

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Meeting: Town Council
Date: 12th February 2015
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Pritchard (Chair), Bowden (to 9.30pm), Gilmour (to 9.25pm), Goldfinch, Susanne Lomas (to 9pm), Lomax, Swift, Thomas, Taylor (to 9pm), Wild and Anne Winter. PC Tracy Jones and Rev Margaret Jones

MINUTES

C14/158 Apologies for Absence - None

C14/159 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

Cllr Lomax	Agenda Item 21 Planning (5ii)	Member of HPBC Planning Committee likely to determine application.
Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Item 14 Grants & Donations	Member of Executive Committee Friends of WB Station

C14/160 Community Police

PCSO Tracy Jones gave crime statistics for the previous month. She drew attention to fraudulent Safeseal leaflets being posted through letter boxes and advised that they should be ignored and no payments made.

Cllr Bowden registered concern about the safety of HGVs passing through Furness Vale due to objects falling from these vehicles. He asked whether some HGVs were exempt from MOT requirements and requested overloading checks to be carried out on the A6 and along Long Hill. He also registered concern about unlit road bollards which cannot be seen at night.

C14/161 Open Forum

Neil Ashton raised concerns about the amount of litter on the canalside and along the bypass verges. It was agreed to report this to HPBC, DCC and the Clerk at Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council. He also suggested that there should be a moratorium on any major development taking place prior to the adoption of the new High Peak Local Plan.

Neil Ashton was concerned about the deterioration of Taxal Lodge, Linglongs Road, and lack of maintenance on railway Bridge 42 which is a listed structure.

RESOLVED: To write to Network Rail, High Peak Borough Council and English Heritage raising concerns and to ascertain future plans for this bridge.

Peter Smith, Simon Wilson, Katy Tyreman, Michelle Dalton and Linda Maguire registered their objections to Planning Application HPK/2014/0658 for a proposed new access and construction of six houses on New Horwich Road.

RESOLVED: To discuss this application at this point in the council business.

Cllr Lomax declared an interest and left the meeting as he would be involved in future HPBC planning discussions involving this application.

Cllr Thomas requested that this application be called in by a Borough Councillor.

RESOLVED: Cllr Pritchard stated that he would request that Application No. HPK/2014/0658 be called in to be determined by HPBC Development Control Committee and not delegated.

The council resolved their response to this application and this has been recorded in the Planning Committee Minutes for February (See Minute No. P14/80) and will be forwarded to HPBC.

C14/162 Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 15th January 2015 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C14/163 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received.

C14/164 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	£
2652	Stanway & Hallows Ltd	Xmas lights electrical work	132.00
2653	K Hallworth	Allotment JCB work	800.00
2654	Mobelec	W3 Safety barrier	138.00
2655	Leander Architectural	Village entry signs x 4	6576.05
2656	Peartree Print	Newsletter printing/stationery	241.80
2657	Mechanics Institute	February Account	585.17
2658	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Bus shelter cleaning	60.12
2659	Community Heartbeat Trust	Defibrillator cabinet	692.20
2660	HPBC	Xmas tree work	905.86
2661	HMRC	PAYE & NI	595.20

2662	DCC	Superannuation account Feb	540.77
2663	Cash	Petty cash Feb account	25.42
0485	Community Heartbeat Trust	SA -Defib cabinet	200.00
0486	Shorrock Trichem Ltd	SA – cleaning materials	53.01
0487	HPBC	SA – Insurance	78.51
0488	Bywaters	SA – Gas cylinders x 2	155.80
0489	Paintmaster Ltd	SA – Decorating materials	144.36
		TOTAL £	11924.27

C14/165 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

W4W – Cllr Goldfinch reported on the meeting held on 11th February 2015. W4W are proposing additional funding for the Furness Vale PO and shop, tree work and benches at the Canal Basin, flower tubs and the shop front scheme. The Toddbrook Reservoir sign and information panel will be repaired. Cllr Goldfinch suggested an official unveiling for the new village entry signs.

Cllr Susanne Lomas reported progress with the Furness Vale PO, shop and café. Royal Mail had agreed to install a new post box adjacent to the Community Centre and a metal PO sign for the outside wall. Thanks were given to Cllr Lomas for all her hard work in bringing this project to a successful conclusion.

Cllr Pritchard reported that HPBC has agreed to join the Derbyshire Combined Authority.

C14/166 Correspondence

1. Derbyshire Law Centre – information about free legal services provision.
2. HPBC – Thursday 7th May 2015 Parish Council Elections information.
3. Help for Heroes – letter of thanks for donation from WW1 exhibition.
4. Rural Action Derbyshire – confirmation that £2.3m in ACRE network to be maintained for 2015/16.
5. HPBC – applications for work to TPO protected trees.
6. Footsteps – Footprint 20 January 2015.
7. DCC – correspondence relating to extension of yellow lines and removal of parking spaces at the top of Canal Street. **It was agreed to request a meeting with the CEO of the Canal & River Trust. It was agreed to inform DCC that WBTC was against the removal of the top two parking spaces on Canal Street.**
8. DCC – notice of DCC consultation relating to b_line travel discount scheme for young people.

