

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 July 2015
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Thomas (Chair), Bowden, Zara Clarke, Gilmour, Goldfinch, Susanne Lomas (up to 9pm), Lomax, Pritchard, Swift, Anne Winter, and Wild (from 8.30pm). Rev Margaret Jones

MINUTES

C15/50 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Taylor and PCSO Tracy Jones.

C15/51 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications (1)

Cllr Pritchard Agenda Item 20 Planning App. HPK/2015/0275

C15/52 Community Police – None

C15/53 Open Forum

Cllr Thomas reported on the visit to the Wastewater Treatment Works at Bridgemont on 2nd July 2015, accompanied by Cllrs Goldfinch, Wild and Lomax. Unpleasant odours emanating from the works and their causes were discussed, along with remedial actions being taken by United Utilities. It was noted that a local company was irresponsibly discharging chemicals into the system, upsetting the balance and causing the bad odours.

Chris McKiernon (resident at Station Road, Furness Vale) requested that the council continues to monitor the situation at the Wastewater Treatment Works to address the unacceptable odour levels in the area. Furness Vale Ward councillors agreed to keep a log of odour levels, dates and weather conditions. Cllr Gilmour suggested that a letter be sent to the Environment Agency giving details of the problem and requesting information and assurances that this matter was being dealt with locally.

Carolyn Whittle spoke in support of the proposed junior parkrun in the Memorial Park and their application for funding towards setting up regular events.

C15/54 Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on 11th June 2015, were a true and correct record of the meetings and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C15/55 Request for Funding towards Proposed Junior Parkrun in the Memorial Park

A report was received from Cllr Thomas giving details of a meeting held on 29th June 2015 with Carolyn Whittle and James Kemp who wish to organise a regular Whaley Bridge Junior Parkrun in the Memorial Park on Sunday mornings for children aged 4 – 14 years old. It was noted that this would be part of the national parkrun scheme and a request for funding towards establishing the events was received. Cllr Thomas stated that he would donate £150 towards the scheme from his Chair's allowance.

RESOLVED: That the council would donate £650 towards the costs of establishing a junior parkrun scheme in Whaley Bridge to provide a healthy sporting activity for the benefit of local youngsters.

C15/56 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received.

C15/57 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	£
2739	Streetentertainers	W3 Punch & Judy	720.00
2740	HPBC	Elections admin charge	500.00
2741	Rose Queen Committee	Entry sign strap boards	80.00
2742	Mechanics Institute	July account	603.17
2743	Chronicle Accountants Ltd	Payroll Feb – June 2015	120.00
2744	WB Sports Association	MUGA hire charge	28.00
2745	F Frodsham/Piranha Gdns	Grounds maintenance	4754.50
2746	DCC	Superannuation account	540.76
2747	Cash	Petty cash July account	27.47
2749	HMRC	PAYE & NI July	544.21
0500	Shorrocks Trichem Ltd	SA – Cleaning materials	29.32
		TOTAL £	7947.43

C15/58 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr Anne Winter reported on the AGM of the High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership. The partnership is developing a new website and an announcement of the new franchise for the Buxton Railway line is expected towards the end of the year.

Cllr Goldfinch reported on the meeting of Whaley4Wards held on 1st July 2015. Cllr Zara Clarke is now the Secretary. Cllr Susanne Lomas reported that the village signs for Furness Vale and Bridgemont had still not been erected and it was noted that Cllr Goldfinch was following this up with DCC.

Cllr Goldfinch reported on the Walking Football Game held on 4th July 2015 at the Multi-Use Games Area when the council team participated.

C15/59 Correspondence

1. High Peak CVS – View From The Peak SPG Newsletter issue 36.
2. DCC Highways – response to request for meeting to discuss issues relating to Gladman Developments Planning Application off Linglongs Road.
3. DEFRA – invitation to contribute to process of Ministers consideration of the next batch of Secretary of State Member appointments to National Parks.
4. RAD – press release for Village SOS campaign relaunch event.
5. DCC – 2015/16 Big Energy Saving Network Programme launch by Department of Energy and Climate Change link.
6. HPBC – update from Sally Curley re: Furness Vale Community Field.
7. DCC – invitation re: funding and application form for graffiti removal in partnership with Community Payback Team.
8. DCC – Invitation for submission of applications for additional and improved lighting in high crime and ASB areas.
9. Dr Ambrose Smith – copy into e-mail to Steve Alcock – DCC Highways – suggesting that an “except for access” weight restriction be considered to address issues of concern raised by him related to his observations of increasing HGV traffic travelling between Buxton and the A6 using the A5004 – Long Hill and through Whaley Bridge and the unsuitability of this route for this traffic which should be using the A6 by-pass.

