

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Meeting: Town Council
Date: 14th June 2012
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Mrs Anne Winter (Chair), Bowden, Gilmour, Goldfinch, Mrs Linda Leather, Lomax, Pritchard, Swift, Thomas and Taylor (to 8.45pm). PC Andy Crosthwaite

MINUTES

C12/30 Apologies for Absence

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

C12/31 Declarations of Members' Interests (4)

Cllr Goldfinch	Agenda Items 12, 13, 14	Member of Sports Association Executive
Cllr L Leather	Agenda Item 23	Member HPBC Development Control Committee
Cllr A Winter	Agenda Item 18	Councillor involved in incident
Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Item 12	Person to whom maintenance expenditure decisions are delegated
	Agenda Item 14	Member of HPBC
	Agenda Item 21	Chairman of DALC

C12/32 Community Police

PC Andy Crosthwaite gave crime statistics for the area for the year to date. There had been 22 incidents this year with a 22.7% detection rate. Concern was expressed about the recent spate of burglaries and PC Crosthwaite stated that these were being investigated. Cllr Bowden expressed concern about adults riding horses on pavements. Cllr Lomax requested that a map of locations for recent road traffic accidents be compiled. It was reported that the Police Office at Chapel-en-le-Frith will be closing and the next Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting will be held on 25th July 2012.

C12/33 Open Forum – None

C12/34 Producing a Neighbourhood Plan

It was noted that a working group consisting of Cllrs Pritchard, Taylor, Thomas, Bowden and Goldfinch had already been formed and this group would meet shortly to discuss the way forward.

HPBC would be consulting with the community regarding the housing land allocation for this area. Cllr Taylor suggestion that public consultation meetings be held in Whaley Bridge and Furness Vale during the autumn to discuss the production of a Neighbourhood Plan.

C12/35 Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held on 10th May 2012

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held on the 10th May 2012 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them, following correction to Minute C12/10 to delete Cllrs Lomax and Pritchard from the names appointed to serve on the Whaley4Wards Advisory Panel.

C12/36 Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on 10th May 2012

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on the 10th May 2012 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C12/37 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was received.

C12/38 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2183	Arien Signs	Shallcross interpretation panel	714.00
2184	HMRC	PAYE & NI	564.85
2186	Marquees.com	W3 Marquee hire	887.00
2187	Cyan	Seat anchors for benches	120.00
2188	Cash	Jubilee event expenses	80.00
2189	Mechanics Institute	June account	696.69
2190	F Frodsham/Piranha	Hanging baskets/grounds mtnc	3794.50
2191	Peartree Print	Jubilee flyers and posters	182.00
2192	W Robinson & sons	Planting hanging baskets	1732.80
2193	Shelter Maintenance Co	Bus shelter cleaning	59.33
2194	MAP Ltd	W3 Review feature	46.18
2195	DCC	Pension payment – June	485.75
2196	RBS Software Solns	Omega software maintenance	264.00
2197	Cash	Petty cash – June	62.10
0386	Adrian West-Samuel	SA – Booking software	18.68
0387	HPBC	SA – Rates	158.00
0388	Southern Electric	SA – Electricity	206.40
0389	S Drinkwater & Son Ltd	SA – Repair materials	59.48
TOTAL			£ 10131.76

C12/39 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr Pritchard had attended a meeting of the **High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership** held on 13th June 2012. He reported that Northern Rail was proposing to reduce the train service through Furness Vale Station. One train in the morning and evening will cease to stop at Furness Vale.

Cllr Goldfinch reported that the **Jubilee Beacon event** held at Whaley Bridge Cricket Club on 4th June had been very successful and raised over £1600 for the Cricket Club. Thanks were given to Cllr Swift for organising the event, to Cllr Goldfinch for organising the beacon bonfire and to councillors who helped with the catering during the evening.

RESOLVED: To send a letter of thanks to WB Cricket Club for allowing the club premises to be used as the venue for the event.

Cllr Pritchard reported that Mrs Sarita Pressman had been elected as the new Chief Officer for **DALC** commencing on 9th July 2012.

Cllr Thomas reported on the Whaley4Wards meeting held on 21st May 2012 and a copy of the minutes was circulated to members.

