

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: 11th June 2015
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Thomas (Chair), Bowden, Zara Clarke, Goldfinch, Susanne Lomas, Lomax, Pritchard, Swift, Anne Winter, Taylor and Wild.
Rev Margaret Jones and PCSO Tracy Jones

MINUTES

C15/32 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Gilmour.

C15/33 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications – None

C15/34 Community Police

PCSO Tracy Jones reported crime statistics for the previous three months. PC Ellen Barlow will be retiring from police work. Local speeding problems were discussed and will be addressed. The next Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting will be held in September.

C15/35 Open Forum – None

C15/36 Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting and Ordinary Town Council Meeting, held on 14th May 2015, were a true and correct record of the meetings and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C15/37 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received. It was reported that the Royal Bank of Scotland Branch at Horwich End would close on 28th August 2015.

C15/38 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	£
2719	P. Gill	W4W Shopfront Scheme	900.00
2720	J. Kershaw	W4W Shopfront Scheme	900.00
2721	Fountain Supplies	Basin for sports pavilion	40.00
2722	Jayne Stead	Community Award	50.00
2723	David Frith	Community Award	50.00
2724	WB Community Trust	Donation for youth provision	700.00
2725	DALC	Subscription 2015/16	846.35
2726	HMRC	PAYE & NI June	543.81
2727	DCC Superann A/C	Pension payment June	540.76
2728	HP Marquees	Welldressing Marquee hire	1533.60
2729	HPBC	Installation of W4W board	144.00
2730	Marquees.Com	W3 Marquee hire	1378.80
2731	Shelter Maintenance Co.	Bus shelter cleaning May	60.12
2732	Rose Queen Committee	Event bunting (W4W)	191.40
2733	Canal & River Trust	Tree work at Canal Basin	934.73
2734	Mechanics Institute	June account	585.17
2735	HP Marquees	COGS Marquee hire	609.33
2736	Barry Woodcock	Internal accounts audit	110.28
2737	Cash	Petty cash – June	31.73
2738	Rialtas Business Solutions	Computer maintnce contract	282.00
0497	WBTC	SA - Refund for wash basin	33.33
0498	Southern Electric	SA – Electricity	487.21
0499	S Drinkwater & Son Ltd	SA – 2 x toilet seats	57.60
		TOTAL £	11010.22

C15/39 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Whaley4Wards – Cllr Goldfinch reported on the meeting held on 27th May 2015. He gave details of proposed projects for 2015/16. The next W4W meeting will be held on 1st July 2015.

C15/40 Correspondence

1. HP CVS – Training Programme May 2015 to March 2016.
2. DCC – Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum 22/6/15 at Matlock.
3. Cllr John Pritchard – printed copy of HPBC Local Plan councillor training slides.
4. Information Commissioner’s Office – confirmation of renewal of data protection registration
5. CPRE South Yorkshire – copy of Peakland Guardian.
6. HPBC – Code of Conduct Training 16th June 2015 at 6.30pm, Octagon Lounge, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton (to be repeated 22nd September 2015).
7. Information on Cllr Peter Harrison from Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council re: his nomination as parish member representing the High Peak area of the National Park for a further four year term.
8. Letter of thanks from Fiends of WB Station re: grant from WBTC towards garden improvements.
9. Email from DALC re: Local Councils Award Scheme – free workshop on 21 July at Draycott.
10. Email from Richard Campbell, DCC Flood Risk Technician, re: drainage and flooding and identification of established watercourses on land off Linglongs Road, Planning Application No. HPK/2014/0119.
11. Letter from DCC, re: appointment of employer representative to the Derbyshire LGPS Local Pension Board and inviting nominations.
12. PDNPA Parish ballot for one candidate to represent High Peak area. Four nominations received, ballot papers to be returned by 22nd June 2015.
13. Annual Report and details for the AGM from Chapel-en-le-Frith Mobile Physio Service.
14. Information from DCC – New healthier eating campaign “Be Portion Size Wise”.
15. HPBC – List of Portfolio Holders making up the new Executive at HPBC.
Copy to be placed on the notice board.
16. Information from Gusto Cycling re: vintage cycle event passing through Whaley Bridge area on 21st June 2015.
17. DCC – Reminder about next Parish & Town council Liaison Forum on 22nd June at County Hall, Matlock at 5.45pm.
18. Information on the services provided by the Peaks & dales Voluntary & Community Services organisation.
19. Email from Cllr Pritchard re: Update report on the replacement High Peak Local Plan.

