

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, SK23 7AA
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Meeting: Town Council
Date: 14th November 2013
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Thomas (Chair), Bowden, Mrs Susanne Lomas (until 9pm), Lomax, Gilmour, Goldfinch, Mrs Linda Leather (until 9pm), Pritchard, Swift, Taylor and Mrs Anne Winter. PC Ellen Barlow

MINUTES

C13/115 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ray Wild.

C13/116 Declarations of Members' Interests

Cllr Lomax Agenda Item 13 Member of DFRS Authority

C13/117 Community Police

PC Ellen Barlow gave recent crime statistics for Whaley Bridge. She had visited Fernilee and the issues of vehicles parking on the pavement and roadside were being addressed and land ownership boundaries were being checked.

Police are asking for witnesses to the serious accident at the junction of Chapel Road and Elnor Lane on 11th November 2013. The accident is being investigated and it was agreed to put the subject of parking along Chapel Road on a future agenda for further discussion.

The excessive speeds of HGVs along the A6 through Furness Vale are being monitored by traffic police.

C13/118 Open Forum

Mr A Bowles expressed concern about the high level of water in the River Goyt flowing through the Memorial Park particularly in relation to the weirs. Flow had also been increased along Randall Carr Brook owing to buildings draining into the water courses from Combs and onwards into Whaley Bridge. It was noted that the Environment Agency had held a meeting in Whaley Bridge on 13th November 2013 regarding flood prevention issues and would be producing a report following further investigations.

C13/119 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 10th October 2013

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 10th October 2013 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C13/120 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was received.

C13/121 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2431	Bullguard (Global CBV)	Internet security	37.46
2432	Open Spaces Society	Subscription	45.00
2433	Andrea Joseph	Map for telephone box	600.00
2434	Peartree Print	Newsletter printing	200.40
2435	Mechanics Institute	November account	584.17
2436	Grant Thornton UK LLP	Audit Fee 2013	480.00
2437	Content Capture Ltd	Jpeg Poster Scan	16.80
2438	Lynne Hughes	Soldier Dick Xmas tree electric	50.00
2439	DCC	Superannuation October 2013	511.05
2440	Trusted IT Ltd	Computer backup Oct/Nov	60.00
2441	Bentham Ltd	Ink cartridges	14.37
2442	Cash	Petty cash November	82.13
2443	K Hufton	Replacement cheque for grant	175.00
2444	HMRC	PAYE replacement cheque Apr	627.09
2445	Mechanics Institute	Additional concessionary use	99.00
0447	Cllr J Goldfinch	SA - Lock & keys for pavilion	28.45
0448	HPBC	SA – rates December	162.00
0449	Shorrocks Trichem Ltd	SA – cleaning materials	30.96
0450	Stanway & Hallows	SA – water heater installation	660.00
0451	Southern Electric	SA – electricity	330.51
TOTAL £			4794.39

C13/122 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr Pritchard reported that the next meeting of the High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership would be held on 27th November 2013.

He reported that NALC had been advised by John Findlay that confusion continued about the localisation of the Council Tax Support and the effect on Town & Parish councils for the next financial year if grants to district councils are not passed on to parish level. At the Parish Liaison Meeting held on 30th October 2013, HPBC had given an undertaking to advise parish councils of their decision before Christmas.

C13/123 Correspondence

1. HPBC – Register of applications to undertake tree works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders received by HPBC.
2. Department for Communities and Local Government – letter from the Rt Hon Don Foster MP, re: the Our Place! Programme as the second phase of Neighbourhood Community Budgets. Also the “You’ve got the power” quick step by step summary to full range of community rights.

