

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, SK23 7AA
Town Clerk: Mrs S Raybould Tel: 01663 733068 e-mail: townCouncil@whaleybridge.com

Meeting: Town Council
Date: 16th July 2014
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Pritchard (Chair), Susanne Lomas, Lomax, Swift, Thomas, Taylor, Wild and Anne Winter. PC Ellen Barlow, Rev Margaret Jones

MINUTES

C14/56 Apologies for Absence

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

C14/57 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications (6)

Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Item 18 Planning Committee Application HPK/2014/0172	Neighbour of applicant
Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Item 11 Correspondence Market St/Reservoir Road junction	Chair WB Amenity Society
Cllr Taylor	Agenda Item 18 Planning Committee Application HPK/2014/0119	Property adjacent to site
Cllr Lomax	Agenda Item 10 Street Lighting Consultation & Agenda Item 9(24) Proposed camping site at Bings Road	Member of Derbyshire County Council Neighbouring site
Cllr Swift	Agenda Item 18 Planning Committee Application HPK/2014/0119	Neighbour of applicant
Cllr Anne Winter	Agenda Item 11 Junction at Reservoir Road and Whaley Lane	Hon. Sec. of WB Amenity Society

C14/58 Community Police

PC Ellen Barlow gave crime statistics for the previous month. She reported anti-social behaviour in the Memorial Park during the Rose Queen Festival and two cases of arson in the play area at the park, damaging the new equipment. CCTV cameras have been requested for the Memorial Park.

C14/59 Open Forum

Paul Evans (Memorial Park Ranger) requested that a report and photographs be posted on the community website regarding the arson incidents in the Memorial Park.

David Dusgate reported on behalf of Whaley Bridge Matters group registering objections to Planning Application HPK/2014/0119 (Land off Linglongs Road known as C9 in the High Peak Local Plan), specifically to the July revisions regarding access points to the proposed site. (These objections have been included in the comments submitted to HPBC by the Town Council in Planning Committee Minute No. P14/20).

Mr A Bowles registered concerns regarding contaminated land at Shallcross Foundry relating to Planning application HPK/2014/0172. (This concern was included in the comments submitted to HPBC by the Town Council in Planning Committee Minute No. P14/21).

C14/60 Suspension of Standing Orders

RESOLVED: To change the order of business and to suspend Standing Orders to allow public participation in Agenda Item 18, Planning Committee, for Application No. HPK/2014/0119 (Land at Linglongs Road).

Cllr Taylor and Cllr Swift declared an interest and Cllr Taylor left the meeting.

Objections to this application were discussed and comments will be submitted to HPBC by 17th July 2014. (See Planning Committee Minute No. P14/20).

RESOLVED: To reinstate Standing Orders.

C14/61 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12th June 2014

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12th June 2014 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C14/62 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received. Cllr Taylor reported that he had presented a plaque to the Mayor of Tymbark, Lech Nowak, at the Days of Tymbark celebrations in Tymbark on 28th June 2014, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the twinning link between WBTC and Tymbark Community Council. He received a certificate and plaque in return from the Mayor, which will be displayed in the Mechanics Institute.

C14/63 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2560	HMRC	PAYE & NI July 2014	566.71
2561	DCC Superannuation A/C	Pension payment July	529.11
2562	S Drinkwater & Son	Allotment project materials	88.80
2563	Trusted IT Ltd	Computer backup	30.00
2564	Chronicle Accountants Ltd	Payroll admin service	24.00
2565	WB Community Trust	Donation for youth service	540.00
2566	CPRE	Membership subscription	36.00
2567	HPBC	Memorial Park instalment	2000.00
2568	Mechanics Institute	July 2014 Account	562.17
2569	Stanway & Hallows Ltd	Rewire Coronation Lamp	318.00
2570	Chris Tetley	Shallcross dog signs	25.00
2571	WB Sports Association	Rose Queen conc. Use	75.60
2572	CCMA Services Ltd.	Payroll Admin Jul 2013/14	388.20
2573	HP Marquees	Welldressing marquee hire	1533.60
2574	Cash	Petty cash – July account	40.67
0469	HPBC	SA – Rates Aug & Sept	330.00
0470	S Drinkwater & Son Ltd	SA – Repair materials	62.40
0471	Zurich Municipal	SA – AGP insurance	328.34
		TOTAL	£ 7478.60

C14/64 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr Thomas reported on behalf of Whaley4Wards. Three new public seats have been installed at the Bike Shop, Whaley Bridge Station Car Park and at the junction of Start Lane and Whaley Lane.