C12/40 Correspondence

1. Derbyshire Alert – information request regarding burglary on Tuesday 29th May 2012 on Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge
2. DCC – notice of temporary closure of Footpath 37 full length between George Street and Bings Road to facilitate public safety during repairs to the parapet wall above river. No alternative route.
3. Derbyshire Alert – seeking to recruit 16 new Police Community Support Officers.
4. Peak District NPA – Community-led planning in the PDNP
5. HPBC – Street Trading Consent Application – consultation. **Agreed to approve, providing that vehicles are not stopping within 200metres of a school and not near the bend on Elnor Lane.**
6. HPBC – New Standards Framework training session notification for 28th June 2012.
7. DCC – response regarding crossing location on A6 at Bridgemont. **Agreed to place a copy on the notice board and respond to DCC asking for the trees to be cut back at this location.**
8. HPBC – notice of Skatepark official opening on Friday 22nd June 2012.
9. Derbyshire Alert – appeal for Whaley Bridge resident Steven O’Riordan aged 29 missing for twelve months.
10. Furness COGS – update 2012.
11. Derbyshire Alert – appeal for information about damage outside Cock Hotel WB on Saturday 12th May and Monday 30th April.
12. Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS – offering involvement in Foundation Trust application submission.

13. Furness COGS – copy of e-mail to Caitlin Bisknell about Furness Field and QE2 status.
14. Churches Together - Diamond Jubilee Celebrations information.
15. Derbyshire Alert – appeal regarding plants stolen from Dovedale.
16. HPBC – New waste and recycling drop in sessions.
17. HPBC – Draft Deed of Variation for land off Park Road, WB
18. Chapel-en-le-Frith Mobile Physiotherapy Service – notice of AGM on 23rd May 2012.
19. Peak District NPA – Adoption of PDNP Revised Statement of Community Involvement.
20. DCC – information about workshop at Derbyshire Eco Centre: The History and Mystery of Public Rights of Way – A Councillor’s Guide.
21. DALC – adoption of motion concerning attendance of Parish Councillors at Sector Training Events with employer support (ie without loss of pay).
22. DCC – informing that the Cabinet Report for New Youth Offer is now available online.
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No.	DALC Circulars and Information 2012 – Content
22	General Circular – DCC Parish Council Liaison Forum – 26 th April 2012; Allotment Regeneration Initiative – Allotment Officers’ Forum – 24 th April 2012.
23	DALC Further Training – A Neighbourhood Plan
24	General Circular – Freedom of Information Request – Braille – Audio; NALC Consultation – funding arrangements for localising support for council tax.
25	The Localism Act 2011-Parish & Town Council’s Training Event – Monday 23 rd July 2012 at Trowell Parish Hall
26	DALC Training – General Power of Competence; Derbyshire County Training Partnership – CiLCA Training; Good Councillor Course; Clerk Induction.
27	New Standard Regime – Code of Conduct for Parish/Town Councils
28	General Circular – Appointment of New Chief Officer; Improvements to the policy and legal framework for Public Rights of Way; Plan for Auditor Procurement; Audit Return – 2011/2012; Membership of DALC; Groundwork Derby & Derbyshire – Summer Special offers; Quick Employment Tip.
29	DALC President 2012-2013

24. DCC – conditions of loan for chair donated to Whaley Bridge Library in memory of Alice Petch to the Town Council for signature. **Agreed that the memorial chair be kept at the Mechanics Institute and the loan document signed and returned to DCC.**
25. Peak District NPA – response to consultation on changes to National Park Governance.
26. Peak District NPA – Draft Supplementary Planning Document on Sustainable Building Techniques and Renewable Energy for comments for 8-week period starting 11th June 2012.
27. HPBC – Streetscene Team Leader response regarding manual sweeping of sunken pavement at Furness Vale.
28. Derbyshire Alert – information on changes to services at 17 police enquiry offices.
29. Robinson Low Francis – Financial Report/Valuation Tracker update in respect of payments to FieldTurf for MUGA project.
30. HPBC – invitation & notice of revised date for Skatepark & Pump Track opening to Friday 10th August 2012 4pm – 7.30pm.
31. Cllr Susanne Lomas – information regarding complaint from Mr Thompson about traffic continuing to speed on Yeadsley Lane.
32. Derbyshire Alert – appeal for information following theft from Country Attire, Botany Business Park on Monday 11th June.
33. Derbyshire Alert – report of damage to property on Meadowfield, between 31st May and 11th June and theft of power tools from a barn on land off Start Lane, WB on Monday 11th June.
34. Northernrail – notice of withdrawal of stops at Furness Vale Station of two commuter trains. **Agreed to respond to Mark Barker opposing the proposed cuts to the service at Furness Vale.**
35. Derbyshire MEP – report from MEP Bill Newton.

