

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, SK23 7AA
Town Clerk: Mrs S Raybould Tel: 01663 733068
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Meeting: Town Council
Date: 14th March 2013
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Mrs Anne Winter (Chair), Bowden, Mrs Susanne Lomas (until 9pm), Lomax, Gilmour, Goldfinch, Mrs Linda Leather (until 8.30pm), Pritchard, Swift, Thomas and Taylor (until 8.50pm).

MINUTES

C12/180 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ray Wild.

C12/181 Declarations of Members' Interests - None

C12/182 Community Police

No police were present.

C12/183 Open Forum – No members of the public were present.

C12/184 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 14th February 2013

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 14th February 2013 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C12/185 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was received. It was noted that £4000 Regeneration Grant would be received from HPBC for the 2013/14 financial year.

C12/186 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2302	New Mills Volunteer	Donation	50.00
2303	WB Toddler Group	Donation	100.00
2304	Welldressing Group	Donation	100.00
2305	DALC	Clerk Training Day	40.00
2306	MAP Ltd	Newsletter distribution	126.00

2307	Trusted IT Ltd	Computer maintenance	33.00
2308	Mechanics Institute	March 2013 Account	562.17
2309	Football Foundation	VAT Refund MUGA Project	15562.59
2310	F Frodsham/Piranha	Grounds maintenance	475.00
2311	Easyspace Ltd	Web Hosting renewal	48.91
2312	Cllr Anne Winter	Chair's Allowance Balance	207.00
2313	DCC	Grit salt	53.29
2314	Peak Park Forum	Subscription	6.00
2315	Chris T Tetley	FV Bench installation	166.00
2316	DCC	Superannuation March 2013	485.75
2317	S Raybould	Clerk's expenses	48.04
2318	Cash	Petty cash March 2013	45.77
0414	MUSCO Lighting Ltd	SA – 6 Floodlight visors	540.00
0415	Bywater Gas	SA – Gas cylinders	104.00
0416	Southern Electric	SA – Electricity	617.29
0417	HPBC	SA – Insurance	102.48
0418	Stanway & Hallows	SA – Electrical testing	102.00
TOTAL			£ 19575.29

C12/187 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr Pritchard reported on the Parish Liaison Meeting with HPBC held on 11th March 2013 including information on the Community Right to Bid and dog fouling issues. The public toilets in Whaley Bridge are undergoing refurbishment and are still closed to the public due to structural defects.

C12/188 Correspondence

1. Meller Braggins – brief Heads of Terms regarding letting of area to rear of first floor of Mechanics Institute for comment.
2. Cllr Pritchard – High Peak Local Plan links for information.
3. HPBC – Whaley Bridge dog fouling campaign details.
4. Matthew Forrest – letter regarding access for dogs in the Memorial Park and dog exercising and fouling issues. **Agreed to respond with information about the HPBC recent dog fouling campaign in Whaley Bridge, dog warden, Dog Control Orders, free availability of dog waste bags and stating that the Town Council supported the proposal to keep dogs on leads in public children's play areas and on public sports fields.**
5. HPBC – papers for Ordinary meeting on Thursday 28th February 2013.
6. New Mill Volunteer Centre – letter of thanks for the Town Council's grant.
7. Buxton Talking Newspaper – request for donation.
8. HPBC – notice of appeal against refusal of planning permission for application HPK/2012/0605 site Land adjacent 5-7 Stoneheads, WB.
9. DCC – Temporary Road Closure notice for Station Road, Furness Vale from junction with A6 for 125 metres to facilitate Level Crossing renewal works from 25/05/13 to 01/06/2013.
10. Steve Rampley – e-mail regarding dog fouling and football pitches.

11. Steve Rampley – e-mail regarding Dog Control Orders.
12. Community Action – information re. scheme to help save money on their home energy bills.
13. Derbyshire Eco Centre – The history and Mystery of Public Rights of Way – A Councillors Guide workshops 19th March 2013 and 9th April 2013.
14. HPBC – notice of appeal hearing on 5th March regarding appeal by HP Developments re site at land adjacent to River Goyt at Bridgemont.
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No:	DALC Circulars and Information 2013 – Content
05	General Circular – Spring Seminar reminder; Clerk Induction Training; CiLCA Training; Parish/Town Council Finance, Internal Audit and Annual Return; message from Sarita Presland, DALC Chief Officer.
06	General Circular – Setting the Precept and Dispensations; Allotments; Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme Review; Government Lifts Red Tape for Community Events; Derbyshire Well Dressings

