

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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**Meeting:** Town Council

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Mechanics Institute

**Present:** Councillors Mrs Anne Winter (Chair), Bowden, Mrs Susanne Lomas (until 9.00pm), Gilmour, Lomax, Pritchard, Swift, Taylor, Thomas and Wild. PC Ellen Barlow

## MINUTES

### **C12/145 Apologies for Absence**

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

### **C12/146 Declarations of Members' Interests (1)**

Cllr Pritchard                      Agenda Items 15,16 & 17                      Member of HPBC

### **C12/147 Community Police**

PC Ellen Barlow reported crime statistics for December. A theft of catalytic convertors valued at £13,500 from Leo Engineering was reported. Police surveillance signs have been erected at the premises. There had been 30 incidents of anti-social behaviour during the Christmas period and letters and visits have been made to parents of offenders.

Chinese fireworks had been causing problems outside the shops along Old Road which are now being monitored by CCTV and surveillance camera warning signs have been erected.

Cllr Taylor reported vehicles obstructing the pavement outside Mellands Skip Hire at Fernilee.

### **C12/148 Open Forum – None**

### **C12/149 Parking Problems in Furness Vale**

Parking problems being experienced by a disabled resident living on Buxton Road in Furness Vale were reported and discussed. Cllr Susanne Lomas had spoken to Steve Alcock at DCC and she had received a response stating what measures could be taken to re-assess and address the problem and the resident's individual requirement for a convenient designated parking space close to his property.

It was recommended that the resident undertakes a physio assessment by Social Services and requests a designated disabled parking space outside his property.

**RESOVLED:** That Cllr Lomas ascertains from the owners of properties at 57 and 55 Buxton Road, Furness Vale and the owner of the chip shop, whether there would be any opposition to removing the parking restriction from the lay-by at this location.

**RESOLVED:** To request that DCC (Highways Authority) removes the 30minute parking restriction from the lay-by on Buxton Road, Furness Vale if this was no longer deemed to be necessary.

**C12/150 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them following correction to Minute C12/141 to read Furness Vale Community instead of Parish.

**C12/151 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was received.

**C12/152 Accounts for Payment**

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

<b>Chq</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2279	DCC	Superannuation payment	485.75
2281	Mechanics Institute	January account	630.17
2282	Woodberry of L. Spa	2 bench seats for FV	237.60
2283	S Drinkwater & Son Ltd	FP 110 repair materials	93.59
2284	Groundwork	FP 110 repair work	600.00
2285	Johnston Publishing Ltd	Grants advert Buxton Advertiser	76.80
2286	Cllr J Swift	Expenses allotment work party	65.00
2287	HMRC	PAYE & NI Jan 2013	579.25
2288	Cash	Petty cash Jan 2013	52.86
0411	Arden Plant Ltd	SA - Hire hydraulic platform	264.00
0412	HPBC	SA – Final rates payment	158.00
			<b>3243.02</b>

**C12/153 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

**HP & HV Community Rail Partnership** - Cllr Pritchard reported that the deletion of two stops at Furness Vale Station had been in force since the new timetable was introduced in December. He suggested that it would be helpful to have a Rail User Group on the Buxton Line.

**Whaley4Wards** – Cllr Thomas reported on the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2012. Mr Philip Lomas is acting as the project manager for the red telephone kiosk (Community Information Point) project on the Station Car Park. His design and specification had been approved and sent out to tender, responses to be received back by 8<sup>th</sup> February 2013. Lack of available car parking in Whaley Bridge had been discussed. He requested that the £4000 budget for regeneration projects be retained for the forthcoming financial year.

## C12/154 Correspondence

1. DCC – Temporary Road Closure notice for A5004 Long Hill from junction with Park Road, Buxton for 3.28 kilometres north westerly to White Hall Outdoor Activity Centre for carriageway patching works from 11<sup>th</sup> February to 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013.
2. HPBC – Protected Tree applications.
3. Football Foundation – Annual Review 2012.
4. Bill Newton Dunn MEP – report for Derbyshire.
5. Peak District NPA – Travel Survey Results, Final Report.
6. East Midlands Ambulance Service – response re Being the Best consultation
7. Northern Rail – e-mail response from Mark Barker regarding request to reinstate the two stops at Furness Vale at the earliest opportunity.  
**Copy to be placed on the notice board at Furness Vale**
- 8.

