

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Meeting: Town Council
Date: 14th May 2015
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Thomas (Chair), Bowden, Zara Clarke, Gilmour, Goldfinch, Swift, Anne Winter, Lomax, Taylor and Wild.

MINUTES

C15/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Susanne Lomas, Pritchard, Rev. Margaret Jones and PCSO Tracy Jones.

C15/17 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications (3)

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| Cllr Swift | Agenda Item 10 | Candidate |
| Cllr Thomas | Agenda Item 13 | Chair WB Community Trust |
| Cllr Wild | Agenda Item 11 | Network Rail employee |

C15/18 Community Police - No police attendance

C15/19 Open Forum

Jon Hooley gave a presentation expressing concerns about the decision notice approving Planning Application HPK/2014/0119 for 107 houses off Linglongs Road (Gladman Developments Ltd), particularly with reference to water courses and drainage patterns.

RESOLVED: To write to High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council in support of Mr Hooley's concerns about drainage in this area (noted as C9 in the emerging High Peak Local Plan) being affected by new development proposals.

C15/20 Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 9th April 2015 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C15/21 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received.

C15/22 Accounts for Payment

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

| Chq | Payee | Description | £ |
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| 2707 | HMRC | PAYE & NI April | 553.99 |
| 2708 | Mechanics Institute | April & May accounts | 1230.34 |
| 2709 | Peartree Print | Printing and stationery | 279.10 |
| 2710 | MAP Ltd | Newsletter distribution | 180.00 |
| 2711 | Zurich Municipal | Insurance 2015/16 | 2279.40 |
| 2712 | Information Commissioner | Data Protection Registration | 35.00 |
| 2714 | Milltown Studios | FV Field Day sound system | 550.00 |
| 2715 | DCC | Superannuation May | 540.77 |
| 2716 | HMRC | PAYE & NI May | 548.41 |
| 2717 | Cash | Petty Cash May | 40.36 |
| 2718 | Environment Agency | Water Abstraction Licence | 25.00 |
| 0495 | Shorrocks Trichem Ltd | SA – Cleaning materials | 65.76 |
| 0496 | Bywaters | SA – 2 x gas cylinders | 96.00 |
| | | TOTAL £ | 6424.13 |
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C15/23 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

W4W – Cllr Goldfinch reported progress with the Shopfront Facelift Scheme. Work at Babkas and the new greengrocers on Old Road had been completed satisfactorily and grant payment authorised.

C15/24 Correspondence

1. DEFRA – Secretary of State Appointments to National Park Authority. Invitation to bring opportunities to the attention of interested persons.
2. Peak District NPA – High Peak & Metropolitan Area Parish Ballot 2015 copy of nomination form for return by 5pm on Tuesday 26th May 2015.
3. Cllr John Pritchard – information re: HP&HVCRP meeting 20th April 2015.

4. Jodie Foxtton – letter enquiring about the actions of the Town Council concerning improvements regarding traffic, congestion and pollution for School Community Project Homework. **Agreed that Cllrs Thomas and Anne Winter would draft an appropriate response.**
5. HPBC – information from Sally Curley regarding work to the oil pipeline by Fisher German at Furness Vale Playing Field around 20th April 2015.
6. DCC – Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum Monday 22nd June 2015.
7. Furness Vale Community Association and Social Club – Thanks to Council and W4W for the contribution to setting up the new community shop.
8. DCC – ROW e-mail response regarding Horses on the canal towpath.
9. Plantlife – thanks for assistance with the National Plant Monitoring Survey.
10. Jon Hooley – e-mail with update regarding comments in respect of flood risk concerning planning application HPK/2014/0119.
11. Peak District NPA – South West Peak Landscape Partnership Scheme.
12. DCC – Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan rolling consultation commencing 7th April 2015 and running to 31st August 2015.
13. HPBC – Notification of Interest Forms and Code of Conduct and need for councillors to complete these new forms. **Agreed to ask Linden Vernon at HPBC for details of training sessions available for Town & Parish Councils and circulate this information.**
14. High Peak CVS – Training Programme May 2015 – March 2015.
15. HPBC – planning department response regarding solar panels at MI.
16. National Grid – re: clean-up work at former gas works site on New Road.
17. RAD – Rural Matters May 2015.
18. Peak District NPA – alert to current consultation (running to 19th June 2015) on content of the validation checklist for planning applications.
19. Cllr Susanne Lomas – report on progress with COGS field project.
20. Cllr Susanne Lomas – invitation to COGS Field Day Event on 16/05/2015.
21. J K Barnes – response regarding signage associated with businesses at Bridgemont. **Agreed to arrange a meeting with John Barnes and Cllrs Thomas and Lomax in early June to discuss options.**
22. Cllr Pritchard – interest in being nominated by WBTC to serve on the DALC Executive Committee.
23. RAD – Grants for Community Heritage Projects.
24. DCC – response from Highways Traffic and Safety team regarding advertising signs at Bridgemont (see also item 21)
25. Derbyshire Alert – “Over To You” Policing and crime survey report.