C12/41 MUGA – Delegation of Authorisation for Maintenance Expenditure

It was noted that a sum of £2000 had been built in to the business plan for the new facility to cover maintenance expenditure.

RESOLVED: To simplify the procedure for authorising expenditure on maintenance and repairs so that Cllrs Anne Winter, Goldfinch, Pritchard, Mr Steve Rampley (Chair WBFC) and the Clerk should have delegated powers to agree maintenance expenditure up to a total of £2000 this financial year.

C12/42 MUGA – Alterations to Floodlights

It was noted that it may not be necessary to tilt the floodlights to the same extent if cowls were fitted to the two columns, which were causing the light pollution to properties on Reservoir Road.

RESOLVED: To purchase two cowls for £75 each from MUSCO Lighting Ltd and arrange to fit these to the two columns adjacent to the pavilion.

C12/43 MUGA – Renegotiating Lease with High Peak Borough Council

It was noted that no response had been received to date from Cllr Caitlin Bisknell following discussions held with her on 22nd May 2012 at the Parish Liaison Meeting regarding extending the lease and the use of the facility by HPBC.

C12/44 Firework Display 2012

It was noted that there is a sum of £1000 in the budget towards this event. It was proposed that the event would take place at WB Bowling Club this year, co-ordinated by Sam Gray from the Whaley Bridge Association.

C12/45 Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Trees at Shallcross Incline

Cllr Mrs Anne Winter had obtained two quotations from David Ross for planting three commemorative trees at the Shallcross Incline by the local primary schools. It was agreed to liaise with the primary schools, decide the wording for the plaques and the type and position for the trees, prior to planting in the autumn. To be discussed further at the July meeting.

C12/46 Garden Licence Agreement for Land at Shallcross Incline Greenway

It was noted that a small piece of land belonging to WBTC is being used as extended garden by the owners of property at Shallcross Crescent. This land is adjacent to the new Shallcross Incline Greenway.

RESOLVED: To draw up an annual Garden Land Licence Agreement to be agreed and signed by the property owners with an annual fee of £10.

C12/47 Repairing Potholes Along Unadopted Roads

A letter was sent to five groups of residents living along unadopted roads, outlining the procedure for either claiming a grant of £100 towards filling potholes or receiving a delivery of road planings to the road to be used for filling potholes by the residents.

A response had been received from Wharf Court and Jodrell Meadow.

RESOLVED: To donate £100 to the group at Wharf Court and to arrange a delivery of road planings to Jodrell Meadow.

RESOLVED: To contact High Peak Community Housing to propose that if WBTC arrange for the delivery of road planings to New Road, then HPCH would organise filling and compacting the potholes along New Road.

C12/48 DCC Winter Service Scheme Survey and Questionnaire

A questionnaire received from DCC to gauge the success of the Winter Service Scheme last year was discussed.

RESOLVED: To complete and return the questionnaire to DCC.

C12/49 Consultation on Appointment of External Auditor for 2012/13 and Future Years

A letter was received from the Audit Commission to consult on the appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP to audit the council's annual return for five years from 2012/13, commencing on 1st September 2012. It was anticipated that Grant Thornton would carry out the limited assurance audit and the fee would be £300 for the income/expenditure band of £50,000 - £100,000.

RESOLVED: To accept the appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP to audit the council's annual return for five years from 2012/13.

C12/50 New Standards Regime and Code of Conduct

Following the abolition of the Standards Board, the council is now required to sign up to a new Code of Conduct. The Clerk had attended a Borough Council training session and recommended that WBTC adopt the same Code of Conduct as that being produced for HPBC members. HPBC will elect a new Standards Committee and Mark Trillo is the new Monitoring Officer for High Peak. Members will be required to register Disc losable Pecuniary Interests for themselves and their partners/spouses and failure to do so will be a criminal offence.

RESOLVED: To discuss and agree a new Code of Conduct at the July Town Council meeting.

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

