

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: 12th March 2015
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Pritchard (Chair), Bowden, Gilmour, Goldfinch, Swift, Thomas, and Anne Winter. Rev Margaret Jones

MINUTES

C14/177 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Susanne Lomas, Lomax, Taylor, Wild and PCSO Tracy Jones.

C14/178 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Item 21 Planning Committee HPK/2014/0119	Neighbour of applicant.
Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Item 14 DALC Subscription	Chairman of DALC

C14/179 Open Forum

Ben Read registered the concerns of the Whaley Bridge Matters organisation regarding **Planning Application No. HPK/2014/0119** and the conditional approval given by HPBC on 11th March 2015. The organisation had made an application to have this application called-in to be determined by the Secretary of State and requested support from the Town Council.

RESOLVED: To move discussion of this application from the Planning Committee Meeting to this point in the Town Council Meeting.

RESOLVED: To send an email to the National Planning Casework Unit (NPCU) supporting the request to have Application No. HPK/2014/0119 called-in for determination by the Secretary of State and include the Town Council's list of comments agreed at the June Planning Committee Meeting (P14/06).

It was noted that HPBC are undertaking a consultation for a 35 day period starting 12th March 2015 regarding the departure from the proposed Draft Local Plan relating to this application.

RESOLVED: To put this application on the April meeting agenda for further discussion.

C14/180 Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12th February 2015 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C14/181 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received.

C14/182 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	£
2664	Friends of WB Station	Donation	90.00
2665	WB Rose Queen	Donation	80.00
2666	Toddbrook Sailing Club	Donation	80.00
2667	WB Football club	Donation	80.00
2668	WellFit CIC	Donation	80.00
2669	MAP Ltd	Newsletter distribution	126.00
2670	F. Frodsham/Piranha Gdns	Grit Bin filling	430.00
2671	Content Capture Ltd	Toddbrook artwork scanning	24.00
2672	Easyspace Ltd	Domain name renewal	53.41
2674	Mike Wilson	Tree pruning Brookfield Pond	260.00
2675	Mechanics Institute	March Account	613.17
2676	Cooper Sons Hartley & Wm	Professional fees	312.00
2677	Chris Tetley	Panel refurbishment paint	55.50
2678	Amberol Ltd	5 Planters	542.40
2679	Cllr J Goldfinch	WW1 Exhibition expenses	225.32
2680	DCC	Superannuation A/C March	540.76
2681	HMRC	PAYE & NI	579.80
2682	DCC	Grit salt for grit bins 1 ton	70.34
2683	WB Sports Association	VAT Refund for 2014/15	403.81
2684	Cash	Petty Cash – March 2015	41.69
2685	Design Everything	Interpretation panel	384.00
0490	Southern Electric	SA – Electricity	693.66
0491	Paintmaster 2000 Ltd	SA – Decorating materials	58.09
0492	Stanway & Hallows Ltd	SA – Lighting materials	63.60
0493	WBTC	SA – Payroll for 2014/15	4018.93
		TOTAL £	9906.48

C14/183 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

W4W – Cllr Goldfinch reported on the meeting held on 11th March 2015 including details of future expenditure and the following actions list:

1. Letter to Mr Cunningham regarding advertising hoardings on Wharf Road.
2. Re-design of the Canal Basin Car Park
3. Letter to Steve Alcock (DCC Highways) regarding re-installing the Furness Vale and Bridgemont entry signs as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk follow up the above actions.

Cllr Pritchard stated that the next meeting of the High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership would be held on 18th March 2015 and he would be attending the DALC Spring Seminar.

C14/184 Correspondence

1. NALC's response to BBC's The Casual Vacancy.
2. Ben Offord – objection to Planning Application HPK/2014/0658, New Horwich Road, WB
3. HPBC – Media Release – Make Friends with the Memorial Park.
4. PDNP – Planning Service Parishes Bulletin 10.
5. Royal Mail Group – letter to Cllr Susanne Lomas confirming start of process to install postbox in the Yeadsley Lane Area of Furness Vale.
6. Derbyshire Constabulary – confirmation of report of grit bin theft.
7. DCC – Derbyshire Directory Newsletter – February 2015.
8. HPBC – register of applications for tree work to protected trees.
9. Furness Vale Community Association & Social Club – letter of thanks for grant from Whaley4wards for purchase of shop fittings for post office.
10. PDNPA – Parish Member appointments to NPA 2015 ballot information.
11. Aldrich Estates Ltd – request for consideration to provide construction, repairs and general maintenance services.
12. Cllr Pritchard – information about new Civil Parking Enforcement contractor.
13. Friends of WB Station – letter of thanks for donation towards garden.
14. HPBC – notification of special meeting of the Development Control Committee to consider application HPK/2014/0119 by Gladman Developments Ltd for proposed outline permission for up to 107 dwellings, site access, highway works, landscaping, public open space & associated works – Linglongs Road, on 11th March 2015 and consultation for further observations by Friday 6th March 2015.
15. HPBC – Development Control Special Meeting papers for 11th March 2015.