20. Email from Cllr Pritchard re: Availability of seven new affordable homes in Chapel-en-le-Frith being promoted by HPBC.
21. NDVA (North Derbyshire Voluntary Action) Summer Network Newsletter.
22. HPBC – Reminder of dates for Code of Conduct seminars, Buxton.
23. CPRE – Notice of National Office running free workshop to provide practical introduction to community energy on 14 July in London.
24. Copy of email from Cllr Susanne Lomas to Andrew Bingham MP, re: progress with rights of way issues on the Furness Vale field.
25. Letter from MSSAS requesting 5 year new lease (instead of three) for £220 p.a. **Agreed to allow the new lease to continue for a five year term.**
26. **DALC Circulars - No 14/2015 – General** – DALC website, NALC co-option Legal Briefing Note, electronic meetings summons, training information, new transparency code requirements, NALC procurement toolkit and connecting Derbyshire consultation.

C15/41 Internal Audit Report for Year End Accounts to 31st March 2015.

The accounts for the financial year 2014/15 had been audited and approved by Mr Barrie Woodcock. He completed and signed the Internal Audit section of the Annual Return with no further action required.

C15/42 Car Parking and the Canal Basin Public Car Park

No response had been received from HPBC regarding the request to remove the bollards and fencing from the old recycling area of the Canal Basin Car Park to allow the maximum number of additional parking spaces. Concern was expressed about the flooding across two spaces in the far corner adjacent to the River Goyt.

Parking across the access path in the centre of the Station Car Park and inadequate on-street parking were also cause for concern. Parking along both sides of Buxton Road, from the town centre towards Bridgemont was causing an obstruction to the free flow of traffic.

Cllr Goldfinch suggested that the land to the left of the Transhipment Warehouse could be used for parking (with agreement from the Canal & River Trust) and Cllr Lomax suggested that land behind Bingswood Road could be considered for parking (with agreement from the landowner, A.F. Whiteley & Co. Ltd).

RESOLVED: To ask Cllr Tony Ashton, Leader of HPBC, to arrange for the bollards and fencing to be removed from the Canal Basin Car Park and the flooding be addressed.

RESOLVED: To request a meeting with Julie Corke (Northern Rail Station Manager), copy to Cllr Tony Ashton, to discuss the layout of the Station Car Park and moving the central access path to the left hand side of the car park.

C15/43 Approval and Signature of the Annual Return 2014/15, Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement

The completed Annual Return for 2014/15 was received.

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts to 31st March 2015 and to authorise the Chair, Cllr Martin Thomas, to sign the Annual Return, Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement as a true and correct record.

The year-end accounts and signed Annual Return will be submitted to the External Auditor (Grant Thornton).

C15/44 Feedback from the DALC Spring Seminar

Cllr Pritchard had attended the DALC Spring Seminar on 26th March 2015 and reported feedback from this meeting.

C15/45 Peak District National Park Authority – Appointment of High Peak Area Parish Representative

Four candidates for this post, together with a ballot paper, had been received from the PDNPA.

RESOLVED: That the council votes for Charlotte Farrell from Bamford with Thornhill Parish Council.

C15/46 Local Council Award Scheme (replacing Quality Council Status)

Councillors received “A Guide to the Local Council Award Scheme” issued by NALC and Cllr Pritchard informed members about the new scheme. It was noted that WBTC had been issued with the Foundation Award certificate which was valid until January 2016. Cllr Pritchard proposed that the council continue to work towards the Foundation Award during 2016. Cllrs Pritchard and Thomas will attend the workshop outlining the Local Council Award Scheme on 21st July 2015 at Draycott Parish Rooms and report back to the September council meeting.

C15/47 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan

The issues involved with producing a Local Neighbourhood Plan were discussed including design standards, land use, environmental and parking issues. It was agreed that substantial public engagement and community involvement would be required in order to produce a successful plan. It was noted that progress with producing a Neighbourhood Plan had been somewhat disrupted by the Gladman Planning Application for 107 dwellings off Linglongs Road as focus had become centred on this application’s path through the planning procedure.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Thomas would convene an initial meeting of interested councillors to discuss a way forward.

C15/48 Memorial Park – Request for Funding Towards Proposed Junior Parkrun

An email was received from Carolyn Whittle, on behalf of the organising committee, requesting funding for the proposed Junior Parkrun through WB Memorial Park. This proposal is for a free 2k run for children 4 – 14 years every Sunday morning. The level of WBTC support and financial contribution was discussed and it was agreed that the Chair and Clerk should arrange a meeting with Carolyn Whittle to discuss how this proposal is to be achieved and to obtain more detailed information about the event and ongoing finance and management and the disposal of purchased equipment should the venture fail to succeed.

RESOLVED: To set up a meeting with event organisers to discuss the proposal.

C15/49 Summer Newsletter

Suggested articles for the Summer Newsletter included car parking, reports from W4W, Community Award 2015 and elected council information.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

.....**Chairman**

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