3. Email from Cllr Pritchard, re: CAB recruiting new Trustees.
4. Email from Philip Thompson, Peak Park Parishes Forum, re: recreational motor vehicles in the Peak District National Park and the Green Lane Code.
5. Local Government Pension Scheme – Employer’s Newsletter No. 110 – employer training event on 24th January 2014 at County Hall, Matlock.
6. Helena Stubbs, RAD, - email re: Community Buildings ‘Away Day’ training event on 30th November 2013 at Hulland Ward Village Hall.
7. Department for Communities and Local Government – letter from Stephen Williams MP-Sustainable Communities Act 2007 - Guide for Town & Parish Councils.
8. Royal Bank Scotland – interest rates for Special Interest Bearing Account.
9. Email - Latest Newsletter from Andrew Bingham MP.
10. Letter from the War Memorials Trust – re: caring for local war memorials.
Agreed to place a copy on the notice board.
11. Information from Derbyshire Alert about public consultation events on proposals to transform Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service delivery – nearest event on 22nd November 2013 at The Springs, Buxton 9.30 – 3pm.
12. Email from Louise Robertson at The Review, re: invitation to publicise local events in the Review Group of Newspapers.
13. Letter from Neil Hickman, DCC Highways Area Management, re: response to WBTC letter in connection with parking issues along Long Hill (Fernilee).
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No:	DALC Circulars and Information 2013 – Content
20	Revised Model Standing Orders, Revised Legal Topic Notes, NALC Policy Consultation and Vacancies.
21	Drop In Surgery – December, Erewash Physical Activities Survey, Local Council Tax Support arrangements, Sustainable Communities Act, Good Neighbour Schemes.

15. HPBC – Standards Committee Meeting papers Wednesday 13th November 2013.
16. Simon Baker – response to letter dated 28th October regarding Cenotaph WB.

17. Cllr Martin Thomas – copy of response to Fr Jamie regarding WB Forum.
18. DCC Traffic & Road Safety – email from Steve Allcock(DCC) regarding issues raised by correspondence from a resident of Fernilee requesting information for signage.
19. NALC – ‘Local Councils Explained’ new book available priced £49.99 with 15% discount for members of NALC.
20. WB Community Trust – request for concessionary use of MI on Friday 29th November 2013 4.30-9.00pm for Christmas lighting event.
Concessionary use granted.
21. Chapel Road Resident – e-mails about Accident 11/11 Chapel Rd./Elnor Lane.
22. HPBC – Register of applications for work to trees protected by TPOs.
The Clerk to ascertain what the term “exempt” means.
23. Derbyshire Alert – Appeal for witnesses following accident at junction of Chapel Road and Elnor Lane on 11th November 2013.
24. Peak District National Park Authority – inviting responses to questionnaire, re: funding bid to HLF to conserve and enhance the landscape of the SW Peak.
25. Quote from Fabweld New Mills Ltd to fabricate 3 new litter bin lines from stainless steel for £253 each + VAT.

C13/124 HPBC Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places for Elections

A consultation document was received from HPBC. It was noted that no changes were proposed for the parish of Whaley Bridge and Furness Vale. The council agreed that the current arrangements were satisfactory.

C13/125 Refilling Town Council Grit Bins

RESOLVED: To accept the quote for £21.01 per bin from Ken Frodsham, Piranha Gardens, to refill the 26 Town Council grit bins, including grit purchased from DCC.

C13/126 Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service Restructuring Proposals

Consultation documents outlining proposals for restructuring the fire service in Derbyshire were received and discussed. It is proposed that the three retained fire stations in New Mills, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Whaley Bridge are merged and a new station at an optimum location between the three existing station sites be provided. Currently the desired location for the new fire station is considered to be in the Furness Vale area immediately adjacent to the A6. One fire engine and one smaller response vehicle would be located at the new station staffed by a total of up to 17 firefighters.

RESOLVED: To respond to the questionnaire as follows:

Q1 Disagree

Q2 We have little confidence that these new proposals will achieve long term sustainability given the recent change of heart.

