Twelve new plots have been provided and three taps to provide fresh water have been installed. A new site map has been drawn up by Cllrs Swift and Thomas. The new plots can now be allocated to applicants on the waiting list. There has been no progress to date with agreeing the site map associated with the new lease, relating to the route/boundary of the Goyt/Audenshaw water pipeline traversing the site and associated areas with conditions attached to the lease by HPBC. Plots will be rented at £30 for a small plot (less than 100 sq.m.), £40 for a medium-sized plot (100 – 150 sq.m.) and £60 for a large plot (over 150 sq.m.) per year.

**RESOLVED:** That a new Allotment Tenancy Agreement be drawn up to commence in April 2015 and new tenants will be charged from April 2015 to reflect the work required to bring new plots up to a cultivatable standard.

The next Working Party will take place on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

**RESOLVED:** That £1000 from the allotment budget be delegated to purchase or hire equipment and materials required to provide the new paths dividing the new allotments within the site, expenditure to be agreed by Cllrs Swift and Thomas with the Clerk.

### **C14/86 Producing a Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Thomas reported that further meetings were planned to re-launch the working groups.

**C14/87 Part II – Matters to be discussed after exclusion of press and public**

**The Council resolved that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of items which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.**

**Lease with Frederic Robinson Ltd. for the garage area within the Mechanics Institute**

Following discussion it was:

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council (as Trustee to the Mechanics Institute Registered Charity) authorise the Clerk to incur expenditure to obtain legal advice from a solicitor (Cooper, Sons Hartley & Williams, Buxton) to investigate and negotiate the lease for the garage area within the Mechanics Institute, on behalf of the Trustee.

**RESOLVED:** To hold a meeting of the Mechanics Institute Trustee prior to the Town Council Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

**Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

.....Chairman

**Date**.....