

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Meeting: Town Council
Date: 8th November 2012
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Mrs Anne Winter (Chair), Mrs Susanne Lomas (until 9.00pm), Bowden, Gilmour, Goldfinch, Lomax, Pritchard, Swift, Taylor and Thomas. WPC Ellen Barlow

MINUTES

C12/109 Apologies for Absence

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

C12/110 Declarations of Members' Interests (1)

Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Item 18)	Member of HPBC
Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Item 12)	Board member of Rural Action Derbyshire

C12/111 Community Police

WPC Ellen Barlow gave crime statistics for October. Arrests had been made in connection with recent burglaries in Whaley Bridge and no burglaries had been reported since that date.

Cllr Pritchard registered concern about sheep on local highways.

Cllr Lomax reiterated his request for road accident statistics for this area.

It was noted that no official information had been released about the inquest into the motorcycle accident and fatality on the A6 at Furness Vale.

C12/112 Open Forum

Jane Butler (First Responder in Whaley Bridge) registered her concern about the inadequate ambulance service proposed for the High Peak area as part of the reorganisation planned by East Midlands Ambulance Service.

RESOLVED: To move Agenda Item 15 forward to be discussed after Open Forum.

Keith Hufton reported that the fireworks event on 2nd November had been successful and financially viable. The school children had made 420 lanterns for the lantern parade through the park.

Mike Knowles reported that he had submitted an application to DCC to apply village green status to land at Horwich End.

RESOLVED: To write a letter of support from the council for the land (Area C10 proposed in the HPBC Local Plan consultation) at Horwich End to be designated as a village green for recreational use by the local community.

C12/113 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 18th October 2012

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 18th October 2012 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C12/114 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was received.

C12/115 East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) Reorganisation Consultation

The "Being the Best" consultation document was received and discussed.

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be suspended in order to allow participation by Jane Butler.

Jane Butler emphasised the importance of the High Peak area being detached and fundamentally different in many respects, especially the nature of the terrain, from the rest of the East Midlands area. She stressed that it was essential for ambulances to be permanently based in the High Peak.

RESOLVED: To reinstate Standing Orders (8.30pm)

RESOLVED: To respond to the consultation with a letter to Phil Milligan (EMAS Chief Executive) objecting to the inadequate service proposed for the High Peak, including the following points:

1. The Town Council welcomes EMAS revisiting proposals for an ambulance station/hub in the High Peak taking into account the relevance of the terrain and hills in the area.
2. It is not sensible for ambulances to travel up to one hour to Chesterfield hub (J29 on M1) to be restocked or repaired. This would leave the High Peak area short of provision and vulnerable during these times.
3. A new hub should be introduced in the Chapel-en-le-Frith area to serve the High Peak.
4. Local crews should be permanently stationed at the local High Peak hub as they have local experience of the area and local knowledge. This is invaluable local knowledge which would not be available from Chesterfield crews.
5. The hub should be placed adjacent to the A6 bypass (next to the Fallow Deer pub) with superb access to the A6 in both directions to the central area of New Mills, Whaley Bridge, Chinley and to Dove Holes, Fairfield and Buxton travelling south.
6. The A6 provides a direct route to the nearest hospital to the High Peak which is Stepping Hill, Stockport
7. The A6 and bypass is the first road in the area to be cleared and gritted in bad weather.

8. Staden Lane Industrial Estate is too far removed from central High Peak to give efficient access to areas most in need of rapid response. Putting a hub on the Ashbourne Road would not allow rapid access to the central area due to the hills between, especially during bad weather.
9. Special 4 x 4 ambulance vehicles are required for the High Peak area as normal ambulances are inadequate for the terrain and rapid responses, especially during bad weather.

C12/116 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2251	Global Collect BV	Bullguard subscription	37.46
2252	Peartree Print	Laminated posters	21.00
2253	Garie Bevan Coatings	Telephone box refurbishment	1320.00
2254	Mechanics Institute	November account	640.17
2255	WB Cricket Club	Glass damage at Jubilee event	50.00
2256	L Hughes/Soldier Dick	Electricity for Xmas tree	50.00
2257	F Frodsham/Pirana Gdn	Grounds maintenance/grit bins	1147.50
2258	Cllr Susanne Lomas	Cllr expenses/pavilion decorate	70.12
2259	Cash	Petty cash – November	61.13
2260	Paintmaster	Materials for pavilion decorate	222.11
2261	Zurich Insurance	MUGA Tractor insurance	93.22
2262	The Green Reaper Ltd	Leaf vacuum for MUGA	434.00
2263	HMRC	PAYE & NI November	564.85
2264	Cllr Susanne Lomas	Cllr expenses/pavilion decorate	53.48
0401	Gas Point Services	SA – Gas appliance inspection	123.00
0402	Stanway & Hallows	SA – Electrical lighting work	75.84
0403	HPBC	SA – Rates	158.00
TOTAL £			5121.88

C12/117 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr Pritchard reported on emails between himself and Mark James (Planning Policy HPBC) regarding relocating the central path through the station car park to allow better access for people with mobility challenges.

RESOLVED: That Whaley4Wards (Regeneration Forum) investigate a project to move the central path to one side of the station car park to improve access, and report back to the full council in due course.

C12/118 Correspondence

1. Zurich insurance – revised policy schedule adding ‘mini’ maintenance tractor and trailer.
2. Peak Park Parishes Forum – draft minutes of AGM on 15/09/ 2012.
3. DCC – Parish and Town Council Newsletter October 2012.
4. Northernrail – confirmation of no objection in principal to installation of refurbished non-operational red phone box.

