

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, SK23 7AA  
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**Meeting:** Town Council  
**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Mechanics Institute  
**Present:** Councillors Thomas (Chair), Bowden, Zara Clarke, Gilmour, Goldfinch, Lomax, Pritchard and Anne Winter. Rev Margaret Jones

## MINUTES

### C15/94 Apologies for Absence

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

### C15/95 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications (2)

Cllr Thomas	Agenda Item 13 Grants & Donations	Chair of WB Community Trust
Cllr Lomax	Agenda Item 18 Planning Application HPK/2015/0466	Chair of HPBC Development Control Committee

### C15/96 Community Police – None

### C15/97 Open Forum

Lynne Timmins, resident of Wharf Road, presented residents objections to the retention of the fencing presently in place along Wharf Road as it is neither secure nor safe and needs to be replaced with a fence fit for purpose. (Planning Application HPK/2015/0466) Mavis Bramwell added that it is an eyesore, dangerous and a potential hindrance to house sales.

Rupert Alcock presented an update on his research and actions into the issues of drainage, rubbish, abandoned vehicles and land ownership of Bingswood Avenue. He presented an envelope to the clerk for forwarding to the appropriate authority to deal with drainage and flooding issues at High. It was agreed to add this to the agenda for the November meeting.

### C15/98 Change to Order of Business

**RESOLVED:** To change the order of business to address Planning Application HPK/2015/0466 retention of security fencing on Wharf Road next.

**C15/99 Planning Application HPK/2015/0466 - Retention of Security Fencing on Wharf Road**

Cllr Lomax declared an interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item.

The application and residents comments were discussed and the Town Council's comments and actions are recorded as minute P15/42 of the Planning Committee meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

**C15/100 Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**C15/101 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's Report was received.

**C15/102 Accounts for Payment**

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

<b>Chq</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>£</b>
2772	Disley Windows Ltd	MI Main Hall Front Windows	5482.00
2774	John Swift	W4W – Cycle tour flyers &	75.16
2775	Altodigital Networks Ltd	Photocopying	33.07
2776	Leander Architectural	WW1 Commemorative Plaque	304.50
2777	Mechanics Institute	October Account	609.17
2778	Shelter Maintenance	Bus Shelter Cleaning	60.12
2779	Peartree Print	Stationery	21.00
0505	High Peak Borough	SA – Rent November	280.00
0506	Bywaters	SA – Gas x 2 cylinders	96.00
		<b>TOTAL £</b>	<b>6961.02</b>

**C15/103 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Cllr Anne Winter reported on a meeting of High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015.

Cllr Anne Winter reported that Taxal & Fernilee School and Whaley Bridge School wish to support the 2016 Fly the Flag initiative.

Cllr John Pritchard reported as chair of the DALC Executive Committee that the AGM will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Chesterfield Football Ground and all members are invited.

Cllr Jon Golfinch reported on a Whaley4Wards meeting on 7th October 2015 including an expenditure report.

Cllr Zara Clarke reported on a meeting with The Canal and River Trust which is eager to open up the Transshipment Warehouse, possibly for a Christmas Event.

Cllr Ron Bowden reported on increasing volumes of traffic on the A6. It was agreed to include re-trunking of the A6 on the agenda for the November meeting.

## **C15/104 Correspondence**

1. Cllr Pritchard – FV Field update from Sally Curley HPBC.
2. Andrew Smith – copy of email to DCC regarding Flashing speed lights outside WB Primary school not operating at the correct times.
3. PDNPA – Press release about new trees for Peak District.
4. DCC – invitation to information day at Chesterfield Library about planning towards the 2018 centenary of the First World War armistice.
5. Caroline Wade – request for advice regarding who to contact about a dangerous horse kept on a public right of way footpath.
6. Cllr Thomas – email about planning for Christmas Light Switch on, Lantern Parade, Carols, Christmas Market and related events.
7. DCC – details of proposed revision of Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Scheme. Comments to be made in writing by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015. **(November Agenda Item)**
8. Derbyshire Sport – Western Power Distribution Community Chest Funding Update relating to energy saving improvements to village halls and community facilities.
9. PDNPA – Photo Competition 2015 publicity request.
10. Carol Cade – notice of shop now open at Rivendell House, enquiring about repair of two wooden tubs outside looking worn.
11. RAD – Alternative Funding Seminar on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November flyer.
12. Cllr Ray Wild – FV Field update.
13. Cllr John Pritchard – FV Field update.
14. Cllr Martin Thomas – copy of e-mail to Mr Cunningham from W4W regarding Wharf Road sign removal.
15. PDNPA – Press release about moorland firefighting techniques practice.
16. W4W – minutes of meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and budget information.

