

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: 15th January 2015
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Pritchard (Chair), Bowden, Gilmour, Goldfinch, Susanne Lomas, Thomas, Taylor, Wild and Anne Winter.

MINUTES

C14/143 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Linda Leather, Lomax, Swift, PCSO Tracy Jones and Rev Margaret Jones.

C14/144 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

Cllr Goldfinch	Agenda Item 11	Member of SA Executive
Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Item 5	Member of HPBC
Cllr Mrs Winter	Agenda Item 19 (App.HPK/2014/0674)	Neighbouring resident

C14/145 Midlands Rural Housing Project at Bridgemont

Alison Clamp from the Midlands Rural Housing /Peak District Rural Housing Association had given a presentation to members prior to the meeting regarding a proposal to build affordable housing units on a site at Bridgemont. These proposals were supported in principle but no firm comments could be submitted to the Planning Authority until an official Planning Application for the development had been received by HPBC for consideration.

C14/146 Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 11th December 2014 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C14/147 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received.

C14/148 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	£
2643	S Raybould	Refund Bullguard subscription	39.96
2644	Terry Bright	PO fittings FV community centre	1000.00
2645	Help for Heroes	Centenary Year donation (WW1)	192.31
2646	S Drinkwater Ltd	Allotment project materials	2.42
2647	Chronicle Accountants	Payroll admin Aug – Dec	60.00
2648	HMRC	PAYE & NI Jan	630.52
2649	DCC	Superannuation payment Jan	560.57
2650	Mechanics Institute	January Account	603.17
2651	Cash	Petty cash Jan	46.14
0484	HPBC	SA – Rates Jan & Feb	330.00
		TOTAL £	3465.09

C14/149 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

W4W – Cllr Goldfinch reported on the meeting held on 14th January 2015. Helen Pakpahan (HPBC) had approved regeneration expenditure for replacement picnic benches and tree work at the Canal Basin. W4W had approved the shop-front facelift scheme in the Conservation Area which will be implemented immediately.

RESOLVED: That W4W implement the Shop-Front Facelift Scheme, inviting traders to apply for a grant towards shop-front improvements, work to be completed by 31st March 2015.

Cllr Thomas reported that the interpretation board for the Cromford & High Peak Railway Footpath to be placed on the path behind the Cock Inn is being produced.

Cllr Susanne Lomas reported that the Furness Vale and Bridgemont village entry signs had been found and would be reinstated by DCC. She also reported that the Post Office Counter and café facility at the Furness Vale Community Centre are now open and operating successfully.

C14/150 Correspondence

1. Email from Philip Thompson, Peak Park Parishes Forum, re: organising a presentation evening on village websites.
2. Email from Cllr Pritchard to Alison Clamp from Midlands Rural Housing asking her to attend the January 2015 meeting to discuss an opportunity for development in Bridgemont.

3. Email from Steve Alcock DCC Highways. Problems with traffic light signal delays at Horwich End have been corrected. Parking problems along Market Street – Civil Enforcement Officers will give this issue some extra attention. No proposals to amend road markings prior to Whaley Lane at present but will monitor situation.
4. Email from Terry Chaisty requesting to be kept informed about developments regarding improvements to Canal Street.
5. Information from NALC about the new Local Council Award Scheme.
6. Information from Joanne Gordon (DAST) re: asbestos awareness project.
7. Thank you letter from Royal British Legion for £100 donation.
8. Letter from Isobel Mulligan (DCC Highways) re: parking issues along Jodrell Road and detailing regulations for the introduction of double yellow lines.
9. Confirmation from NALC that WBTC has been awarded the free Foundation award level for one year, expiring January 2016 (Local Council Award Scheme).
10. DCC consultation on the Derby and Derbyshire Combined Authority Proposal. Consultation runs from January 2nd to 23rd.
11. Email from Mary Webb (Disley Parish Council Clerk) stating that Disley PC will be discussing re-trunking the A6 and she will report back to WBTC after 14th January 2015.
12. Email from Steve Alcock DCC Highways stating that the issue of the festive lights outside the Imperial Palace, Furness Vale had been passed to the highways inspector for attention. Response to WBTC request for additional lighting over the central refuge island on A5004 at end of footpath 13.
Agreed to email the DCC Director of Environmental Services stating that the bollards along the A5004 are difficult to identify in the dark as they need cleaning and the trees need cutting back to expose the street lights. Concern was expressed about the lack of regular maintenance along the A6.
13. Email from RAD asking for support for Acre campaign to continue Government funding for Rural Community Councils (including Rural Action Derbyshire)