16. DCC – launch of two new campaigns for paper recycling and energy bulk buying.
17. Richard Eden-Green – e-mails about problems of field adjacent to The Carrs as a development option. **Agreed to respond and also send details to HPBC re: the Town Council's objection to this site being included in the High Peak Local Plan.**
18. Phil Lomas – update on Red Telephone Kiosk Project – Station Car Park.
19. NALC – Putting Communities First – Eric Pickles MP to headline NALC's London event.
20. Cllr Susanne Lomas – photos of new benches at Yeadsley Lane and Diglee.
21. Castel Manon – request for details relating to Pitt Bank Field VG Status application. **Agreed that the Clerk should respond to the queries from Ms Castel.**
22. Cllr John Pritchard – papers for HPHVCRP meeting 13th March, including Annual Report 2012. Also advising that he may not be able to attend.
23. Cllr Rodney Gilmour – seeking information about the situation regarding Plant's Estate on Wharf Road re: request for help in connection with this.
24. Cllr Rodney Gilmour – e-mail about litter and bagged dog excreta being thrown from Shallcross incline into an Elnor Lane garden.
25. Cllr Jon Goldfinch – confirmation of transfer of items to the Sports Association free of charge.

C12/189 Nominations for Community Award 2013

These will be considered at the April meeting (11th April 2013) as the closing date for nominations to be received is 31st March 2013.

C12/190 Producing a Neighbourhood Plan

RESOLVED: To hold a Public Meeting to discuss producing a Local Neighbourhood Plan on Friday, 26th April 2013, following the Annual Town Meeting to be held in the Mechanics Institute at 7.30pm and to invite those on the list of people who have already expressed an interest in becoming part of the Working Group.

C12/191 Appointment of Internal Auditor

RESOLVED: That Barrie Woodcock be appointed as Internal Auditor for the accounts year ending 31st March 2013, to attend on 9th May 2013, for a fee of £103.86.

C12/192 Purchase of New Office Computer

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation for £975.00 to provide one desktop PC, associated software, support engineer and offsite backup from Trusted IT, for the town clerk's office.

RESOLVED: To also approve a contingency sum of £150 for a larger screen if required.

C12/193 Heads of Terms for Lease with Frederic Robinsons for Toilet Area Within the Mechanics Institute

The Heads of Terms for the new lease for the toilet area within the Mechanics Institute were received from Frederic Robinson Ltd, proposing the following:

1. Length of Lease: 25 years
2. Commencement date: 25 March 2013
3. Rent: £1750 per annum plus VAT
4. Rent review: Every five years in line with RPI
5. Landlord's Legal costs: £400 +VAT to be paid by tenant
6. Repairs: Internal repairs – Tenant
External repairs – Landlord
7. Insurance: Tenant to reimburse landlord for insurance

It was noted that the Clerk had responded requesting further information.

RESOLVED: To continue negotiations with Frederic Robinson Ltd to renew the lease.

C12/194 Mechanics Institute – Damp Issues – Quotation from Preserva CSS Ltd

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation for £862 + VAT to address the damp issues in the basement of the Mechanics Institute (library area) to be paid by Whaley Bridge Town Council from the budget for refurbishment work.

C12/195 Minutes of the Mechanics Institute Trustee Meeting held on 14th February 2013

The minutes of this meeting were received.

C12/196 Sunnybank Allotment Site – Vegetation Clearance and Drainage Work and Renegotiating the Lease with High Peak Borough Council

Cllr Swift reported that vegetation had been removed from 85% of the project site and the JCB had been used to remove trees and stumps. A working party is planned for 6th April 2013 to continue addressing the site drainage. Comments are still awaited from Les Latham and Monica Gillespie (HPBC) to confirm that the work can proceed. HPBC had not yet provided details for renegotiating the lease for the allotment site. A plan of the Goyt/Audenshaw water pipeline which crosses the site had been received from United Utilities.

RESOLVED: To request HPBC to progress with renegotiating the lease for Sunnybank Allotment Site to include additional land at the entrance to the site and obtain further information about their future plans for the use of Carrs Field at Horwich End and whether this might now be considered to provide more allotments for Whaley Bridge.

C12/197 Items for Spring Newsletter

Items to be included in the Spring Newsletter were suggested:

Furness Vale Field Day

Information about the MUGA and hiring the artificial grass pitch

Allotment project and date for next working party

Red telephone kiosk project at the Station Car Park

150th Anniversary (15th June 2013) of extension to railway line to Buxton

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