26. DCC - response from Highways Traffic and Safety team advising DCC have no problem with removal of the eyesore in the highway at Wharf Road WB.
27. Zurich Municipal – conformation of insurance renewal premium.
28. HPBC – confirmation of £4000 Regeneration Grant support for 2015/16.
29. **DALC Circulars -**
 - No 11/2015** – Inquorate Parish & Town Councils;
CiLCA 2015 & CPD Points;
General Power of Competence;
Connecting Derbyshire.
 - No 12/2015** – DALC Executive Committee
My Community Rights programmes funded by DCLG
Free War Memorial Workshop opportunity in Derby YMCA.
 - No 13/2015** – GCG 4th Edition Addendum;
New Documents, Finance & Audit, DALC Website;
Governance & Accountability;
Connecting Derbyshire;
DDCVS Funding Talk;
PC Vacancy

C15/25 Annual Community Award 2015

Cllr John Swift declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

Four nominations had been received for the Annual Community Award 2015, recognising an outstanding voluntary contribution to the community.

RESOLVED: That an award should be made to David Frith for his work with Uniting Church activities and services to local public rights of way and to Jayne Stead for her services to WB Mother and Toddler Group over 30 years and for voluntary work in connection with the 1st Taxal Scout Group.

C15/26 Bridge 42 – Listed railway bridge across Buxton Road

Cllr Ray Wild declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

Cllr Swift proposed that Network Rail should be asked whether any repairs had been made to other cast iron structures in England and whether a concrete platform could be constructed above the bridge similar to the one at Alrewas in Derbyshire.

RESOLVED: To request Network Rail to give answers to the above questions and to investigate whether the Grade II listed status of Bridge 42 could be raised by English Heritage.

C15/27 Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 15th April 2015

The draft minutes for the Annual Town Meeting 2015 were received and noted.

C15/28 Youth Service Provision in Whaley Bridge

A report was received from Nye Rowlands, WB Community Trust, giving details about the Café Bar Project at Footsteps and actual costs for providing this facility, enabling predictions for future funding requirements to ensure that young people will continue to have basic facilities in the town. Currently there is a shortfall in funding for this facility of £1,383.56.

RESOLVED: To give an initial grant of £700 to Footsteps to enable the Café Bar to continue providing youth activities in Whaley Bridge.

RESOLVED: To write to DCC (the authority responsible for providing Youth Services in Derbyshire) requesting that more funding is given towards providing youth services in Whaley Bridge.

C15/29 Minor Maintenance Agreement 2015/16 – Public Rights of Way

A letter was received from DCC stating that £565 would be available for 2015/16, from the Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement, towards minor footpath repairs in the parish.

David Frith had suggested three footpaths and thanks were given to David for his help with highlighting footpaths in need of repairs.

RESOLVED: To prioritise further repair work to Footpath 110 (connecting Reservoir Road to Whaley Lane) to improve drainage and flooding at the Reservoir Road end to maintain access during bad weather and to request a quotation for this work from Steve Rumbellow.

C15/30 Fishing Lease with MSSAS at Brookfield Pond Nature Reserve

It was noted that the current five year lease had expired on 1st April 2015.

RESOLVED: To renew the fishing lease at Brookfield Pond with the Moss Side Social Angling Society (MSSAS) for a further three years with an increased annual rent from £180 per year to £220.

C15/31 Renewal of Insurance Policy 2015/16 with Zurich Municipal

RESOLVED: To renew the insurance policy for 2015/16 with Zurich Municipal, according to Local Council Policy Schedule received and to pay the renewal premium of £2,279.40.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

.....**Chairman**

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