No:	DALC Circulars and Information 2012 – Content
47	General Circular – Council Tax Reduction Schemes- Certainty of Funding for Town and Parish Councils; DALC Website; Winter Flooding; Sport England Small Grants Programme; North east Derbyshire DC Parish Liaison Meeting; DALC Opening hours Christmas and New Year; Clerk/RFO Vacancies.
46	General Circular –Clerk/RFO Vacancy.

9. Amenity Society – copy of e-mail to Leader of HPBC, Caitlin Bisknell, expressing concern about the dangerous state of the first section of unadopted roadway from Reservoir Road to the Memorial Park.  
**Agreed to write to Cllr Caitlin Bisknell at HPBC to request that she progress this matter, as this is a dangerous access to the Memorial Park.**
10. DCC – Temporary Road Closure notice for Whaley Lane from junction with Meadowfield to the county boundary, from 25<sup>th</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013, to facilitate carriageway-patching works.
11. Cllr Pritchard – copy of Minutes and Annual Report of HP&HVCRP.

## C12/155 Mechanics Institute – Damp Issues in the Basement

The Clerk reported that a survey would be carried out by Trace Basement on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013 investigating the causes of damp in the library.

Cllr Taylor reported on the meeting held with Frederic Robinsons on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012 to discuss extending the lease for the toilet area in the Mechanics Institute and also the problems with damp in the basement.

**RESOLVED:** To send a letter to William Robinson, from the Mechanics Institute Trustee (cc to Meller Braggins), requesting that a long-term lease or purchase be agreed for the toilet area within the Mechanics Institute with the possibility of including the garage beneath the building.

**C12/156 Bingswood Access and Canal Basin Regeneration**

The draft letter to United Utilities had been sent to HPBC for approval but no response had been received to date. It was agreed to progress this with Mike Morris and ascertain whether HPBC would be sending a similar letter to United Utilities.

**C12/157 Producing a Neighbourhood Plan**

A meeting had taken place with Joanne Bagnall (HPBC) on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013. She gave details about the resources and advice the Borough Council would offer to aid the production of a local Neighbourhood Plan.

**RESOLVED:** To inform HPBC that the parish boundary should be the accepted area to be covered by the plan.

**RESOLVED:** To proceed to work with the community to produce a Local Neighbourhood Plan and convene a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

**C12/158 Budget and Precept 2013/14**

No further information had been received about the HPBC Local Council Tax Support Scheme. Currently the Clerk is working towards an unchanged Band D equivalent and zero increase to the precept and resulting council tax.

Updated precept and budget figures were received and discussed.

**RESOLVED:** To set up a Finance Group to monitor and progress the budget and precept and submit a final recommendation to the February council meeting. Finance Group to include Cllrs Mrs Anne Winter, Thomas and Pritchard.

**C12/159 MUGA Floodlights – Light Pollution**

**RESOLVED:** To purchase six additional visors from MUSCO Lighting at £75 each and to hire a cherry-picker to install them on the floodlighting columns at the MUGA, to address light pollution issues.

**C12/160 Sports Pavilion Lease Extension**

A meeting had taken place on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013 with Les Latham, Christine Latham and David Buckland from HPBC, to discuss the revised terms for extending the lease for the sports pavilion and MUGA to an unexpired term of 20 years. A new draft lease was expected for discussion and approval.

**C12/161 Sunny Bank Allotment Site**

Cllrs Thomas and Swift had surveyed the site and drawn up a plan, together with members of the allotment working party, to present to Monica Gillespie and Les Latham (HPBC) for approval. The plan would provide for 1900 sq m of additional space for allotment plots.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the quotation for £200 from K Hallworth to supply and drive one JCB 3X machine to carry out undergrowth clearance work at the allotment site.

**RESOLVED:** To carry out a risk assessment, particularly relating to any work which might affect the Goyt-Audenshaw water pipeline which runs beneath the site.

**C12/162 Items for Winter Newsletter**

Items suggested for the Winter Newsletter included:

1. Forming a Rail User Group for the Buxton line.
2. Volunteering to produce a local Neighbourhood Plan
3. Allotment Working Party details
4. Bench seats at Furness Vale
5. Dog Fouling
6. East Midlands Ambulance Service reorganisation
7. Furness Vale History Society information
8. Films being shown at FV Community Centre by Furness Films

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