10. Peak Park Parishes Forum – potential funding information re Applications Open: Get Better with Nature Community Fund.
11. PDNPA – press releases about Brantwood Specialist School’s new outdoor classroom and Bakewell Baking Festival in August.
12. **DALC Circulars -**
No 15/2015 – General – Employment of the Clerk & Council Staff Training; Grave Matters, Guide to managing cemeteries; Training.
No 16/2015 – Grants and Funding – Building Better Opportunities – Big Lottery Fund
No 17/2015 – General – Smaller Authorities Transparency Fund - Briefing Note
13. HPBC – request for meeting to discuss WB car park increase to existing bays.
14. PDNPA – informing appointment of Tony Favell as Parish Member for High Peak & Metropolitan area.
15. MSSAS – return of signed updated lease agreement for Brookfield Pond.
16. DCC – information about employer training for Local Government Pension Scheme employers on Friday 21st August 2015 at Long Eaton.
17. Historic England – response to request to upgrade Bridge 42 to Grade II*.
18. Plantlife – press release about Bee Scene Survey and Road Verges Campaign. **Agreed to send a letter of thanks to DCC for undertaking removal of litter from A6 bypass.**
19. Dave & Angela Lees – comments on application HPK/2015/0331.
20. Paul Evans (HPBC) – card thanking employees and councillors for attending the opening of the Memorial Park on Saturday 4th July 2015.
21. RAD – Village SOS campaign event poster for 22nd July 2015.

C15/60 General Power of Competence Eligibility Statement

The council is required to minute their statement of eligibility following the local elections in May. The General Power of Competence (Localism Act 2011 s1 (1) gives Town and Parish Councils “the power to do anything that individuals generally may do” providing that it is lawful and it meets the eligibility criteria of having a clerk holding a recognised sector-specific qualification and the number of councillors elected at the last ordinary election or subsequent by-election equals or exceeds two thirds of its total number of councillors.

RESOLVED: That Whaley Bridge Town Council meets the required criteria for eligibility for the General Power of Competence and this eligibility will remain in place until the first annual meeting of the council after an ordinary election that normally takes place every four years.

C15/61 Bank Mandates for Debit Cards

It was noted that the council needed to approve and sign Bank Mandates for the use of debit cards for all accounts which are required to withdraw and deposit cash and cheques at the Post Office as the local RBS Branch at Horwich End is to close at the end of August. The debit cards will be capped for withdrawals at £75 for WBTC and £150 for the Mechanics Institute.

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the Bank Mandates to enable the use of debit cards for WBTC and Mechanics Institute RBS bank accounts.

C15/62 WW1 Tree Planting and Plaque Design for Memorial Park

HPBC had approved the tree and plaque for the Memorial Park to commemorate the centenary of WW1. A grant for this purpose had been received from HPBC.

RESOLVED: To plant a beech tree and erect a plaque in the Memorial Park, prior to Remembrance Sunday 2015, to commemorate the WW1 centenary.

C15/63 Approval of Minor Maintenance Agreement Quote for Works to Footpath 110.

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation from Steve Rumbellow for £513.40 to carry out minor maintenance work to Footpath 110 at Reservoir Road in accordance with the terms of the Minor Maintenance Grant.

C15/64 Speed Limits in Residential Areas

Cllr Lomax reported on the introduction of a pilot scheme initiative for 20mph speed limits and zones by DCC.

RESOLVED: To request that DCC considers a 20mph speed limit pilot scheme be applied to the residential area and feeder roads accessed by Jodrell Road, Hockerley Lane and Meadowfield.

C15/65 Bingswood Access and Canal Basin Regeneration Panel Constitution

RESOLVED: To continue this advisory panel consisting of Cllrs Zara Clarke, Swift, Thomas and Goldfinch.

RESOLVED: That the Canal Street/Canal Basin road improvement scheme be discussed as a September meeting agenda item. It was noted that Steve Alcock from DCC Highways would be producing some initial design sketches and costs.

RESOLVED: To thank Gillian Renshaw from the Canal & River Trust for facilitating the site meeting held on 8th July 2015 with David Baldaccino, Sally Brodey, Steve Alcock (DCC), Barry Rudd, Tony Worthington (Bingswood Ind. Estate), Cllrs Thomas, Swift, Lomax and Pritchard, to discuss the road improvement scheme.

C15/66 Canal Basin Car Park – New Layout and Costs

The Clerk reported that she had met with Martin Crowther from HPBC on 9th July 2015 to discuss options to provide additional parking spaces within the car park following the removal of the recycling units. Design plans and costs will be provided by Martin Crowther for discussion at the September meeting.

C15/67 Stone Wall at Shallcross Incline Greenway

Cllr Swift reported that the provision of a new dry stone wall at the top end of the greenway had been agreed with the land donors to mark the new boundary between the path and agricultural land. He had identified a stone waller, a supply of stone (£50 per ton delivered) and transport but funding is required.

RESOLVED: To approve £2500 funding towards the project this year from reserves, to be organised by Cllr Swift.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

.....**Chairman**

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