

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Meeting:	Town Council
Date:	10 th October 2013
Time:	7.30pm
Venue:	Mechanics Institute
Present:	Councillors Thomas (Chair), Bowden, Mrs Susanne Lomas (until 9.10) Taylor (until 9.00), Gilmour, Goldfinch, Pritchard, Swift and Mrs Anne Winter. PC Ellen Barlow

MINUTES

- C13/99 Open Forum –** David Woodward thanked the Council for supporting the RBL in their unsuccessful attempt to persuade HPBC to make the cenotaph in the Memorial Park available for the Remembrance Sunday Service. It was noted that this would take place at the Cross in front of the Jodrell Arms.

Keith Hufton requested concessionary use of the Mechanics Institute for Lantern Workshops on 26th and 30th October 2013. PC Ellen Barlow noted that a parade through the park had been organised.

C13/100 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Wild and Lomax and for early departure from Cllrs Mrs Susanne Lomas and Taylor.

C13/101 Declarations of Members' Interests (1)

Cllr Thomas Agenda Items 15 Hon. Auditor of WB branch
of Royal British Legion.

C13/102 Community Police

PC Ellen Barlow reported recent crime figures. Cllr Thomas reported concerns about HGV's speeding on the A6 at Furness Vale. PC Barlow agreed to request investigatory action.

C13/103 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12th September 2013

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting, held on the 12th September 2013, were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C13/104 Order of Business/Matter of Urgent Nature

The Chair advised members that he wished to make changes to the order of business to deal at this point of the meeting with a matter of an urgent nature, namely, unavailability of the Cenotaph for Remembrance Sunday, and Concessionary Use of the Mechanics Institute for Lantern Workshops

RESOLVED: To make these changes to the order of business.

C13/105 Royal British Legion – Remembrance Sunday Service

The meeting received an e-mail from High Peak Borough Council Chief Executive, Simon Baker, and information from the Chair about the current position regarding the campaign, to add to that provided by the Royal British Legion. It was acknowledged that Cllr Swift, the RBL and members of the public and the Town Council had made the best attempt to persuade High Peak Borough Council to arrange for the Cenotaph in the Memorial Park to be available for the Remembrance Sunday Wreath Laying Service, unfortunately to no avail. It was therefore accepted that, for the second year running, this service would be held at the Cross in front of the Jodrell Arms.

RESOLVED: To send a letter to Simon Baker stating that the Town Council is disappointed with the result and found the whole incident very regrettable. There had been a lack of consultation with the stakeholders and elected members who had not being informed soon enough or kept up to date.

C13/106 Concessionary Use of Mechanics Institute for Lantern Workshops

Keith Hufton requested concessionary use of the Mechanics Institute to provide Lantern Workshops for the Firework Display.

RESOLVED: To approve concessionary use for two Lantern Workshops (£99).

C13/107 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was received.

C13/108 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2410	Chapel Physio Service	Donation	50.00
2411	WB Cricket Club	Donation	100.00
2412	FV COGS	Donation	200.00
2413	WB Band	Donation	100.00
2415	WB RBL	Donation	100.00
2415	WB Welldressing Group	Donation	100.00
2416	Rural Action Derbyshire	OCSI report	100.00
2417	Chris Cass Builders	Office Hatch	1750.00
2418	HMRC	PAYE & NI Aug & Sept	1325.79
2419	RBL Poppy Appeal	3 x wreaths	60.00
2420	MAP Ltd	Town Guide Distribution	348.00
2421	Trusted IT Ltd	Computer Maintenance	66.00
2422	Shelter Maintenance Co	Bus Shelter Cleaning	49.44

2423	Rhodes & Partners Ltd	MI Structural Survey	900.00
2424	Mechanics Institute	October Account	562.17
2425	S Drinkwater & Son Ltd	Allotments Materials	556.79
2426	Nemisis Pyrotechnic Ltd	Firework Display	3000.00
2427	Peartree Print	Stationery	35.99
2428	HMRC	PAYE & NI Oct	674.43
2429	Cash	Petty Cash Oct	45.81
2430	F Frodsham Piranha	Shallcross Grounds Maint.	50.00
0440	HPBC	SA - Pavillion Insurance	105.59
0441	Stanway & Hallows	SA - Electrical Work	60.00
0442	Southern Electric	SA - Electricity	153.98
0443	HPBC	SA - Council Tax Oct	162.00
0444	Field Turf Tarkett SAS	SA - Final Payment AGP	8907.71
0446	HPBC	SA - Rates Nov	162.00
TOTAL			£ 19725.70

C13/109 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr Jon Goldfinch (Allotment Working Group) reported that 7 people had dug the area for the drainage pipes with lots of channels. The next working party would be the first Saturday of November from 9.00am.

