

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, SK23 7AA
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Meeting: Town Council
Date: 18th October 2012
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Mrs Anne Winter (Chair), Mrs Linda Leather (until 8.35pm), Mrs Susanne Lomas (until 9.05pm), Bowden, Gilmour (from 8.30pm), Goldfinch, Lomax, Pritchard, Swift (from 8.10pm) and Taylor (until 8.45pm). PCSO Steve Rogers

MINUTES

C12/89 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Thomas and Wild.

C12/90 Declarations of Members' Interests (3)

Cllr Taylor	Agenda Item 5	Lives adjacent to suggested site for housing
Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Items 5 & 20	Member of HPBC
Cllr Goldfinch	Agenda Item 19	Member of Sports Assoc. Executive

C12/91 Community Police

PCSO Steve Rogers reported on the spate of recent burglaries in the Meadowfield area. Measures are being taken to monitor this area. He gave details of the Smartwater scheme for identifying property to deter criminals.

RESOLVED: To write to High Peak Borough Council requesting the purchase of Smartwater kits for distribution to Town & Parish Councils via the Councillor Initiative Fund.

The next Safer Neighbourhood Meeting will take place on 24th October 2012.

C12/92 Open Forum

Dr Ben Reid and Mr Michael Knowles expressed concern about the High Peak Local Plan consultation including the following reasons:

- There was a strong public preference for the consideration of brownfield sites to be used for housing development prior to considering greenfield sites.
- They felt the north end of the town was more appropriate for building than to the south.
- The consultation was basically flawed.

- d) There was a need to review existing industrial sites.
- e) More designated public open space was required.

C12/93 High Peak Local Plan Options Consultation – Central Area

The council considered and formulated responses to the consultation response form to be submitted to High Peak Borough Council by 25th October 2012.

C12/94 Producing a Neighbourhood Plan

An interim report will be submitted for discussion at the November meeting.

C12/95 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 13th September 2012

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 13th September 2012 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C12/96 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was received.

C12/97 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2228	Churches Together	Grant	100.00
2229	WB RBL	Grant	100.00
2230	Chapel Mobile Physio	Grant	100.00
2231	Toddbrook Sailing Club	Grant	200.00
2232	WB Band	Grant	200.00
2233	WB Rose Queen	Grant	200.00
2234	FV GOGS Project	FV Park Project	502.00
2235	SLCC	GPC Application fee	20.00
2236	DCC	Road planings	120.00
2237	Shelter Maintenance Co	Bus shelter cleaning	59.33
2238	WB Uniting Church	Room hire	30.00
2239	Peartree Print	Newsletter/stationery/flyers	275.73
2240	F Frodsham/Piranha	New tub	45.00
2241	WB Mechanics Inst	October account	584.17
2242	D A Corke	Posts and signs	196.00
2243	Cllr M Thomas	Shallcross Trail expenses	45.75
2244	Nemisis Pyrotechnics	Firework Display	3000.00
2245	Open Spaces Society	Subscription	40.00
2246	Viking Direct Ltd	Office chair	73.42
2247	HMRC	PAYE & NI October	565.05
2248	DCC	Superannuation October	485.75
2249	Cash	Petty cash October	76.03
2250	Chris Tetley	Concrete seat bases	750.00
0400	HPBC	SA – Rates Sep/Oct/Nov	474.00
TOTAL			£ 8242.23

C12/98 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies - None

C12/99

Correspondence

1. RBS Software Solutions – Support Fees and latest releases information.
2. Boundary Commission for England – announcement of intention to publish, on Tuesday 16th October 2012, revised proposals for new Parliamentary constituencies in England.
3. Grace Price potential retailer of country clothing at The Salt Box, Market Street, WB – request for letter of support from the Town Council for her grant funding application. **Agreed to send a letter of support.**
4. DCC – temporary road closure notice Elnor Lane, WB from 15 metres south of junction with Shallcross Road to 50 metres south of Cotton Close to facilitate drainage, carriageway and footway resurfacing works.
5. RAD – invitation to Rural Action Derbyshire's AGM on Friday 19th October 2012 from 1.30pm at Willersley Castle Hotel, Cromford, Matlock DE4 5JG.
6. Derbyshire Constabulary – notice of Neighbourhood Watch Event on 11th October 2012 'Focusing on Community Involvement' at the Post Mill Centre, Market Street, Normanton DE55 2EJ from 6.30pm.
7. HPBC – Standards Committee Agenda for Thursday 27th September 2012.
8. New Mills & District Volunteer Centre – response regarding query connected with grant and donation request.
9. DCC – Young Achievers Awards 2012 information.
10. Peak District NPA – consultation into issues and preferred approaches for development management policies as part of the Peak District NPA Local Development Plan. Consultation runs Monday 24th September to 00:00am Monday 17th December 2012.
11. DCC – response that the relevant officers will look at our requests for cycle lanes where possible on the A6 and cutting back of overhanging vegetation at Bridgemont.
12. Sam Gray – update on Whaley Fireworks Friday.
13. HP & HV Community Rail Partnership – minutes from meeting on 12th September 2012.
14. United Utilities – acknowledging contact will be made soon about Christmas Trees.
15. Toddbrook Sailing Club – e-mail of thanks for the grant.
16. Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Electoral Review of Derbyshire: Final recommendations.
17. Local Works – campaign to urge councils to use the Sustainable

Communities Act to reverse community decline.