Q4 New Mills/ Whaley Bridge/Chapel-en-le-Frith - Disagree

Q5 New Mills/ Whaley Bridge/Chapel-en-le-Frith

Q6 We disagree with the proposed siting in Furness Vale, in the midst of a residential area, and more suitable and accessible locations exist.

A site nearer Tesco Whaley Bridge would be preferable, but this shows little advantage over the current location in Whaley Bridge.

C13/127 Community Right to Bid – Community Asset Register – Localism Act 2011

The Localism Act 2011 enables Town and Parish Councils to request that buildings and land in their community be registered with High Peak Borough Council as an ‘asset of community value’. The owner of a registered asset is required to give HPBC notice of an intention to dispose of the asset and should an eligible organisation express an interest in acquiring the asset, a moratorium on the sale is triggered during which time the eligible organisation can seek to raise funds to make a bid to purchase the asset. Application forms need to be completed for each individual site and assessed by HPBC.

RESOLVED: Not to include public houses on the asset list.

RESOLVED: To include the following land and buildings on the asset list:

- Mechanics Institute (including the library)
- Churches (individually named)
- Whaley Hall
- Footsteps (drop-in centre on Market Street)
- Cricket pitch
- Bowling Club
- Memorial Park (including sports pavilion, football pitches and skatepark)
- Furness Vale Field
- Furness Vale Community Centre
- Bridgemont Mission
- Allotment Site (Sunnybank Allotment Site off Goyt Road)

C13/128 Structural Survey Report for Mechanics Institute

A quotation had been sought for clearing overgrown vegetation from the rear of the building and back wall and to expose drainage and establish outlet points and any external plumbing.

Rhodes & Partners Ltd had been asked to return to complete the structural survey of the garage area and clock tower. Following completion of the survey, the recommended items for attention will be prioritised.

RESOLVED: To approve a sum of £200 delegated expenditure for the above vegetation clearance work, following receipt of acceptable quotation.

C13/129 Brookfield Pond – Path Maintenance

The Buxton Probation Community Payback Team will carry out path maintenance on 27th November 2013 with no charge for labour.

RESOLVED: To purchase two tonnes of stone chippings costing £45 per tonne + VAT from S Drinkwater & Sons Ltd for resurfacing the path.

C13/130 Sunnybank Allotment Site – Drainage and Water Supply Project

The project to provide a natural water supply to the site was progressing.

RESOLVED: To approve delegated expenditure of £300 to cover the cost of any additional materials required to progress the project.

C13/131 Producing a Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Thomas reported progress. Joanna Bagnall (HPBC Regeneration Planning Officer) had advised the group that a referendum on the final plan should be targeted for October 2015 and Cllr Thomas gave details of the proposed timescales involved.

C13/132 Environment Agency – Flash Flood Plan for Whaley Bridge

Cllr Thomas reported that Lynsey Cottle (Environment Agency Officer) had been granted a time allocation to produce a Flash Flood Plan detailing how the community would respond to the threat of a flash flood. The Environment Agency has been reviewing rivers and water courses and current thinking is that weirs can increase flood risk. There are four weirs along the River Goyt in Whaley Bridge. Concern was expressed that the weir at Randall Carr Brook should not be removed as this may be detrimental to the water flow at this point.

RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Orders to allow Mr A Bowles to address councillors on this subject.

Mr Bowles reported that the fundamental difficulty in changing the flow of the River Goyt through the Memorial Park is that the hydrological circumstances have been changed by the Botany Bleach Works and also the installation of drainage works into the River Goyt from the direction of Chapel-en-le-Frith and it is uncertain as to how far the Chapel downflow is coming but this is a mixture of water from North West Water on the Whaley Bridge side and Severn Trent on the other side. Severn Trent is a different organisation within the Environment Agency and these relations would not be easy to resolve.

RESOLVED: To resume Standing Orders at 9.50pm.

It was also noted that management of the water course at Toddbrook Reservoir (now managed by the Canal and River Trust) had deteriorated recently and needed addressing.

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