14. Agenda and Minutes for High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership on 14 January 2015.
15. Information from DALC re: Derbyshire Economic Partnership consultation from 2 to 23 January 2015.
16. Information from RAD about the Big Energy Race (national energy-saving competition for community groups).
17. **DALC Circulars -**
No 27/2014 – General Circular – Circulated
No 01/2015 – Index of most important elements of 2014 DALC Circulars
No 02/2015 – General - New DALC Banking details;
Abolition of Public Works Loan Board;
Local Council Award Scheme;
DALC Spring Seminar Speakers;
Vacancies – Circulated
Urgent request for support to call on Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs not to withdraw funding from Acre.
18. WB Community Trust – report on Youth Provision in Whaley Bridge.
19. Post Office – decision re Furness Vale outreach service. Opening times to be Tuesday & Thursday 13.30 – 16.30 with monitoring of requirement. Request made to Royal Mail for relocation of postbox outside/near Community Centre.
20. Rural Action Derbyshire – urgent request to support Acre campaign to persuade Defra to continue funding to Rural Community Councils.
21. Steve Rampley – Information regarding installation of small football play area in the area to the rear of the 3AGP.
22. Cooper Sons Hartley and Williams – update regarding space rented from Robinsons by Mechanics Institute .
23. Chapel-en-le-Frith PC – request for confirmation of what re-trunking of A6 aims to achieve.
24. Cllr Goldfinch – e-mail re W4W issues.

C14/151 Installation of Defibrillator and Secure Case at the Sports Pavilion

Cllr Goldfinch stated that a working budget of £800 would be required for this project. It was anticipated that Taxal and Fernilee School and the Sports Association would each contribute £200 towards this funding. The WB Football Club would donate the defibrillator.

RESOLVED: That Whaley Bridge Town Council would also donate up to £400 towards this project and the Town Clerk would organise the installation.

C14/152 Budget and Precept 2015/16

The budget and precept figures were discussed. It was noted that the precept would need to be set at the February meeting and HPBC informed.

RESOLVED: To set up a Working Group, comprising Cllrs Goldfinch, Gilmour and Thomas, to discuss the budget and precept requirement in more detail and make a recommendation to the February meeting.

C14/153 Goyt River Bridge – Deferred to future meeting

C14/154 Canal Street/Canal Basin – Pedestrian Safety and Road Widening Proposal

It was noted that the Canal & River Trust required an initial payment of £380 + VAT and the completion of their official application form prior to discussing any proposals for changing the road width at the junction of Canal Street with the Canal Basin. DCC were willing to attend a site visit to discuss the proposal, together with Tony Worthington from Stampiton Ltd (Bingswood Industrial Estate).

RESOLVED: To progress to the next agenda item.

C14/155 Market Street – Poor State of Pavements along the East Side

Cllrs Thomas and Pritchard had surveyed the pavements along the east side of Market Street and identified and photographed defects.

RESOLVED: To forward this photographic evidence to DCC requesting that they identify the sections which they are responsible for and ownership of the remaining sections of pavement in order that repairs can be undertaken to improve the surface.

C14/156 Sunnybank Allotment Site Project – Quotations for Installation of New Paths

Three quotations had been received to undertake work to provide paths between the new allotment plots.

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation from Nick Rowley Ltd. for £1694 + VAT to carry out this work.

C14/157 Winter Newsletter

The Clerk requested articles for the Winter Newsletter.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

.....Chairman

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