Cllr Susanne Lomas reported that Furness Vale COGS had raised £3000 at the FV Field Day event on 17th May 2014.

Cllr Pritchard reported that the next meeting of the High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership will take place in Glossop on 24th July 2014 when the re-franchising of the Buxton railway line will be discussed.

C14/65 Correspondence

1. DCC – seeking views on proposals in changes to street lighting.
2. Cllr Goldfinch – support for town centre regeneration funding proposals.
3. HPBC – Register of work to TPO's.
4. Peak Park – notification of Annual Parishes Day: 18th October 2014 – 'Vibrant Villages' at Aldern House, Bakewell. Initially two representatives per Parish invited.
5. HPBC – notice of proposal to hold next Parish Liaison meeting on 30th September 2014. Seeking offers for venue and items for agenda.
6. NDVA – Network Newsletter 96.
7. Cllr Martin Thomas – copy of Community Engagement Form for collection of data on support for uses of the Transhipment Warehouse.
8. Phil Lomas – Village Portals entrance sign proposals.
9. Local Works – request for submission of proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act asking government to give all parish/town councils the right to sell electricity.
10. Cllr Thomas – copy of Transhipment Warehouse information from W3.
11. Friends of the Peak – invitation to AGM on 16th July 2014 at 7pm.
12. DCC – updated link to consultation on Street Lighting Maintenance.
13. Derbyshire Pension Fund – Employer's Newsletters Nos. 125 & 126.
14. Cllr Thomas – information re: notices posted warning residents of impending work to footpath along the unadopted section of Wharf Road.
15. Derbyshire Directory – Newsletter June 2014.
16. DCC – information about Badminton England offer 'Smash Up'.
17. Cllr Pritchard – copy of clarification from HPBC re C8 – Wharf Road.
18. Cllr Pritchard – information that the Linglongs Road planning application will not be taken to committee on Monday 7th July 2014 but is anticipated to be taken to committee on Monday 4th August 2014.
19. Cllr Goldfinch – copy of e-mail response from United Utilities and e-mail trail about Cotton Close, Whaley Bridge.
20. Post Office – information about the temporary closure of Furness Vale Post Office on 1st August 2014, owing to retirement of the sub-postmaster and the continuing search for a solution to provide a postal service to the community.

21. HPBC – Development Control Committee Agenda for 7th July 2014.
22. High Peak Networking – invitation to evening of networking within High Peak on 8th July 2014 5.30 to 7.30pm at the Grouse Inn, Glossop.
23. LGA Workforce team – Workforce Bulletin.
24. Cllr Pritchard – copy of e-mail correspondence and request for information about proposed Camping and Caravan Club Certified site 110/182 Bings Road WB.
25. Rural Action Derbyshire – Derbyshire Community Foundation information for current applicants.
26. Dr Sarah Payne – e-mail about road closure fiasco with response from Cllr Goldfinch.
27. Cllr Pritchard – information about DCC consultation on the revised mobile library service in Derbyshire. **Agreed to write to DCC asking why the Mobile Library Service is stopping for three hours in Chinley but with no stops in Furness Vale.**
28. HPBC – Protected tree applications and notifications.
29. Staffs Moorlands – response from Nicola Kemp about Canal Basin car park bring site removal.
30. Furness COGS – consultation update, report and analysis on questionnaire findings.
31. Data Protection Registration - confirmation of registration.
32. Royal British Legion WB branch – thanks for attending the War Memorial rededication.
33. RBL – Lights Out Candles to Remember WW1 - invitation and information.
34. HPBC – Ordinary meeting papers for 15th July 2014.
35. **DALC Circulars**
 - No. 12/2014** – DALC Annual Executive Meeting & AGM Circular.
 - No. 13/2014** – DALC President 2014-2015.
 - No. 14/2014** – General Circular - Financial Regulations Training; SLCC DALC Networking lunch; CLG Com Dev Foundation; CPRE Local Authority Survey re Lighting; Proposals to DCLG Under Sustainable Communities; Marie Curie Nurses; Vacancies; Training.

No. 15/2014 – General Circular - Governance & Accountability for Councils;
Rural Housing Pol Review;
Future of Rural Economy;
LGPS 2014 Discretions statement;
Individual Elect Registration;
Pensions briefing Notts ALC;
Making Localism Work;
Vitalise Breaks.

Vitalise Breaks support information

Rural Housing Policy Review Questionnaire for Parish Councils

Rural Affordable housing – where next.

