

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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**Meeting:** Town Council  
**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
**Time:** 8.00pm (following the Annual Council Meeting)  
**Venue:** Mechanics Institute  
**Present:** Councillors Mrs Anne Winter (Chair), Bowden, Gilmour, Goldfinch, Mrs Linda Leather, Susanne Lomas, Lomax, Swift, Thomas, Taylor and Wild. PCSO Tracy Jones

## MINUTES

### **C12/13 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Pritchard.

### **C12/14 Declarations of Members' Interests (4)**

Cllr Goldfinch	Agenda Item 16	Member of Sports Association Executive
Cllr L Leather	Agenda Item 20	Member HPBC Development Control Committee
Cllr A Winter	Agenda Item 9 (27)	Councillor involved in incident
Cllr Thomas	Agenda Item 9 (27)	Councillor involved in incident

### **C12/15 Community Police**

PCSO Tracy Jones stated that she would forward recent crime statistics to the Clerk. It was noted that Isobel Mulligan (DCC Highways) had inspected the junction of the A6 with the road to Chinley at Bridgemont and she was satisfied that adequate signage had been provided to instruct motorists not to turn right out of this junction. No additional signage would be provided.

### **C12/16 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

### **C12/17 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was received. Cllr Goldfinch reported that £1003 had been received for the redundant skatepark equipment.

## C12/18 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2166	Brissco Equipment Ltd	Waymarkers	152.88
2167	DCC	Superannuation payment Apr	485.75
2168	White Marquee Co Ltd	COGS Field Day marquee	597.60
2169	Zurich Municipal	Insurance	2165.26
2170	DCC	Superannuation payment May	485.75
2171	Shelter Maintenance Co	Bus shelter repair	48.00
2172	Mechanics Institute	May account	521.58
2173	Peartree Print	Printing and stationery	104.82
2174	Cyan	2 x bench seats for Shallcross	809.98
2175	HPBC	Allotment rent	10.00
2176	Street Entertainers	W3 entertainment	660.00
2177	Peak Pursuits Ltd	W3 climbing wall	540.00
2178	Natural Signs	5 x waymarker bollards	190.00
2179	Cllr Martin Thomas	Shallcross Trail number tags	27.70
2180	Mrs S Raybould	Expenses – launch event	121.97
2181	B Woodcock	Internal audit	103.86
2182	Cash	Petty cash – May 2012	65.37
0382	HPBC	SA – Rates	153.00
0383	Shorrock Trichem Ltd	SA – Cleaning materials	28.70
0384	S Drinkwater & Sons Ltd	SA – Repair materials	64.52
0385	Bywater LP Gas	SA – 2 x gas cylinders	104.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 7440.74</b>

## C12/19 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

**Cllr Mrs Anne Winter** reported on behalf of the Friends of Whaley Bridge Station. Phase 1 work had been completed and work was continuing during the daytime whenever possible to eliminate noise nuisance to neighbouring residents. The project is due to be completed by the end of June 2012.

**Cllr Thomas** reported on the minutes of the Whaley4Wards meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012. Minutes of the fifth meeting of the Bingswood Access and Canal Regeneration Panel held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012, were also circulated.

**Cllr Thomas** reported on a meeting held at Whaley Bridge Bowling Club by Whaley Bridge Association to discuss the future of the annual Bonfire and Firework Display in Whaley Bridge. It was noted that the Memorial Park would not be available for the event this year due to the refurbishment work taking place. Alternative sites were being investigated and sources of funding identified.

## C12/20 Correspondence

1. HPBC – Standards Committee papers for meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012
2. HPBC – response regarding investigations into whether parking of vehicles causing problems on Orchard Road is connected with business activity at Birchbank.

3. Cllr Martin Thomas – copy of response from HPB Cllr Caitlin Bisknell regarding the Goyt Bridge.
4. DCC – response regarding request for a pedestrian crossing notice at Bridgemont where the footpath crosses the road. **Agreed to request that the site is re-visited to consider the problems.**
5. MEP for Derbyshire – April report from Bill Newton Dunn
6. DCC – Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum agenda for 26/04/2012.
7. Lor Cole – Firework display volunteer offer.
8. Open Spaces Society – request for support and highlighting possible problems associated with the new National Planning Policy Framework.
9. Cllr Jon Goldfinch – e-mail reporting on Bridge 42 hearing.
10. Peak Park Parishes Forum – copy of Forum’s response to Defra on National Parks Governance Consultation and encouragement for Council to make a similar response or simply endorse theirs. **Circulate**
11. HPBC – papers for ordinary & Annual meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012.
12. DCC – Community Sports Trust Small Grants for Sporting Events.
13. Andrea Whitworth – information supporting complaint about sports centre floodlights being on after 9.30pm and the angle having been adjusted, causing illumination within properties on Reservoir Road.
14. Cllr Pritchard – copy of schedule for work at WB railway station following complaints.
15. Leathems Solicitors – Land of Shallcross Road/Shallcross Incline confirmation of title.
16. Rob Thompson – request for support to encourage HPBC to introduce an unoccupied housing strategy similar to that of South Derbyshire District Council.
17. Local Works – request for help to end delays regarding the Sustainable Communities Act.
18. Derbyshire Alert – press release about drivers abusing access only road (Old Road) WB.
19. HPBC – copy of complaint received from Mr Whitworth regarding problems with sports centre floodlights following refurbishment.
20. Frederic Robinson Ltd – acknowledging receipt and consideration of letter regarding rent of toilet area in Mechanics Institute.
21. Wharf Road/Court residents – request to participate in unadopted roads potholes initiative.
22. HPBC – development Control Training 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012. **Agreed that Cllrs Goldfinch and Mrs Anne Winter would attend.**
23. Peak Park Parishes Forum – Annual Liaison meeting Parish/Town Councils and PDNPA on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012. **Agreed that Cllrs Taylor and Thomas would attend.**

