

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: 9th April 2015
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Pritchard (Chair), Bowden, Goldfinch, Swift, Thomas, Anne Winter, Susanne Lomas, Lomax, Taylor and Wild

MINUTES

C14/195 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Gilmour, Rev. Margaret Jones and PCSO Tracy Jones.

C14/196 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications (3)

Cllr Swift	Agenda Item 15 Planning Committee (6)	Neighbour of applicant.
Cllr Lomax	Agenda Item 15 Planning Committee HPK/2015/0648	Neighbour of applicant
Cllr Taylor	Agenda Item 15 Planning Committee (6)	Property overlooks the site under discussion

C14/197 Minutes

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

C14/198 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received.

C14/199 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	£
2686	HP Marquees	Welldressing marquee deposit	170.40
2687	M Appleby	Shallcross Incline maintenance	680.00
2688	HP CVS	PA for Commonwealth Day	25.00
2689	DCC	Village signs installation	1020.00
2691	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Bus shelter cleaning	60.12
2692	Stanway & Hallows Ltd	Defibrillator electrical work	264.96
2693	Canal & River Trust	5 Oak picnic benches	1824.00
2695	FV Community Assoc.	Plumbing work	201.00
2696	HPBC	Allotment site rent 2015	10.00
2697	Arien Signs Ltd	Interpretation Panel C&HPR	910.80
2698	Nick Rowley Ltd	New allotment site paths	2032.80
2699	S Drinkwater & Son Ltd	Repair materials	103.74
2700	DALC	Subscription 2015/16	846.35
2701	Peak Park Parish Forum	Subscription 2015/16	6.00
2703	HPBC	Planning application fee	195.00
2704	DCC	Superannuation April 2015	540.77
2705	Cash	Petty Cash April A/C 2015	38.72
0494	Gas Point Services	SA – Landlord’s Safety Cert.	116.00
		TOTAL £	9045.66

C14/200 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

W4W – Cllr Goldfinch reported on the meeting held on 8th April 2015.

Cllr Susanne Lomas reported that no definitive answer had been received from Michael Hogg (Royal Mail) on the location of the new Furness Vale post box. Isobel Mulligan (DCC Highways) had refused a request for a new directional sign to the Post Office service in Furness Vale stating that it did not meet the DCC criteria for tourist signage.

Cllr Pritchard had attended the DALC Spring Seminar on 26th March 2015 and requested that the council discuss the criteria for the new Quality Council Scheme. (June 2015 Agenda Item). He stated that the Audit Commission had been abolished.

C14/201 Correspondence

1. High Peak & Hope Valley CRP – Wish list for new franchise.
2. Lisa Pritchard – request for members to sign online petition regarding saving Derbyshire’s school crossing patrols.
3. Frances Worsley – complaint about the clutter of untidy profusion of signs around Bridgemont (as many as 13 on occasions) giving a bad impression of the town for those approaching from Stockport and Manchester and detracting from the new attractive village entry signs. **Following discussion it was agreed to contact the owner of the Ringstones Industrial Estate to arrange a meeting with the Chair to discuss options for improving the signage to the businesses on the estate.**
4. BT – Adopt a kiosk information.
5. HPBC – Parish Council elections information.
6. WB Welldressing Group – Framed picture of 2014 board for hanging in the Mechanics Institute.
7. DCC – launch of campaign for fairer funding for Derbyshire. (Ref item 8)
8. Andrew Bingham MP – information regarding 2015-16 Local Government Finance Settlement for local authorities. (Ref item 7 above)
9. DCC invitation to Parish and Town Liaison Forum on 2nd June 2015.
10. DCC Pension team – Employers Newsletter 131.
11. Derbyshire Law Centre – common questions and answers re: membership.
12. Toddbrook Sailing Club – letter of thanks for donation.
13. Tdhgroup – VE day 70th Anniversary information.
14. Peak District NPA – Planning Service Parishes Bulletin 11
15. HPBC – response to request for information re HPBC rules and regulations about cycling in the Memorial Park following receipt of enquiry/complaint about adults cycling at speed through the park.
16. Chapel Parish Council – copy of PDNPA briefing memo for major transport schemes and studies which could impact on the area.
17. Derbyshire Alert – announcement of NICE Fund by Commissioner Charles.

18. **DALC Circulars -**
No 08/2015 – Purdah Guidance;
Changes to smaller authorities' local audit and accountability framework;
Town and Parish Council websites;
Sustainable Communities Act – training sessions for all DALC Member Councils facilitated by the Leicestershire & Rutland Association;
Spring Seminar reminder;
Clerk Induction Training
- No 09/2015** – Government Ombudsman to Larger Parish & Town Councils Consultation;
- No 10/2015** – Government Transparency Fund of £4.7m;
My Community, free advice and grants;
FREE Audit Briefing Session with Grant Thornton;
Section 137 Expenditure Limit 2015 -16
19. Derbyshire Alert – Safer Neighbourhood officers supporting Travel Smart to school.
20. DALC – Free Audit Training Session at Hulland Ward 28th April 2015.
21. John Hooley – e-mail with comments to HPBC re Planning Application HPK/2014/0119 with request for review by Whaley Bridge Town Council.

C14/202 WW1 Plaques – Locations and Description

Cllr Taylor proposed that this project be abandoned as it was not feasible to place the plaques at the entrances to the Memorial Park and the centenary year had now passed. Cllr Goldfinch proposed an amendment that a plaque be placed on the external wall of the Mechanics Institute. This amendment was defeated. Cllr Bowdon proposed an amendment that a tree and plaque be placed in the Memorial Park to commemorate WW1.

RESOLVED: To ask for agreement from HPBC Horticultural Department to plant a commemorative tree in the Memorial Park together with appropriate plaque.

C14/203 Shallcross Incline – Water Erosion and Drainage

The Clerk reported that she had met with Gill Millward (DCC Access Improvement Officer for Rights of Way) and Ajit Mehta (DCC Countryside Engineer) on site on 2nd April 2015 to discuss the drainage and surface erosion along the central section of the Shallcross Incline Greenway. It was agreed that the excess water originated from the adjacent field due to a natural spring and poor drainage. A further site meeting was planned for 24th April 2015 with Gill Millward, Ajit Mehta, Cllrs Swift and Thomas and Steve Cresswell (DCC Volunteer Co-ordinator) to investigate necessary repair work and form a plan for volunteers to execute this work with the guidance of a supervisor. It was noted that some repair materials would be required.

C14/204 Internal Auditor

RESOLVED: That Barrie Woodcock carries out the Internal Audit of the 2014/15 Year End Accounts on 19th May 2015.

C14/205 Draft Year End Accounts 2014/2015

The draft accounts were circulated and discussed.

RESOLVED: That the draft year end accounts as presented to the meeting, be submitted to the Internal Auditor for approval.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

.....Chairman

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