

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Meeting: Town Council
Date: 13th September 2012
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Mrs Anne Winter (Chair), Bowden, Gilmour, Goldfinch, Lomax, Pritchard, Thomas and Taylor. PCSO Patrick Findlay-Wilson

MINUTES

C12/68 Apologies for Absence

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

C12/69 Declarations of Members' Interests (3)

Cllr Taylor	Agenda Item 10	Trustee of New Mills Volunteer Bureau
Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Item 7	Member of HPBC
Cllr Mrs Winter	Agenda Item 20	Member of W4W Committee

C12/70 Community Police

PCSO Findlay-Wilson gave crime statistics for the previous month. Concern was expressed about the increase in the number of domestic burglaries in Whaley Bridge during the previous three weeks. Some arrests had been made and forensic evidence was being collected.

C12/71 Open Forum

RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Orders to allow the large number of people present to be represented and speak to members.

Dr Stuart Barker spoke on behalf of the 40 members of the public attending to raise their concerns and objections to the sites being considered for housing development in the new High Peak Local Plan. It was noted that the consultation period for submitting comments to the Borough Council would run from 13th September until 25th October 2012.

Dr Barker stated that there was overwhelming support for objecting to the proposed site at Horwich End and he listed the reasons which included:

- Inadequate access to the proposed site
- No pavements along access road (New Road)
- Increase in traffic which would exacerbate the use of New Road and Shallcross Mill Road as a ratrun.

- Proximity of the exit road (New Road) to the crossroads and traffic lights at Horwich End
- Large development would cause congestion at Elnor Lane and Manor Road
- The proposed site contains many old mineshafts causing concern about possible subsidence
- High levels of radon gas found in this area
- Overhead electricity supply would need to be relocated
- The cost-effectiveness of providing affordable housing
- The population of Horwich End would double
- Obtrusive visual aspect of housing development
- Loss of recreational facility
- Insufficient local primary school places available
- Effect on local wildlife
- No economic plan proposed to increase employment opportunities in Whaley Bridge
- Existing vacant properties in Whaley Bridge are not selling
- Additional housing is not required in Whaley Bridge
- Recent problems with DCC adopting new roads
- Brownfield sites in the area should be considered for development first before greenfield sites, e.g. Hogs Yard.

The council was requested to call a public meeting with planning officers attending from High Peak Borough Council to give more information and answer questions from the public.

Ms Lor Cole outlined the business plan for the Firework Display proposed to be held at the WB Bowling Club on Friday, 2nd October 2012. The council was requested to underwrite any financial loss resulting from the event.

Mr Martin Daly raised concerns about potential public events being held in the Memorial Park as a consequence of the application by HPBC for a premises (entertainments) licence for the park. Neighbouring residents had been informed but were objecting to events which might cause public disorder and aggravation.

RESOLVED: To resume Standing Orders (9.15pm).

C12/72 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12th July 2012

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 12th July 2012 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C12/73 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was received.

C12/74 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2206	Ian McDougall	Potholes scheme – George St	100.00
2207	DCC	Pension payment Jul & Aug	971.50
2208	Musco Lighting Ltd	2 visors for MUGA floodlights	204.00
2209	Woodberry of L Spa	Bench seat for Shallcross Inc.	186.00
2210	HP Marquees	Welldressing marquee balance	1468.53
2211	CPRE	Subscription	29.00
2212	CCMA Services Ltd	Payroll charge Apr – Jun	184.32
2213	J & RJG Swift	Diamond Jubilee Event exps.	98.16
2214	HMRC	PAYE & NI Aug	564.85
2215	Shelter Maintenance Co	Bus shelter cleaning/repairs	95.33
2216	Cllr Jon Goldfinch	Banner	64.74
2217	Peartree Print	Newsletter and stationery	216.60
2218	Mirage Display Ltd	W3 banners	300.00
2219	MAP Ltd.	Newsletter distribution	126.00
2220	WB Mechanics Institute	August account	562.17
2221	DCC	Pension payment Sept	485.75
2222	HMRC	PAYE & NI Sept	564.85
2223	Johnston Publishing Ltd	Grants/donations advert	76.80
2224	Audit Commission	Audit fee 2011/12	1050.00
2225	WB Mechanics Institute	September account	584.17
2226	Peartree Print	Stationery	21.66
2227	Cash	Petty cash – September	87.17
0394	Paul Wragg	SA - Repairs to lock	50.00
0395	Southern Electric	SA – Electricity	127.48
0396	Stanway & Hallows	SA – Light tubes	14.40
0397	Steve Rampley	SA – Key cutting	23.40
0398	Shorrocks Trichem Ltd	SA – Cleaning materials	28.26
0399	Paul Wragg	SA – Lock repair excess chg	12.50
TOTAL			£ 8297.64