16. **DALC Circulars -**

Notice of Audit Training on Thursday 19th March 2015.

No. 06/2015 - Spring Seminar change of venue;

Legal Topic Note 5;

Grant Thornton free seminar;

No referendums relating to council tax;

Automatic Enrolment Training Course;

Vacancies

No. 07/2015 - Elections 2015;

Transparency Code;

Spring Seminar Reminder;

Automatic Enrolment Training.

17. Plantlife – National Plant Monitoring Scheme launch seeking volunteers.
18. NHS North Derbyshire CCG – Notice of meetings providing opportunities to influence changes to future care plans in the local community.
19. National Grid – notice of planning application to clean up former gasworks site on New Road (Ref: 2014/0657).
20. Whaley Bridge Matters – copy of notification to Borough Councillors Pritchard and Lomax that WB Matters has made an application to the Secretary of State to call in the controversial application at Linglongs Road/Macclesfield Road WB. HPK/2014/0119.

C14/185 Date for Annual Town Meeting

RESOLVED: To hold the Annual Town Meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 15th April 2015 in the Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street.

C14/186 Notice Boards for Furness Vale and Bridgemont

W4W had inherited two notice boards from the Memorial Park Refurbishment and proposed to relocate these at sites in Furness Vale and Bridgemont. Cllr Susanne Lomas had agreed to keep these boards updated.

RESOLVED: To allocate £400 for this project to include £195 for a planning application and £205 towards refurbishing and installing these boards during 2015.

C14/187 Items for Spring Newsletter

The following items were proposed:

1. Sunnybank Allotment Site Project updated news.
2. W4W Projects
3. Advertising the AGP May – September special offer rates for use.
4. Furness Vale PO, shop and café news.
5. Shop-front refurbishment scheme.
6. Request for volunteers to join W4W.

C14/188 WW1 Plaques for Memorial Park

The Clerk had discussed the issues for displaying the WW1 Plaques at the entrances to the Memorial Park with English Heritage who supported the opinion of HPBC that these plaques should not be permitted.

RESOLVED: That a plaque should be located on the front of the Mechanics Institute instead.

C14/189 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) Subscription

Cllr Pritchard declared an interest and left the meeting. Members expressed concern about the continuing high cost of this subscription.

RESOLVED: To pay the lower fee (without additional training options) of £846.35 to DALC to provide their existing range of services and support for 2015/16.

C14/190 Shallcross Incline – Water Erosion

The Clerk reported that the central section of the Shallcross Incline Greenway had been damaged by water erosion and the surface was uneven and rutted in places and could be hazardous to users. It was noted that this surface water originated from an adjoining field with inadequate drainage provision.

RESOLVED: To report the damage to Derbyshire County Council stating that this is the second time this damage has occurred to the greenway surface due to poor drainage of adjoining land and further basic remedial work is required, not just ongoing surface maintenance and to recommend a site meeting be arranged with a drainage specialist.

C14/191 Application for Student Funding from Emma Bennett

A letter was received from Emma Bennett requesting grant funding towards a conservational and environmental college trip (by Aquinas College in Stockport) in July 2016.

RESOLVED: To offer sponsorship of £50 towards the trip expenses to be paid when participation is confirmed.

C14/192 Replacement Grit Bin for Eccles Road

It was noted that investigations were still being undertaken to discover the whereabouts of the council grit bin missing from Eccles Road. It was agreed to defer discussions to a future meeting regarding replacing this grit bin.

C14/193 DCC Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Consultation

An email was received from DCC regarding the completed Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Derbyshire. This document shows how DCC intends to manage flooding and consults on ways in which DCC can help to minimise the damage from flooding and offer support to affected residents. The consultation runs from 16th February to 16th March 2015.

C14/194 Changes to DCC School Crossing Patrol Service – Consultation

DCC is consulting communities on their proposals to reduce the School Crossing Patrol Services across Derbyshire in order to reduce expenditure.

Furness Vale Primary School is unaffected for the moment. The main crossing at Buxton Road outside the school will be retained. The crossing over Station Road will not be removed but if the patrol employee leaves then this crossing would be re-assessed to ascertain whether it meets the national criteria at that time. If not, then it is likely that staff would not be replaced so this crossing patrol could be in jeopardy in the future.

Whaley Bridge Primary School is unaffected as a puffin crossing operates outside the school and the crossing at Reservoir Road will be retained.

Taxal & Fernilee Primary School does not have any patrols and has not had any nearby patrols for some years. It is supposed to rely on the phased traffic lights/pedestrian crossing at the Horwich End traffic lights at the bottom of Macclesfield Road.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

.....Chairman

Date.....