Cllr John Pritchard (High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership) reported that the recent meeting had advised, following a delay, there is now progress with the refranchising timetable. Consultation etc will start in early 2014 for franchises for 10years from 2016. There is to be Community Rail Service designation for the Glossop/Manchester and Buxton /Manchester lines. He will keep members informed regarding the distinctions this will bring as these evolve.

Cllr Martin Thomas (Neighbourhood Planning) reported information from a meeting attended by Jo Bagnall, for which minutes have been circulated. The borough's land bank is rapidly progressing to the required 5 to 6 years level with development approvals across the borough. The Neighbourhood Plan group have therefore decided to concentrate on the strategic sites already identified in the draft local plan, rather than go out to consult on additional sites. A grant application for a renewable energy study for Whaley Bridge has been proposed. An invitation to make a presentation on this at the November meeting will be made.

C13/110 Correspondence

1. DCC – invitation to Hate Crime Awareness Training Event in Committee Room 1 at County Hall, Matlock on Monday 25th November 9.00am to 12.30.
2. Bill Newton Dunn MEP – 1st autumn report to Derbyshire constituents after summer break.
3. Rialtas Business Solutions – Fees and Charges for 2014/15 budget preparation.

4. Daventry Express – article about £8K payment by Council for ‘unlawful’ action.
5. DCC – Pension Fund Employers’ Newsletter number 108.
6. Cllr Pritchard – information about North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group Prospectus developed this year.
7. High Peak CVS – invitation to AGM at Spring Bank Arts, New Mills on Wednesday 23rd October 12.15pm to 3.15pm.
8. FV COGS – thanks for donation to funds and continuing support.
9. Chapel PC – Power Point information from HPBC planning Training event 18/09/2013.
10. Derbyshire Alert – awareness of red pennant-style flags and suspicious activity.
11. PDNPA – request for input regarding application for funding to conserve and enhance the landscape of the South West Peak.
12. Derbyshire Alert – appeal for witnesses to a two-vehicle collision at Long Hill, A5004 at about 12.15pm on Tuesday 10th September 2013.
13. RAD – link to information about Fire Door Safety.
14. Derbyshire Alert – notice of Derbyshire Fire Service National Industrial Action on Wednesday 25th September 2013.
15. DCC – information about replenishing grit bins. **(Notice Board)**
16. RAD – information about survey on Music Licence Review.
17. Barry Wood Plant Hire – introduction to gritting and snow clearing services.
18. DCC – Winter Service Scheme 2013/14 and Snow Warden Risk Assessment.
19. HPBC – Development Control Committee Agenda Monday 30th September 2013.
20. HPBC – Caroline Wheatley information regarding Sunnybank Allotments draft heads of terms for lease renewal.
21. NCVO – Gift Aid claims online information.
22. WB Neighbourhood Plan Countryside and Wildlife sub-group meeting reminder for 3rd October at 19.30 venue to be confirmed (possibly White Horse).
23. Shelter Maintenance Co. – bus shelter report 23/09/13.

24. RAD – notice of second workshop on energy efficiency in community buildings on Tuesday 15th October at Dronfield Baptist Church between 7.00 and 9.00pm.
25. Prism – IT security system to address data breaches.
26. Cllr John Pritchard – e-mails re:Whaley Bridge Conservation Area Charater Appraisal.
27. WBNP – minutes for September 24th meeting and agenda for meeting 1st October 2013.
28. National Association of Civic Officers – membership information
29. Environment Agency – Community Flood Plan Consultation, Tuesday 8th October 2013 2pm to 7pm drop in event at the Mechanics Institute.
30. NCVO – opening of voting for Trustee Board.
31. RAD – Big Lottery Fund webinars
32. Forum Business Media – New Charity Commission Safeguarding Strategy.
33. Royal British Legion – thanks for grant towards cost of Remembrance Sunday and Programme of events
34. RAD – Rural community profile for Whaley Bridge (Urban Area).
35. Countryside Group – Agenda and minutes for meeting on 3rd October 2013.
36. CPRE South Yorkshire– invitation to AGM on Wednesday 23rd October 2013 at Victoria Hall, 37 Stafford Road, S2 2SF at 7pm.
37. Sarah Cooper – letter of complaint about the pavement on the Shady Oak side of Long Hill from the bend at the Fernilee sign post up to a point half way up the Shady Oak Car Park being taken up by cars, vans, toys and bikes forcing pedestrians to walk in the road and putting them in danger from the traffic on the fast and busy road. **(Refer issues raised, with copy of letter to DCC Highways and Police, copy to Cllr Lomax. Also notify DVLA of untaxed vehicles on the Highway)**
38. HPBC – papers for Ordinary meeting at Octagon, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton on Tuesday 8th October 2013 at 7.15pm.
39. HPBC – links to find latest TPO and Conservation information on the website.

