

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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**Meeting:** Town Council  
**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Mechanics Institute  
**Present:** Councillors Mrs Anne Winter (Chair), Bowden, Gilmour, Goldfinch, Lomax, Pritchard, Thomas and Wild (to 8.45pm). PCSO Tracy Jones

## MINUTES

### **C12/51 Apologies for Absence**

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

### **C12/52 Declarations of Members' Interests (1)**

Cllr Thomas	Agenda Items 12, 16	Member of Whaley Bridge Allotments and Garden Society
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### **C12/53 Community Police**

PCSO Tracy Jones gave crime statistics for the previous month. These were generally comparable with or a slight increase on the same period last year. The exception being, the recent spate of burglaries about which concern was expressed. PCSO Jones stated that these were being investigated and promising leads including a vehicle registration followed up in collaboration with Greater Manchester and Cheshire police.

Members asked that she chase up traffic accident information requested from PC Andy Crosthwaite.

### **C12/54 Open Forum**

Jonathan Carnall thanked members for the opportunity to present suggestions for use of monies from sale of the redundant equipment and reported on Skatepark users views on preferred requirements. He confirmed that HPBC were providing benches and bins and considering provision of linkage paths, portable floodlights and a secure chest for storing brushes.

On behalf of the young people, he requested an extension to the skatepark apron, for parking bikes and bags. He confirmed users preferred not to have a teen shelter as they would not use it and it might encourage antisocial behaviour. It was noted that the area was due to be grassed for the opening ceremony, so concreting should be laid after 10<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

**C12/55 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them following correction of C12/39 from 'Mrs Sarita Pressman had been elected' to 'Mrs Sarita Pressland had been appointed'.

**C12/56 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was received and it was noted that residents living at No. 8 Shallcross Crescent had signed and returned the Garden Licence Agreement and paid the £10 rent.

**C12/57 Accounts for Payment**

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

<b>Chq</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2198	HMRC	PAYE & NI June	564.85
2199	Sanrda Allen	Pothole Scheme	100.00
2200	HPBC	Memorial Park	2000.00
2201	Bentham Ltd	Ink Cartridges	69.18
2202	Mechanics Institute	July Account	584.17
2203	Peartree Print	Stationery	89.57
2204	HMRC	PAYE & NI July	565.05
2205	Cash	Petty Cash July	40.22
0390	Tameside Fire Ltd	SA - Extinguisher Inspection	138.10
0391	HPBC	SA - Rates July & August	316.00
0392	S Drinkwater Ltd	SA - 10 Road Pins	30.00
0393	Cash	SA - Petty Cash July	17.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 4514.14</b>

**C12/58 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

**Whaley4Wards meeting** - Cllr Thomas reported that the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012 deadline for obtaining tenders for refurbishing the Memorial Park had not been met.

**Cllr Standards Training** – Cllr Bowden expressed concerns about the effect the new regime with its criminal implications will have on planning discussions and decisions for both High Peak Borough Council Development Control and Whaley Bridge Town Council, particularly in respect of the Whaley Bridge brown field site at Bingswood Industrial Estate.

**C12/59 Correspondence**

1. Derbyshire Alert – information regarding e-mail scam claiming to be from DVLA requesting driving licence details. **(It was noted that a feed has been set up so that relevant Derbyshire Alert messages can now be picked up from the whaleybridge.com website)**
2. Andrew Jones – report and presentation on clustering from SLCC event.

3. DCC – war memorials repairs and maintenance offer from the Commanding Officer of the 73 Engineers Reserves(V). **(Follow up for more information)**
4. Derbyshire Alert – Care Card information.
5. DCC – Community Safety Clean Project 2012 information and application form for Community Payback team projects.
6. DCC – confirmed order and notice for (Footpath from Chapel Road to Public Footpath No. 61 Whaley Bridge) Modification order 2012.
7. DCC – notification that Cabinet Report for the DCC New Youth Offer (for agreement on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012) is now available on-line.
8. Gareth Evans – complaint regarding lack of notice of road closure on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012.
9. Derbyshire Alert – request for information regarding attempted break in at Hill View , WB between 4pm and 5.30pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012.
10. Derbyshire Alert – information regarding recall by Britvic Soft Drinks of ALL Robinson Fruit Shoot and Fruit Shoot Hydro packs, to be returned to retailer for refund.
11. Network Rail – acknowledgement of receipt of our contact.
12. WB Cricket Club – thanks for involvement as the Jubilee Celebrations venue and possible suggestion for land for allotment provision.
13. Derbyshire Alert – reminder to be cautious of unexpected e-mails from banks etc requesting information updates.
14. HPBC – Development Control Committee Agenda for 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012.
15. Cllr Susanne Lomas – e-mail regarding Yardsley Lane, FV drainage.
16. DCC – response regarding Parking Restrictions on Meadowfield and Whaley Lane, WB. **(Notice Board)**
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<b>DALC Circulars and Information 2012 – Content</b>	
30	General Circular – Right to build funding available to Parish and Town Councils: The provision of Ipads for Councillors – Duffield Parish Council; East Midlands Allotment Officers Forum; Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy Consultation; Community Directory Derbyshire
31	General Circular – NALC’s Template Code of Conduct for Parish Councils (Final Version)
32	General Circular – DCLG Simplifies Neighbourhood Planning Referendum Question; NALC Response to the draft central/local governance concordat; Repairs for War Memorials;
33	Derbyshire County Training Partnership
34	General Circular – NALC Consultation – Funding arrangements for localising support for council tax

35	General Circular – NALC’s Template Code of Conduct for Parish Councils (Final Version) Circular 31/2012 Revision; DCC Community Buildings Grant; Are you considering a neighbourhood plan? – Rural Action Derbyshire