18. WB Uniting Church – letter of thanks for donation to Churches Together in Whaley Bridge’s Holiday Club.
19. CPRE – Friends of the Peak District – seeking support for campaign to protect the Peak District from damage caused by off-roading.
20. WB Royal British Legion – thanks for the donation.
21. Selrap – thanks for support with reopening of Skipton-Colne railway.
22. Anne Parkes – offering financial support for upkeep of benches outside Mechanics Institute and the Co-op Pharmacy. **Agreed to reply stating that the benches would be refurbished and no financial contribution would be necessary.**
23. DCC – notification of a feasibility study on A6 for introduction of cycle lanes. **Agreed to respond welcoming the feasibility study and requesting that cyclists be given priority at central refuge points.**
24. RAD – PDNPA consultation – issues and preferred Approaches for Development Management Policies.
25. HPBC – notices for Police and Crime Commissioner elections, Thursday 15th November 2012.
26. Chapel-en-le-Frith Mobile Physio Service – thanks for donation.
27. Derbyshire Eco Centre – information about workshops at the centre.
28. High Peak CAB – notice of AGM, Monday 8th October 2012.
29. Cllr John Pritchard – information about Derbyshire SAFE Consortium providing housing and support for young people in Derbyshire.
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No:	DALC Circulars and Information 2012 – Content
41	General Circular - Auditor Appointments to Small Bodies (England); English Heritage Publishes Local Plan Guidance; Cumbria Neighbourhood Plan Area Approved; Lottry’s Small Grants – A Golden Opportunity for Community Products; Planting the Need for Community Grown Food.
42	General Circular – Standing Orders; Quality Council Status; Electoral Reviews of Derbyshire and Swale – Final Recommendations; Council Tax Base and Funding for Precepting Authorities.
43	General Circular - Pensions – LGPS 2014 Proposals; Derbyshire Gold Cards; New Resource for Communities wanting to set up a community shop; BBC One Show – looking for community projects that need help; Iconic Facilities Fund – Sport England; Community Right to Build – Homes and Communities Agency; Business Group; Overhaul of County Ambulance Service; Clerk & RFO Vacancies.

31. HPBC – confirmation of replacement sign for Bridgemont ordered.
32. HPBC – reply from Christine Latham re: issues raised about the Memorial Park. **(circulated)**
33. DCC – notification of electrical goods donation event on 20/10/2012 at Tesco's.
34. Ambulance Service – save your local ambulance station campaign information. **Agreed to put this subject on the agenda for the November meeting and write letters objecting to the closure of ambulance stations at Buxton and New Mills to Andrew Bingham MP and East Midlands Ambulance Service.**
35. Whaley Bridge Royal British Legion – Itinerary for Remembrance Sunday and thanks for agreeing to lay wreaths.

C12/100 Concessionary Use of the Mechanics Institute for Firework Display Lantern Workshop

RESOLVED: To grant concessionary use of the Mechanics Institute Meeting Room on Saturday, 27th October 2012 for a lantern workshop to produce lanterns for the parade through the Memorial Park as part of this year's Firework Event on 2nd November 2012 at WB Bowling Club.

C12/101 Dispensation for Councillors

Councillors completed forms requesting special dispensation allowing them to discuss matters relevant to the Mechanics Institute at Town Council meetings without the need to declare interests (as members of the Mechanics Institute Trustee).

RESOLVED: That councillors would be permitted to discuss matters concerning the Mechanics Institute without declaring an interest as without this dispensation the number of persons prohibited by Section 31 (4) of the Localism Act 2011 from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business.

C12/102 Refilling Grit Bins

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation for £430 from Ken Frodsham to refill the Town Council's 25 grit bins with grit from current stocks.

C12/103 DCC Rights of Way Improvement Plan Consultation Document

The consultation document and questionnaire were received.

RESOLVED: That councillors could complete the questionnaire individually.

C12/104 Renewal of Library Lease

RESOLVED: To renew the lease with Derbyshire County Council for the

basement of the Mechanics Institute to be used as a public library, for a term of two years from 1st April 2012 at a rent of £4,500 per year.

C12/105 Sunnybank Allotment Site – Ground Clearance Project

RESOLVED: To allocate the budget of £500 for clearance and drainage works at the allotment site to include hiring equipment to expedite the clearance of the waterlogged area.

The next working parties to be held on 10th and 24th November 2012.

C12/106 Application for the General Power of Competence

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 eligibility criteria at the present time and will submit an application to obtain the General Power of Competence noting that it must make a new resolution to this effect at every annual meeting of the council after ordinary elections held every four years.

C12/107 MUGA Tractor and Trailer Insurance

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation from Zurich Municipal Insurance plc to add £150 to the existing council annual insurance premium, to insure the new tractor and brush trailer used to maintain the artificial grass pitch at the multi-use games area.

C12/108 HPBC Council Tax Benefit Changes Consultation

RESOLVED: To defer discussion of the consultation document to the November 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
WBTC	Whaley Bridge Town Council