C12/75 Grants and Donations

Cllr Taylor declared an interest and left the meeting for Item 1.

RESOLVED: That the following grants and donations be approved:

	£
1 New Mills & District Volunteer Centre (Agreed to write to Dorothy Scapens to request explanation regarding using their funds to sponsor Buxton Opera House)	Nil
2 Churches Together in Whaley Bridge	100.00
3 WB Royal British Legion	100.00
4 Furness Vale COGS – request for £502, outstanding balance from £1000 grant allocated in the budget for 2012/13.	Granted
5 Chapel-en-le-Frith Mobile Physiotherapy Service	100.00

6	Toddbrook Sailing Club	200.00
7	Whaley Bridge Band Learner Group	200.00
8	WB Rose Queen Festival Committee (Agreed to write to the Festival Committee to request that the use of equipment such as PA systems should be co-ordinated and made available to other organisations as required for other public events)	200.00

TOTAL £ 900.00

C12/76 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr Pritchard reported that Sarita Pressland, the new Chief Officer for DALC, would be attending the Parish Liaison Meeting on 18th September 2012.

Cllr Pritchard reported on the meeting of the High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership he had attended on 12th September 2012. He hoped that a small grant would be made towards the red telephone kiosk project but a decision had been deferred pending receipt of further information about the project.

C12/77 Correspondence

1. HPBC – response from planning officer (Anne Jordan) regarding clarification of issues surrounding business development on Bingswood Industrial Estate.
2. Northern Rail – response justifying the proposed removal of two Furness Vale calls.
3. HPBC – notification of a second session of training around New Standards Framework and Code of Conduct on Wednesday 12th September 2012 at 6pm in the Octagon Lounge, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton.
4. John Pritchard – Toddbrook Reservoir Historic Valves Project: Update No 4.
5. Peak District NPA – invitation to Annual Parishes' Day on Saturday 15th September 2012 at the Palace Hotel Buxton.
6. Peak Park Parishes Forum – Papers for the Forum's AGM Day on Saturday 15th September 2012 at the Palace Hotel Buxton.
7. DCC – notice of temporary speed limit on Long Hill, Fernilee from its junction with Elnor Lane for 1500metres in a southerly direction, to facilitate carriageway works.
8. Information about changes to the route 63 bus service.
9. DCC – response from David Wilson, chairman of the War Memorials Committee advising their next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th September 2012 when our request for assistance will be considered.
10. HPBC – papers for Ordinary meeting on Thursday 26th July 2012.