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No:	DALC Circulars and Information 2013 – Content
18	General Circular: 2013 - AGM - Planning Seminar Reminder - Localised Council Tax Support - Your Derbyshire Your Say - Derbyshire Dales CVS Autumn Funding Fair - Growth & Infrastructure Act Village Greens - Clerk Vacancies Morton PC- Litton PC
19	General Circular: Neighbourhood Plans - Derbyshire Sport - Update on Pensions - Sustainable Communities Act - DCLG Guide to Community Rights - National Minimum Wage - Clerk RFO Vacancies

41. PDNPA – two workshop events to help with explaining why it is important to get on-line. Wednesday 16th October at Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Hall 9.45am to 12 am and same time on Thursday 24th October at Alison House Cromford.
42. HPBC website – List of Assets of Community Value.
43. Simon Baker – response regarding Cenotaph at Memorial Park WB and decision for it and surrounding area being closed off at Remembrance Time.
44. Cllr Thomas – response from Mike Morris regarding Bingswood, WB
45. NCVO – amendments to lobbying Bill information.
46. Cllr Mrs Susanne Lomas – copy of e-mail about removal of dog fouling notices on Old Road.
47. Cllr Pritchard – DCC Greenways and offer from Alex Pleuvry to speak about the are of Whaley Bridge where the former Cromford and HP Railway line and Manchester/Buxton line crossed and connected, if this could assist in making a greenway and preparing an interpretation board.
48. Cllr Mrs Anne Winter – copy of Allotment working party attendee list Sept/Oct.
49. Derbyshire Pension Fund – Employer’s Newsletter number 109.
50. Cllr John Swift – copy of response to Simon Baker regarding WBMP Cenotaph.

51. PDNPA – Planning Service Parishes Bulletin 03.
52. Chapel-en-le-Frith Mobile Physiotherapy Service –letter of thanks for donation.
53. Cllr Mrs Susanne Lomas – provision of information on behalf of Furness Vale History Society’s application for a grant to help support installation of a historic village plaque.**(Cllr Mrs Susanne Lomas provided additional information that this may no longer be required as the church may have secured the balance required)**
54. HPBC – Notice of events at Chapel (16th October) and Cromford (24th October) for project to improve digital awareness in the area.
55. RAD – Green Buildings Open Up Event 12-13th October run by Friends of the Peak District – details on their website www.friendofthepeak.org.uk or 0114 279 2655
56. AMT – last chance to book for Town Team Initiative Workshop in Wantage, Oxfordshire on Tuesday 15th October.
57. Derbyshire Alert – police re-appeal for witnesses to a serious assault in the Railway, Market Street, WB at 11pm on Friday 30th August 2013.
58. Cllr Martin Thomas – copy of e-mail to HPBC, Caroline Wheatley, for advice on the outcome of the request for permission to install explanatory display board on Whaley Incline in July.
59. WB Cricket Club – Letter of thanks for donation from WBTC.
60. Derbyshire Alert – police, force wide campaign to help protect people from dangers of fraud and request for the public’s views on crime. Survey until 31st October at www.derbyshire.police.uk

C13/111 Community Right to Bid

Cllr Martin Thomas advised the meeting that despite details of more than 20 Whaley Bridge assets being presented at the Parish Liaison meeting, only one had been registered for the whole of the High Peak – a public house in Bamford and nothing for the Central Area. It was noted that completion of a six page form for each asset to be nominated for registration is required.

RESOLVED: To defer this item to the November meeting for consideration of registration nominations from the list of assets from the list to be circulated by Cllr Thomas.

C13/112 Audit for year ended 31st March 2013

The approved Annual Return was received from the External Auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP with no comment.

C13/113 Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service Restructuring Proposals

Information was received from Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service giving details about their restructuring proposals.

It was agreed to defer making a response to the November meeting.

RESOLVED: To write to Cllr Caitlin Bisknell offering support for her to write to Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service asking them to call a public meeting in the High Peak to discuss their proposals.

C13/114 Mechanics Institute Structural Survey Report

The Structural Survey report from Rhodes & Partners Ltd. was received and discussed.

The recommendations in point 5 were noted and it was agreed that these needed to be prioritised. Also a further visit is required to complete the survey of the garage area and drainage issues obscured by vegetation to the rear.

Top priorities were identified as cracked lintel over rear basement opening, vegetation clearance and reconnection of drain.

Cllr Thomas volunteered to investigate damp problems more closely with Cllr Goldfinch.

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