

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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**Meeting:** Town Council  
**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Mechanics Institute  
**Present:** Councillors Pritchard (Chair), Bowden, Gilmour (until 9.15pm), Goldfinch, Susanne Lomas (until 9pm), Lomax, Swift (until 10pm), Taylor, Thomas, and Anne Winter.

## MINUTES

### **C14/106 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Linda Leather, Wild and Revd Margaret Jones.

### **C14/107 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications**

Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Item 21	Neighbour
	Planning HPK/2014/0523	

### **C14/108 Open Forum**

Bill Carr registered concern about the traffic congestion along Canal Street. Cllr Susanne Lomas was concerned about parking on the double yellow lines at the top of Canal Street opposite the Post Office. The sequencing of the traffic lights at Horwich End required reviewing and it was suggested that a dedicated lane be marked for traffic turning right onto Whaley Lane from Market Street, allowing through traffic to continue straight ahead. It was agreed to put the Goyt River Bridge project on the December agenda.

### **C14/109 Canal Basin Car Park – Recycling Bring Site**

Nicola Kemp (HPBC Waste Collection Manager) had circulated her summary report prior to the meeting. She reported that the bring site could be relocated but not at the White Horse Car Park but WBTC would need to make a recommendation as to whether the bring site should be removed from the Canal Basin Car Park to release parking spaces.

**RESOLVED:** To ask HPBC to remove the recycling bring site from the Canal Basin Car Park to release parking spaces.

#### **C14/110 Cromford Court – Cuts to Alarm System called “Supporting People”**

**RESOLVED:** To discuss this agenda item at this point in the meeting as Sandra Webster (HPBC Housing Options and Customer Support Manager) was present to discuss the issue.

Sandra Webster read out a detailed report stating that DCC needed to make £157m cuts to its budgets by 2018, called the 'Derbyshire Challenge'. Savings of £9m have been identified to be made from the Housing Related Support budget and DCC are considering stopping funding for the Warden Service at Cromford Court as part of these savings. A consultation is being undertaken on this proposal until 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014. HPBC own and manage Cromford Court sheltered housing and are concerned about these proposals and the effects they will have on vulnerable residents. The consultation will feed into a report which is due to go to DCC Cabinet early in 2015 when a decision will be made.

A petition, signed by 46 people, has been sent to DCC to register objections to the cuts to funding for the alarm call system at Cromford Court.

**RESOLVED:** To complete the online DCC questionnaire regarding cuts to housing-related support services.

**RESOLVED:** To write to DCC (Cllr Anne Weston and David Allen, cc Jason Hawkes at HPBC) in support of the resident's petition, drawing attention to their predicament and distress and objecting to any cut in funding for support services at Cromford Court.

#### **C14/111 Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

#### **C14/112 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's Report was received.

#### **C14/113 Accounts for Payment**

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2612	Chapel Tool Hire	Post hole borer hire	72.00
2613	XL Displays	Exhibition boards for W4W	265.80
2614	The Soldier Dick	Xmas tree electricity FV	50.00
2615	Peartree Print	Newsletter/stationery	351.11
2616	Mechanics Institute	November account	578.67



2617	Trusted IT Ltd	Computer monthly backup	30.00
2618	WB Uniting Church	WW1 Exhibn Room Hire	160.00
2619	Bullguard Ltd	Backup subscription	39.96
2620	F Frodsham/Piranha	Grounds maintenance	1320.00
2621	G & R Leigh	Allotment posts	276.96
2622	HMRC	PAYE & NI	565.31
2623	DCC	Superannuation	529.11
2624	Cash	Petty Cash November	40.43
0478	HPBC	SA – Rates November	165.00
0479	HPBC	SA – Rates December	165.00
0480	Stanway & Hallows Ltd	SA – Light repairs	8.40
0481	S Drinkwater & Son Ltd	SA – Paving materials	31.20
0482	Shorrocks Trichem Ltd	SA – Cleaning materials	20.79
0783	Southern Electric	SA – Electricity	352.18
		<b>Total £</b>	<b>5021.92</b>

#### **C14/114 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Cllr Pritchard reported that the Project Officer, Mike Rose, for the Hope Valley & High Peak Community Rail Partnership is retiring and the post has been advertised for a replacement. The re-franchising of passenger services is progressing and three parties have been shortlisted.

Cllr Thomas reported on the Whaley4Wards meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014. The clay model for the Village Entry Signs will be ready for inspection on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Preparations for the WW1 Exhibition at the Uniting Church on 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> November are progressing.

#### **C14/115 Christmas Tree Lights**

It was noted that the provision of new Christmas tree lights and small trees would be eligible for 50% funding from the HPBC Regeneration Grant. Whaley4Wards had agreed to fund the remaining 50% from delegated power to authorise expenditure up to £2000.