11. CRT – response from Nick Smith confirming the repair to the collapsed washwall and bank erosion on the Peak Forest Canal in Whaley Bridge has been rescheduled from July for completion in September, due to a serious flooding event on the Rochdale Canal.
12. Derbyshire Alert – information on Chief Superintendent Gary Knighton, in charge of policing in Derbyshire Dales and High Peak.
13. RAD – notice of Renewable Heating Technologies Open Day on 29th August 2012 at Glow-worm's Belper Training Centre of Excellence.
14. DCC – notice of temporary road closure of Fold Lane, Fernilee from 17th to 21st September 2012 from its junction with A5004, Long Hill to its junction with Elnor Lane, for sewage treatment system works.
15. Derbyshire Alert – Priority profile update from WB area SN Policing Team.
16. DCC – information about replenishment of Grit Bins.
17. DCC – information about Independent Members of the Derbyshire Police an Crime Panel and search for two independent members to be elected in November 2012 to serve for four years. Closing date for applications 2nd September 2012.
18. DCC – notice of temporary road closure of Bings Road, WB from 24th to 28th September 2012 from its junction with Old Road for a distance of 10 metres in an easterly direction to facilitate carriageway patching works
19. DCC – notice of temporary road closure of Old Road, WB from 24th to 28th September 2012 from its junction with A5004 Buxton Road to a point 20 metres south of its junction with Bings Road to facilitate carriageway patching works.
20. Local Works – campaign to implement the sustainable Communities Act.
21. Barry James – response regarding WBTC comments to him about traffic management on Macclesfield Road.
22. HPBC – notice of Parish Liaison meeting on Tuesday 18th September 2012 at the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith 3pm till 5pm **(Circulated)**
23. DCC – invitation to Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum on Thursday 25th October 2012 at County Hall, Matlock from 6pm – 8pm. Opportunity to talk to officers about County Council services, hear about recent projects and Q&A session. Other relevant items welcome with confirmation of attendance.
24. DCC – copy of response to Barry James' letter about traffic issued on Macclesfield Road, forwarded to them by ourselves.
25. Barry James – copy of response letter from DCC re traffic management Macclesfield Road and letter expressing disappointment and frustration at their inability to take action with reference to HSE risk assessment requirements and a serious accident on Macclesfield Road at Horwich End on 23rd August 2012.

26. Cllr Martin Thomas – e-mail suggesting discussion of allegations on the forum. **It was noted that WBTC did not believe that they had ever been offered ownership of the land in question.**
27. Whaley4wards – agenda and papers for meeting on Wednesday 5th September 2012.
28. CPRE – South Yorkshire newsletter.
29. HP&HV CRP - meeting information 12th September 2012.
30. DCC – cenotaph cleaning information.
31. Cllr Susanne Lomas – copy of e-mail to Robin Cummins HPBC Street Cleaning about FV resident’s concerns re lack of cleaning of areas of Park Crescent.
32. Peak Park Parishes Forum – bringing information from Peak District NPA regarding Sustainable Travel in the Peak District and a link to their survey to the attention of Parish Councils.
33. Cllr Pritchard – HP&HV CRP meeting minutes and information that HPBC have agreed to become a Core Funding Partner.
34. Peak District NPA – Programme for Annual Parishes’ Day on 15th September 2012.
35. Cllr Pritchard – notice of HP&HV CRP meeting for information.
36. Whaley Bridge resident, Christine Lomas – e-mail expressing dismay about reports in the Buxton Advertiser of possible housing developments in WB, particularly off Reservoir Road
37. HP Citizens Advice Bureau – report on service at Mechanics Institute 2011/12.
38. Bill Newton Dunn MEP – bulletin for the East Midlands summer 2012.
39. Audit Commission – confirmation of appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP from 2012/13.
40. Open Spaces Society – seeking financial support in respect of court costs.
41. Cllr Jon Goldfinch – e-mail regarding underwriting of fireworks event potential shortfall.
42. HPBC – WB Memorial Park Restoration Project newsletter August 2012.
43. DCC – Derbyshire Village Games update and launch of campaign to continue the project.
44. Derbyshire Alert – report and request for information about burglary at a property on Stoneheads on Wednesday 12th September 2012 between 11am and 11.30am.
45. HPBC – notice and papers for ordinary meeting on Wednesday 19th September 2012 at 7.15pm at the Town Hall, Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith.
46. Derbyshire Alert – update in relation to burglaries in Whaley Bridge.

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DALC Circulars and Information 2012 – Content	
36	General Circular - Community Right to Challenge; Flood Protection Agency – New Online Flood Portal; Campaigners Target Roadside Litter; Paths for Communities (P4C) – Natural England; Inspired Facilities Fund; Big Lottery Fund Guidance for Applicants.
37	General Circular – DALC’s New Recommended Agenda for Parish and Town Council’s (Dependent upon Code of Conduct your Council has chosen); Council Payments; Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge; Outdoor Play Areas.
38	General – DALC AGM – County Hall Matlock, 11am Saturday 1 st September 2012; NALC welcomes move to update payment rules; Paths for Communities; Planning for a Healthy and Natural Environment; BT’s Community Connection Programme: Apply for a Year’s free Broadband; Plan to reduce rural speed limits; New/updated legal topic notes.
	DALC 66 th AGM Saturday 1 st September 2012, County Hall Matlock at 11am, meeting papers.
39	General – Code of Conduct; DALC Annual meeting of Executive Committee; Proposals from Town and Parish Councils under the Sustainable Communities Act 2007; Recruitment of independent Members of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel; General Power of Competence – Diary Date Reminder.
40	General – The Community right to challenge; CLG cash boost for neighbourhood planning; PAYE changes; Consultation for Derbyshire’s Rights of Way Improvement Plan – draft statement of action 2012 –2017; DCC youth action grant; Could review spell the end of section 106?; CiLCA Section 7 – General Power of Competence training for Clerks already CiLCA or relevant University of Gloucester qualified; contacting DALC.