18. Dominique Bailey – Request for information on how to get the other station platform improved and copy of subsequent e-mail to Network Rail on this issue.
19. RAD – Air Source Heat Pumps information on possible training seminar.
20. Action for Market Towns – Town Centre Solutions, West Cheshire, Frodsham 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012
21. DCC – acknowledgement of receipt of letter about Library Lease, forwarded to relevant department for consideration.
22. Derbyshire Alert – Suspicious activity in Furness Vale, two men disturbed at 5.30am on 11<sup>th</sup> July snooping around rear garden shed – be vigilant.
23. Ian McDougall – decision not to proceed with road planings for George Street, but wishing to apply for £100 grant towards road maintenance. **(Agreed to grant £100 towards repairing potholes along George Street)**
24. HPCVS – information about Parenting classes trial. **(Notice Board)**
25. RAD – DCC Community Buildings Grant open for applications. **(Follow up if MI eligible)**
26. HPBC – Planning Policy Newsletter 2 July 2012.
27. Derbyshire Alert – Trading Standards warning about bogus alarm companies.
28. Derbyshire Alert – request for concerns of WB area residents, to set local policing priorities.
29. AMT – Town Team Take-off, free event Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012, Warwick.
30. Bill Newton Dunn MEP – last report before EP summer break.
31. Edmund Bradbury – Information about 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 20<sup>th</sup> July 1662 Whaley Bridge tornado strike with newspaper clipping information from July 2011. **(Acknowledge receipt, with thanks)**

#### **C12/60 Traffic Management – Macclesfield Road**

The meeting received a letter from Barry James of 62 Macclesfield Road, regarding the dangers of the speed and density of vehicular traffic on this road. It was noted that speeds are already slow at peak times but needed to be reduced at other times.

**RESOLVED:** To write to DCC to requesting reduction of the speed limit and notify Mr James of this action.

**C12/61 New Code of Conduct and Notification of Interests Forms**

The meeting received copies of the New Code of Conduct, based on that recently adopted by High Peak Borough Council and the related notification of interests form. Its implications were noted and the availability of dispensations to assist with otherwise restrictive situations, such as major planning applications.

**RESOLVED:** To approve and adopt the New Code of Conduct (based on the HPBC version) documents as presented.

**C12/62 Re-allocation of Funds Raised from Sale of Redundant Skatepark Equipment**

Possible uses of these funds including the suggestions presented in Open Forum were received and discussed.

**RESOLVED:** To approve expenditure for installation of the concrete extension to the skatepark area measuring approximately 6 x 8 foot (4inches deep) towards the access path for parking bikes and bags - estimated cost £500, and allocate the balance later.

**RESOLVED:** To allocate the balance towards young people's recreation.

**C12/63 Three Commemorative Trees for Shallcross Incline**

The meeting received recommendations and information for suitable tree types from David Ross. Costs were not provided as they depended on availability for the time required for planting. It was noted that all schools wished to be involved.

**RESOLVED:** That three Liquidambar styraciflua 'Worplesdon' trees be purchased and planted during the Autumn.

**C12/64 Provision of concrete bases for three seats at Shallcross Incline**

The meeting received information from Cllr Jon Goldfinch that Steve Rampley was unable to consider carrying out this work but had suggested Paul Smith be approached.

A verbal quote of £300 each for the plinths, measuring 8 x 5 foot and 4 inches deep and fitting of seat, for the two seats was received. The site for the third bench would need removal of raised ground and a 3 foot access path in front of its plinth with a paving slab surround to control mud flow. It was estimated the cost for this plinth and path would be £500 - £600 and the cost of the third bench approximately £300. Total estimated cost £1,200.

**RESOLVED:** To ask for a full revised quote to include the work for the provision of the extension area for the skatepark and also to obtain an alternative quote.

**C12/65 Items for Newsletter**

The following items were presented for inclusion in the newsletter:

1. Historic Taxal Tornado with reference to the internet.

2. Local Neighbourhood Plan Information
3. Station refurbishment work now complete
4. Link on whaleybridge.com for 3G information and booking system.
5. Derbyshire Alert messages link now on Whaley Bridge website.
6. Opening of Skatepark and BMX pump track on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

**C12/66 Whaley Bridge Allotments**

**Locations for Additional Allotments:**

**Cricket Club** - Investigation into the area of land offered for use as allotments by the Cricket Club had revealed possible problems if designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and sensitivity of the Roosdyche. A planning application would not be required for the allotments themselves, provided the land is classed as agricultural land, but would be required for any associated structures, such as fences and sheds etc. The siting of sheds would need to be addressed in a management plan for the site to ensure they would not be visible from surrounding countryside vantage points. Concern was also expressed that the site may be too high for allotments, which might lead to infrastructure requests and this would need to be checked.

**Sunnybank Allotment Site Project**

The meeting noted that the land search requested by Cllr Swift had not been concluded yet and investigation was ongoing.

It was agreed to place this item on the agenda for the September meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To approve expenditure totalling £46 for Cllr Thomas to continue investigating ownership of the triangle of soggy land behind 41a Macclesfield Road.

**C12/67 Minor Maintenance Scheme**

The following suggestions for eligible work to footpaths were received:

1. Consult with David Frith for his ideas.
2. FP 113 still needs attention at its Reservoir Road end.
3. Path to Bings Road between River Goyt and Woodbrook needs muddy section near river addressing as used by school children, unless this has been dealt with during recent work by DCC.

**RESOLVED:** To write to the Canal and River Trust for information on plans to rectify the collapse of large stones adjacent to the towpath.

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