17. John Hambrook – enquiring about participating in snow warden scheme.  
**(Agreed to accept his assistance and direct him to the required training by DCC)**
18. HP CVS – invitation to AGM on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 with Agenda and copy of previous AGM minutes.
19. The Foyle Foundation – notice of unsuccessful application for Mechanics Institute funding.
20. RAD – request for information about community food outlets in Derbyshire.
21. Andrew Bingham MP – E-mail newsletter, Assisted Dying.
22. PDNPA – Press release, £42,000 grant boosts High Peak Trail.
23. Dr Ambrose Smith – copy of e-mail communication with DCC Traffic & Safety Team Senior Technician, Isobel Mulligan, regarding the increased numbers of unnecessary HGV traffic through Whaley Bridge via Long Hill.
24. Planningaid – Up Front: Neighbourhood planning news September 2015.
25. **DALC Circulars –**
  - No 23/2015 – General –** Employment update September 2015;  
Beware of Bogus Self-employment;  
Towards a Better Understanding of Planning Process  
Training;  
Transparency Fund;  
CiLCA 2015 Training;  
DALC direct banking detail;  
Councillor Induction Training  
Vacancy.
  - No 24/2015 – General –** Certificate in Local Council Administration 2015;  
Job Vacancy for Clerk at Whaley Bridge Town  
Council.
26. Peak Park Parishes Forum - 2015/2016 Accounts.
27. Cllr Pritchard – copy of e-mail correspondence regarding trampled fence and area near the railway line, the rear of the Cock Inn and the Linear Park.
28. NALC – information about Larger Council's Conference - Communities Can – on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015.
29. Mrs A Stanley – copy of e-mail to Taxal & Fernilee School about initiative to start a campaign to reduce dog fouling using Primary School Children's messages.
30. WB Royal British Legion – Remembrance Sunday Service invitation and information.
31. Carolyn Whittle – update from inaugural WB junior parkrun event.

32. Cllr Pritchard – copy of e-mail from HPBC regarding sudden death of Jason Hawkes.
33. Rural Services Network – News
34. Cllr Susanne Lomas – invitation to COGS AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015.
35. DCC – invitation to next Liaison Forum on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015.
36. PDNPA – press release – Peak District in England’s top ten greatest places
37. Groundwork – Tesco Local Community Scheme. **(copy to Cllr Goldfinch)**
38. Steve Allcock – response regarding parking outside Hallam’s gun shop.  
**(Agreed to reply that no further action will be taken by the Town Council)**

**C15/105 Report from Sports Association AGM held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Cllr Goldfinch reported that the anticipated surplus of £5,200 is greater than the £980 reported to the AGM which should result in an end of March 2016 reserve in the account of £67,000. It was noted that currently projects to tarmac the frontage of the pavilion, which has High Peak Borough Council approval, and to install an electronic entry system are being progressed and a study on a longer term project for the pavilion is being prepared.

**C15/106 Sunnybank Allotment Site**

The accumulation of plot holder’s rubbish at Sunnybank allotment site was discussed. It was agreed that a skip be hired by the Town Council and plot holders be asked to fill it with the accumulated rubbish, including none compostable rubbish deposited in the compost bin. The timing for hire of the skip to coincide with autumn/winter clearing of plots.

**C15/107 Canal Street/Canal Basin Access Road Improvements**

Deferred to the November meeting, Steve Alcock (DCC) is awaiting new layout design sketches for this area. It was noted that W4W money may be available subject to confirmation with Helen Pakpahan (HPBC)

**C15/108 Grants & Donations**

Cllr Thomas reported that no more youth funds would be required in the current financial year.

**RESOLVED:** WBTC resolved to give grants to the following:

	£
1. Chapel-en-le-Frith Mobile Physiotherapy Service – towards support of its work for the community.	200.00
2. WB Football Club – towards costs of coaches to attain necessary skills to continue to work with children.	200.00

3. WB Cricket Club – towards budget for junior cricket development.	200.00
4. Churches together in WB Luncheon Club – towards transport costs for most needy guests.	150.00
5. Powder Kegs – towards bells.	280.00
6. WB Community Trust ('Footsteps') – towards running a Christmas grotto for the benefit of the children of WB	300.00
7. Christmas Lantern Workshops	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ <u>1530.00</u></b>

### **C15/109 Christmas Festivities 2015**

Tree lighting dates were noted:

Furness Vale Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and  
Whaley Bridge Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015

A meeting to discuss Whaley Bridge arrangements was to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Members requested this meeting should address issues with safety at the Canal Basin, the inadequacy of the Arc lighting, use of the Transhipment Warehouse and possible use of the Rose Queen trailer for transporting Father Christmas.

### **C15/110 Grit Bin Filling**

**RESOLVED:** To accept the quote from F.Frodsham, Piranha Gardens to fill the 25 Town Council grit bins when required at a cost of £430.00.

### **C15/111 Grounds Maintenance 2016/17**

**RESOLVED:** To request three quotes for grounds maintenance for 2016/17.

Relocation of the hanging basket bracket from former Seymour Silk premises was discussed.

### **C15/112 Matters of an Urgent Nature**

#### **Leak on Whaley Lane**

The lack of action to rectify a leak at the junction of Jodrell Road with Whaley Lane was discussed.

**RESOLVED:** To write to United Utilities, cc Derbyshire County Council and High Peak Borough Council (Mike Towers) asking what action is being taken and requesting that the leak is stopped before frosts create ice hazards.

**PART II**

**C15/113 HR Committee Report**

Cllr Thomas reported that the Town Clerk job vacancy had been re-advertised with a deadline of 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 for applications.

**RESOLVED:** To obtain cost of advertising the vacancy in the Manchester Evening News.

**Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

.....**Chairman**

**Date**.....