C12/78 Approved Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2012

The accounts and Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2012 had been audited by the Audit Commission and approved with no actions to be taken.

C12/79 Quotes for Concrete Bases for Seats at Shallcross Incline Greenway

Three quotes had been received.

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation for £750 from Chris Tetley to carry out the work to supply three concrete bases for the seats to be installed at the Shallcross Incline Greenway.

C12/80 Firework Display

The business plan for the event was received.

RESOLVED: To underwrite any financial loss resulting from the event up to a maximum of £2,300 in excess of the grant of £1000 given to the event, provided that the event is executed in accordance with the Business Plan presented to the meeting and that any surplus is invested towards the event taking place the following year.

C12/81 Christmas Festivities 2012

It was noted that the Christmas Festivities would take place in Whaley Bridge on Friday, 30th November 2012.

RESOLVED: To write to United Utilities requesting that they supply the two Christmas trees again this year and to request HPBC to erect the trees, affix the lights and dismantle and dispose of the trees in January.

C12/82 Part-Night Street Lighting Consultation from DCC

The Town Council welcomed the initiative in principle but were mindful that the scheme may need some minor alterations following implementation.

C12/83 Memorial Park Management Issues

It was noted that the residents of Reservoir Road had been consulted about the application for a premises licence for the Memorial Park to allow for certain entertainment events.

RESOLVED: To write to High Peak Borough Council emphasising that any event should be appropriate for this public park and should not cause any unnecessary distress to the residents of Reservoir Road and to seek reassurance regarding the type and timing of events planned and their supervision.

RESOLVED: To write to HPBC seeking detailed information about the budget plan for the refurbishment work planned for the park and the amount of grant funding received by HPBC for this work, along with a breakdown of costs and expenditure to date, following accepting a tender for the contract.

RESOLVED: To write to HPBC requesting that the two football pitches in Whaley Bridge be included in the dog exclusion zones proposed for the Memorial Park.

RESOLVED: To ask Cllr Caitlin Bisknell whether the terms of the new lease for the Sports Pavilion had been reviewed as requested by the Town Council at the last Parish Liaison Meeting with HPBC.

C12/84 Whaley Bridge Allotments

Sunnybank Allotment Site Project

It was noted that a working party was planned for Saturday, 6th October 2012 at the allotment site to commence clearing the waterlogged area.

C12/85 A6 Highway Issues

Cllr Bowden expressed concern about the increase in the number of cyclists using the A6 as a result of the London Olympics.

RESOLVED: To request DCC to investigate taking measures to make the A6 more user-friendly by introducing designated cycle lanes where possible and to cut back overhanging vegetation at Bridgemont.

C12/86 Autumn Newsletter

RESOLVED: To include the following items in the Autumn Newsletter:

1. High Peak Local Plan – details of the Public Meeting to discuss the issues regarding sites proposed for housing development in Whaley Bridge.
2. Details of the Firework Display on 2nd October 2012 at WB Bowling Club.
3. Charges for hiring the multi-use games area.

C12/87 Whaley4Wards – Delegated Expenditure

RESOLVED: That W4W be given delegated power to spend up to a limit of £2000 (from the budget for regeneration) for small projects following approval from the Responsible Financial Officer and two members from Cllrs Mrs Winter, Taylor, Goldfinch and Thomas.

C12/88 Town Guide 2013

RESOLVED: To produce 5000 copies of a new Town Guide to be published early in 2013 with an allocated budget of £1000.

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