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No.	DALC Circulars and Information 2012 – Content
17	General Circular – Play area inspection training 17 May 2012; Sport England’s new fund for public ping pong tables – funding opportunity; Derbyshire trusted befriending network – questionnaire; Support from HMRC for Parish Clerk’s; Field in Trust Publication.
18	DALC Clerk’s Day 2012 - update
19	General Circular – Localism update – NALC – People in action conference – Sheffield 20.09.2012; Local Councils to pay key role in delivery of open public services; NPPF could benefit communities
20	General Circular – Early day Motion on Planning Appeals and the Planning Applications (Appeals by Town and Parish Councils) Bill
21	General Circular – Derbyshire 2012 Event Fund; Neighbourhood Planning – Derbyshire Planning Champion – Councillor Guy Martin; Neighbourhood Planning – New Web Site; Elvaston Parish Council Clerk Vacancy.

25. Barrie Woodcock – Internal Audit report from 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012.
26. CPRE – Fieldwork newsletter Spring 2012.
27. Gary Foster - e-mail complaint about meeting at Wharf Road on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012. **Agreed to respond with an explanation of the incident, together with a copy of the Spring Newsletter.**
28. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Electoral Review of Derbyshire: Draft recommendations
29. RAD – The Playing Field magazine Spring 2012.
30. Barry Rudd – requesting concessionary use of M I for W3 during weekend 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2012. **Agreed to allow concessionary use of the Mechanics Institute during the Whaley Water Weekend.**
31. Cllr Pritchard – copy of e-mail from Networkrail regarding progress report on WB station works
32. Derbyshire Alert – request for information regarding damage to wooden crucifix at Whaley Hall on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2012.
33. HPCH – Councillor Newsletter May 2012.

#### **C12/21 Annual Town Meeting – Minutes and Resolutions**

The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting 2012 were received. There were no resolutions for discussion. The Clerk had emailed a request to DCC on behalf of Mrs B Pritchard asking that any consultation on introducing part-night street lighting should not take place during August.

**C12/22 Internal Audit of Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012**

The accounts for the financial year 2011/12 had been audited and approved by Mr Barrie Woodcock. He completed and signed the Internal Audit section of the Annual Return with no further action required.

**C12/23 Approval and Signature of the Annual Return 2011/12, Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement**

The completed Annual Return for 2011/12 was received.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and to authorise the Chair, Cllr Mrs Anne Winter, to sign the Annual Return, Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement as a true and correct record.

The year-end accounts and signed Annual Return will be submitted to the External Auditor (Audit Commission) by 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

**C12/24 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

Cllr John Swift reported that the position for the Beacon bonfire had been agreed. He would be organising advertising posters, leaflets and bunting. He was also investigating the provision of entertainment. Cllr Goldfinch will carry out a risk assessment.

**C12/25 Renewal of Insurance Policy 2012/13**

**RESOLVED:** To renew the insurance policy with Zurich Municipal Insurance for 2012/13 costing £2165.26.

**C12/26 Repairing Potholes on Unadopted Roads**

Enquiries had been received from groups of residents living along seven local unadopted roads regarding assistance from the council to fill potholes.

Cllr Thomas reported that 50 tons of road planings were available to be collected from the DCC Highways Depot for this purpose.

**RESOLVED:** To send a letter to these residents stating that the council could organise the delivery of road planings to fill potholes, providing that the residents organised the spreading and compacting of the material. It was emphasized that the Town Council would not accept any liability resulting from filling potholes on unadopted roads.

**C12/27 Multi-Use Games Area – Floodlights**

A complaint had been received from a resident of Reservoir Road regarding light pollution from the floodlights at the MUGA.

**RESOLVED:** To obtain a quotation from MUSCO, the installation manufacturer, to arrange for a site visit to either fit a cowl or alter the angle of the lights to reduce light spillage affecting Reservoir Road.

**C12/28 Brookfield Pond Nature Reserve – Tree No. 8**

The alder tree (No. 8 on the DCC written survey) had been inspected by Cllrs Swift and Taylor and they advised that no further pruning work or felling the tree was necessary.

**C12/29 Sunnybank Allotment Site**

A survey had been carried out of all the names (46) on the waiting list for allotments and 21 responses confirmed that they still wanted an allotment. Caroline Wheatley (HPBC) had responded to a letter from Mr Ridgeway (on the waiting list) stating that HPBC is currently formulating a new allotment strategy and she will be asking the Horticultural Services Section to look at the feasibility of using Carrs Field, Horwich End for allotments.

The Clerk reported that she had met Monica Gillespie (HPBC Tree Officer) at the allotment site and she is happy for clearance work to proceed as long as the mature trees along the embankment at the back are not affected.

Cllrs Swift, Thomas and Goldfinch agreed to visit the site and report back to the June meeting regarding the project to remove vegetation, address drainage and provide more allotments or raised beds.

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