**RESOLVED:** To purchase new lights for the large Whaley Bridge Christmas tree from LITE for £610 and to provide, install and remove approximately 55 small trees and lights for local Whaley Bridge shops costing £43 each.

**RESOLVED:** To write to HPBC requesting that Furness Vale (as part of Whaley Bridge Parish) should also be included and eligible for 50% regeneration grant funding.

## C14/116 Correspondence

1. Post Natal Group closure correspondence.
2. WB Welldressing Group – request for Marquee for 2015.
3. Peak District NPA – request for information about WB community facilities in PDNP.
4. HPBC – notice of Parish Liaison group meeting on 25/11/14
5. Cllr Pritchard – copy of information from HP&HV CRP regarding Socio Economic Indicators for the Northern and Trans-Pennine Express rail Franchise consultation paper.
6. Cllr Susanne Lomas – update on progress with Post Office service for FV.
7. David Woodward – WB RBL timetable for Remembrance Sunday.
8. Maureen Ewington – concern about proposed cuts to DCC subsidy for Cromford Court alarm call system.
9. Peak District NPA – Planning Service Bulletin 09 October 2014.
10. HPBC – copy of Dog Control Orders made by HPBC on 14/10/2014.
11. DCC – confirmation that work to junction of Reservoir Road will be programmed before end of March 2015.
12. NALC – media release about joint working between NALC & SLCC to promote the best interests of the local council sector.
13. Cllr M Thomas – WB Transhipment Warehouse meeting notes 15/10/14.
14. DCC – Eco centre workshop – History & Mystery of PROW Autumn 2014.
15. Cllr J Pritchard – copy of HPBC response to Healthier Together.
16. The Bike Factory – letter expressing concerns about lack of parking in WB and the inadequate time limit for parking for many businesses' customers, giving rise to recent spate of parking tickets. **Agreed to respond stating that WBTC recognise the problems and are trying to obtain more spaces in the HPBC car park.**
17. Ashley Cox – requesting floodlighting of skatepark for winter evenings.
18. **DALC Circulars -**  
Important information about Quality Council Scheme.  
**No 23/2014 – Internal Audit**
19. DCC – Temporary 10mph speed limit on B5470 Macclesfield Road, on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to facilitate carriage resurfacing.
20. Peak District NPA – access and green lanes newsletter.
21. Derbyshire Constabulary – information about speeding motorist issues being set as the latest policing priority for Whaley Bridge.



22. Andrew Bingham's Office – e-mail notification that he will respond to our request for re-trunking of A6 progress information and apologising for the delay caused by volume of e-mails currently being received.
23. Cllr Pritchard – copy of Senior Transport Officer – Community Rail job advert.
24. Derbyshire Eco centre – History and Mystery of Public Rights of Way course information.

**C14/117 WW1 Memorial Plaques for Memorial Park Entrances**

The Clerk confirmed that a WW1 grant of £500 had been approved by HPBC towards the cost of providing three WW1 Centenary Memorial plaques to be placed at the entrances to the Whaley Bridge Memorial Park.

**RESOLVED:** That Leander Architectural manufacture three memorial plaques to be placed at the entrances to the Memorial Park.

**C14/118 WW1 Centenary Year Donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

**RESOLVED:** To donate £100 to the RBL WW1 Centenary Year Poppy Appeal.

**C14/119 Sunnybank Allotment Site – Installation of New Paths**

It was noted that a contractor would be required to undertake the work to install new dividing paths between the new allotment plots. The Clerk is obtaining quotations for consideration and approval at the December meeting. Road planings may be available from carriageway resurfacing work on Macclesfield Road due to take place on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of obtaining grant funding for this work.

**C14/120 Furness Vale Post Office – Post Office Consultation**

Cllr Susanne Lomas reported that a Post Office hosted outreach service would be re-opening in the FV Community Centre on two days per week (Tuesday and Thursday, 13.30 – 16.30) from 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014. The Post Office are currently undertaking a public consultation on this proposal. A café and small village shop would also be open during these PO sessions for the benefit of the local community. A letter was received from Steve White, (PO Field Change Adviser) requesting the views from the Town Council.

**RESOLVED:** To respond to the PO consultation supporting the proposals.

**C14/121 Concessionary Use of the Mechanics Institute for Lantern Workshops and Grant Towards Provision of Materials**

A request was received from Keith Hufton for concessionary use of the Mechanics Institute for two lantern workshops prior to the Christmas Lantern Parade on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and a grant for materials.

**RESOLVED:** To grant concessionary use of the Mechanics Institute for two lantern workshop sessions and up to £100 towards the cost of materials on production of receipts following the event.

**C14/122 Grounds Maintenance for Shallcross Incline Greenway**

The Clerk reported that no quotations had yet been received for work to remove overgrown vegetation along the length of the Shallcross Incline Greenway. Discussion deferred to December meeting.

**C14/123 Producing a Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Thomas reported on a recent meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

.....Chairman

**Date**.....