5. Peak District NPA – material from Parishes Day 2012 Communities and Development re: consultation on future detailed planning policies.
6. Derbyshire Constabulary – advice on guarding against burglary.
7. Andrew Wild – e-mail about train service - reference NR/273200. Cut in Service – Furness Vale.
8. Cllr Pritchard – response to e-mail from Andrew Wild about train service - reference NR/273200. Cut in Service – Furness Vale.
9. Cllr Pritchard – forwarding e-mail informing Wayfarer tickets on sale in Glossop and Chinley.
10. Peak District NPA – Feedback on proposals to amend the Public Participation Scheme.
11. NetworkRail – notification of vegetation management works – Furness vale to Chapel-en-le-Frith.
12. Peak District NPA – notification of availability to view of its Sustainable Appraisal, Strategic Environmental Assessment and an Assessment under the EU Habits Regulations for the Development Management Policies Issues and Preferred Approaches.
13. Bill Newton Dunn MEP - report for Derbyshire.
14. Cllr Pritchard – information for distribution to members regarding planning including inspectors report on Barratt Appeal.
15. Open Spaces Society – e-mail regarding postponement of the second reading of the Growth and Infrastructure Bill.
16. Peak Park Parishes Forum – Management Committee’s response to PDNPA re its consultation on Development Management policies.
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No:	DALC Circulars and Information 2012 – Content
44	General Circular - Code of Conduct; Café Clusters; Training; NALC – Enquiry- “What next for Localism?”; Community Right to Bid – Powers come into action; RTPi Launches ‘Map for England’ Pilot; Clerk/RFO Vacancy.

18. Andrew Bingham MP – response e-mail apologising for being unable to attend the October council meeting with respect to “Being the Best” – East Midlands Ambulance Service reorganisation consultation document, but requesting feedback and encouraging wider participation of taking part in the consultation.
19. United Utilities - letter regarding provision of two Christmas Trees again this year, but for the last time.
20. DCC – engrossed lease relating to library for sealing.
21. High Peak CVS – invitation to AGM – 10th Anniversary on Thursday 29th November 2012 at WB Uniting Church 12pm – 3.15pm and services information.

22. WB Community Trust – request for Concessionary use of Mechanics Institute for Christmas Market on light switch on night – 30th November 2012. **Concessionary use granted.**
23. Lance Dowson – e-mail notification of e-petition regarding discontent with East Midlands Ambulance Service proposals to close ambulance stations in New Mills and Buxton.
24. HPBC – e-mail reporting attendance of 300 people at Buxton meeting regarding East Midlands Ambulance Service proposals consultation and link to information on the internet.

C12/119 Mechanics Institute – Damp Issues in the Basement

Information was received from DCC, including a quote from Preserva CSS Ltd, regarding repairing damp patches along the rear wall of the library in the basement of the Mechanics Institute.

RESOLVED: To write to Frederic Robinson Ltd to draw their attention to these problems which may be linked to the back wall in the garage area above the basement which is owned by them.

RESOLVED: To put subject on the December agenda for further discussion.

C12/120 Report from the Bingswood Access and Canal Basin Regeneration Panel

RESOLVED: To move discussion of this agenda item to Part II as the item would involve disclosure of exempt information.

C12/121 Producing a Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Pritchard proposed that the Working Group meet again on 14th November 2012.

C12/122 Localism Act 2011 – Dispensation for Whaley Bridge Town Councillors Re: Precept and Budget Discussions

RESOLVED: To grant dispensation to members allowing discussion of the budget and precept for 2013/14, without declaring a pecuniary interest.

C12/123 Grounds Maintenance Contract – 2013/14

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation for £6110 from Pirana Country Gardens to provide grounds maintenance for 2013/14 .

C12/124 Sunnybank Allotment Site – Vegetation Clearance and Drainage Work

Cllr Swift reported that the working party on 10th November had started clearing the overgrown area of the allotment site and it would be necessary to hire heavy equipment to complete the work and install a drainage pipe at the base of the embankment.

RESOLVED: To transfer £500 from the Sports Association budget (for repairs and maintenance) to the allotment site budget making a total of £1000 available for the land and drainage work.

C12/125 General Power of Competence

The Clerk reported that she had passed Section 7, General Power of Competence, CiLCA 2012, fulfilling the eligibility criteria, on 30th October 2012.

The General Power of Competence (Localism Act 2011 s1 (1) gives Town and Parish Councils “the power to do anything that individuals generally may do” providing that it is lawful and it meets the eligibility criteria of having a clerk holding a recognised sector-specific qualification and the number of councillors elected at the last ordinary election or subsequent by-election equals or exceeds two thirds of its total number of councillors.

RESOLVED: That Whaley Bridge Town Council meets the required criteria for eligibility for the General Power of Competence and this eligibility will remain in place until the first annual meeting of the council after an ordinary election that normally takes place every four years.

C12/126 HPBC Council Tax Benefit Changes – Consultation

It was noted that the Government would be abolishing council tax benefits from 1st April 2013 and individual local authorities (HPBC) would need to replace it with a local council tax support scheme in their area.

A consultation document and survey was received from High Peak Borough Council (“Have Your Say – Council Tax Benefit is Changing”)

RESOLVED: That members could complete the survey individually.

C12/127 Part II – Matters to be discussed after the exclusion of the press and public

RESOLVED: 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.

Report from the Bingswood Access and Canal Basin Regeneration Panel

Councillors discussed progress with regeneration issues at the Canal Basin and access to the Bingswood Industrial Estate.

The Clerk was requested to call a meeting with Dai Lerner, Mike Morris, Cllr Caitlin Bisknell and Cllr Claff (HPBC) to discuss these issues further and to request that the Town Council be represented at all future meetings held with United Utilities regarding these issues.

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