9. RAD – Rural Matters February 2015.
10. **DALC Circulars -**
 - No 03/2015 – General - Electronic Meeting Summons;
Transparency Code for smaller authorities;
Local Markets; Fit for Work Begins;
Local Council Award
 - No 04/2015 – General – Internal Audit;
Elections 2015 – get it right;
 - No 05/2015 – DALC Subscription rates & training
11. DCC – consultation on possible changes to School Crossing Patrol services.
12. Cllr Pritchard – response from HPBC to enquiry about pavement gritting.
13. HPBC – information about Pavement gritting and current DCC/HPBC policy.
14. HPBC – Development Control Committee Agenda for Monday 16/02/2015.
15. RAD – Rural Matters February 2015.
16. HPBC – Hogs Yard planning information.
17. Cllr Pritchard – copy of HPBC planning officer response to SHLAA query.

C14/167 Lapsed Membership of WBTC

It was recorded that Cllr Mrs Linda Leather was no longer a serving member of WBTC due to lapsed membership through illness.

RESOLVED: To write to Mrs Leather to thank her for her dedication and long service over many years to the community of Whaley Bridge and Furness Vale.

C14/168 Budget and Precept 2015/16

The budget and precept figures (Draft 2) were received and approved.

RESOLVED: To inform HPBC that the precept for 2015/16 would be £71,050.

C14/169 Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth – 9th March 2015

The Chair of WBTC will be raising the Commonwealth Flag at the Mechanics Institute at 10am on 9th March 2015. It was agreed to publicise this event on the website and via the Buxton Advertiser. Invitations would be sent to the local primary schools, W4W and WB Rose Queen Festival Committee.

C14/170 Tree Work at Brookfield Pond Nature Reserve

Some limited emergency tree work had been carried out by Mark Appleton at Brookfield Pond to remove dangerous branches across Reservoir Road. It was noted that further work would be required to remove overhanging branches.

RESOLVED: To accept the verbal quotation from Mark Appleby for £260 to complete work to overhanging tree branches to ensure safety for pedestrians and traffic along Reservoir Road.

C14/171 Grants and Donations to Local Organisations

Cllr Pritchard declared an interest and left the meeting. Cllr Martin Thomas took over the Chair for this item.

RESOLVED: WBTC resolved to give grants to the following local organisations:

	£
1. Walking Football towards publicity and volunteer development expenses.	80.00
2. WB Soccer Skills Under 7's team – towards personalised kit to encourage sense of cohesion and pride.	80.00
3. The Friends of WB Station – funding towards improving the appearance of the garden adjacent to the side entrance.	90.00
4. WB Rose Queen Festival Committee – funding towards air display to celebrate special anniversary this year.	80.00
5. Toddbrook Sailing Club – funding towards additional temporary storage.	80.00

TOTAL £ 410.00

C14/172 Youth Provision in Whaley Bridge

Cllr Goldfinch reported on the Multi-Agency Team (MAT) meeting he attended in New Mills on 19th January 2015 to discuss Youth Services in Whaley Bridge. Youth provision has ceased in WB on Friday evenings and was only currently being provided in New Mills and Chapel-en-le-Frith. Funding is required to secure the provision of the Café sessions at Footsteps on Tuesday and Thursday evenings after the end of March 2015. It was noted that provision had been made within the grants and donations budget to contribute towards youth provision in the forthcoming financial year.

C14/173 Grit Bins and Snow Clearance

It was noted that Mr Richard Mellor had offered his services as a Snow Warden and it was agreed to ask DCC to contact him to register his interest and inform him about any necessary training required.

RESOLVED: To refill WBTC grit bins and arrange ownership stickers for next year.

C14/174 Shop Fronts Scheme (W4W)

Cllr Goldfinch reported that three applications had been received from shopkeepers on Old Road for a grant of 50% towards shop front improvements. £450 had been granted to Babkas, £350 to Venus Accounting to provide a new handpainted wooden sign and £600 to the former hairdressers (adjacent to the butchers) which may require planning permission for a change of use back from residential to a business. It was hoped that work could be completed by 31st March 2015. W4W planned to continue this scheme during the next financial year.

C14/175 Re-trunking A6 from Bridgemont to Hazel Grove

The Clerk had received responses from Cheshire East and Stockport Metropolitan Borough Councils and Andrew Bingham MP. Responses were also expected from Disley Parish Council and Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council but no responses had been forthcoming from HPBC or New Mills. WBTC had commented on the A6 Corridor Consultation by Atkins Ltd, received in February 2014. This subject will be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

C14/176 Parking Issues

Cllr Goldfinch had received a complaint from a local shopkeeper on Market Street about inadequate parking for potential customers. He suggested that a letter be hand-delivered to approximately 50 proprietors of town centre shops and business trading in the restricted parking zones, re: parking restrictions and proper use of parking bays to encourage local customers to visit their shops and discourage inappropriate and illegal long-term parking in the restricted zones.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

.....Chairman

Date.....