NALC briefing – Fly a flag for the Commonwealth – 9th March 2015.

DCC consultation on revised mobile library service in Derbyshire.

No. 16/2014 - General Circular - New Offices;
Tall Poppies HR Company;
First parish change under sustainable communities Act
Village Shops outperform supermarkets;
Schools out for summer

36. Department for Communities and Local Government – open and accountable local government guide for press and public attending and reporting meetings of local government.
37. DALC – Big Energy Saving Network 2014 – 15 Opens for applications.
38. WB Royal British Legion – invitation to attend vigil and light candles in memory of the start of WWI at the Memorial Park War Memorial on 4th August. People need to supply own candles to be lit at 10pm.

C14/66 DCC Proposed Street Lighting Maintenance Policy – Consultation

There are 89,000 street lights in Derbyshire. Every street light bulb is currently replaced once every three or four years. The street lighting budget has been cut by £775,000.

A document and questionnaire were received from DCC consulting on ways to change street lighting maintenance so that bulbs are not changed before they expire and priorities are re-set in order to reduce the budget figure. Introducing LED bulbs for all street lights would save energy and maintenance costs and can be dimmed at night but this would involve a large capital investment.

RESOLVED: To support the proposal to introduce LED bulbs for all street lights as they last up to 15 years and can be dimmed thus saving money.

RESOLVED: To respond to the consultation stating that the policy must be reviewed regularly to re-evaluate the effects and implications for the community.

RESOLVED: To respond to the questionnaire disagreeing with the policy to only repair street lights at priority locations when they fail. Some street lights may not need to be repaired immediately (non-priority locations) but the ongoing effects must be reviewed at intervals to ensure that entire streets do not deteriorate into a state of complete darkness.

C14/67 Junction at Reservoir Road and Whaley Lane

An email was received from the WB Amenity Society registering concern about the dangers for pedestrians at the junction of Reservoir Road with Whaley Lane.

RESOLVED: To draw the matter to the attention of DCC as the Highways Authority and invite them to meet with members for a site visit to discuss the problems and possible solutions.

RESOLVED: To include an article in the Summer Newsletter to raise the profile of this situation.

C14/68 Closure of Furness Vale Post Office

Cllr Susanne Lomas reported that FV Post Office and Village Store would be closing on 1st August 2014 due to the current proprietors retiring. She had met with Steve White from the Post Office and Tony Arrowsmith (FV Community Centre Steward) to discuss a proposal to relocate the Post Office and shop in the Community Centre on Yeadsley Lane. Discussions are ongoing.

Cllr Wild thanked Cllr Lomas for the time and effort spent trying to keep this important facility available within the FV community.

C14/69 Items for Summer Newsletter

It was agreed to include the following items in the Summer Newsletter:

1. Closure of FV Post Office
2. Whaley4Wards historic building plaques.
3. RBL "Lights Out" event on 4th August in the Memorial Park.
4. 20th Anniversary of the Twinning Link with Tymbark, Poland
5. DCC proposed street lighting maintenance policy consultation.
6. Problems for pedestrians at the junction of Reservoir Road with Whaley Lane.

C14/70 "Fly the Flag for the Commonwealth" Event on 9th March 2015

A letter was received from the Chairman of NALC encouraging WBTC to take part in the "Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth" event on 9th March 2015 to celebrate Commonwealth Day and affirm commitment to upholding the values set out in the Commonwealth Charter.

RESOLVED: That WBTC would take part in the event, register involvement on their website and purchase the Commonwealth Flag for £58 + VAT, including a CD of the Commonwealth Anthem.

C14/71 Sunnybank Allotment Site – Water Supply Project and New Lease

Cllr Swift reported that working parties were taking place and there would be a meeting on 22nd July 2015 to map out the new plots. Three taps were being installed to supply fresh natural water to the site and pipework is nearly complete.

No progress had been made with HPBC regarding the provision of the site map for the new lease.

C14/72 Producing a Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Thomas proposed that a meeting be arranged in September to further the Neighbourhood Plan as recent progress had been impeded by the HP Local Plan and the Gladman Planning Application (HPK/2014/0119) taking up resources.

Canal and River Trust/Transshipment Warehouse

Cllr Thomas reported that minimal repairs are required to the Transshipment Warehouse to bring the building to a useable state. It is proposed that a “Friends of the Transshipment Warehouse” group is set up or a Working Group could operate under an existing umbrella organisation, e.g. Whaley Bridge Association which is currently inactive.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

.....Chairman

Date.....