

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Meeting: Town Council
Date: 10th September 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 Taylor. Rev Margaret Jones

MINUTES

C15/71 Apologies for Absence

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

C15/72 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications (2)

Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Item 5 Local 20mph speed limits	Resident of Elnor Lane
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Cllr Gilmour	Agenda Item 5	Resident of Elnor Lane
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C15/73 Community Police – None

C15/74 Open Forum

Rupert Alcock presented his recent notes on research into the issues of drainage and land ownership of Bingswood Avenue.

Pippa McCartney registered concern about speeding traffic along the top end of Elnor Lane. She requested support from the council for her efforts to make Elnor Lane safer for drivers and pedestrians. Her suggestions included the addition of pavements, introducing an "Access Only" designation and 20mph speed limit.

C15/75 Introduction of Local 20mph Speed Limits

The DCC consultation on introducing local 20mph speed limits with specific criteria was discussed, together with the issues raised in Open Forum.

RESOLVED: To ask DCC to undertake a speed traffic survey on part of Elnor Lane from the Saxon Cross to the junction with Long Hill and consider imposing a 30mph speed limit for the whole length of Elnor Lane and introduce an "Access Only" designation for Elnor Lane to deter the road being used as a rat-run.

C15/76 Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 9th July 2015 and the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 13th August 2015 were a true and correct record of the meetings and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C15/77 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received.

C15/78 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	£
2750	Parkrun Ltd	Grant	800.00
2751	Peartree Print	Printing and stationery	342.45
2752	Venus Accounting Ltd	W4W Shopfront Scheme grant	550.00
2753	DCC	Superannuation August	540.76
2754	HMRC	PAYE & NI August	555.41
2755	Mechanics Institute	August account	567.17
2756	S Drinkwater & Son Ltd	MMA Footpath materials	110.24
2757	CPRE	Annual subscription	36.00
2758	Bill Carr	W4W Toddbrook sign painting	145.64
2759	Cash	Petty cash – August	15.95
2760	F Frodsham	Replacing planter	20.00
2762	S D Rumbellow	MMA Fp 110 repair work	400.00
2763	HMRC	PAYE & NI September	554.81
2764	DCC	Superannuation September	540.76
2765	MAP Ltd	Newsletter distribution	126.00
2766	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	Job vacancy advert	318.00
2767	Mechanics Institute	September account	585.17
2768	HPBC	Memorial Park final grant	2000.00
2769	NALC	Job vacancy advert	78.00
2770	Grant Thornton UK LLP	Annual Return 2014/15	480.00
2771	Cash	Petty cash September	31.96
0501	HPBC	SA – rates Aug & Sept	560.00
0502	HPBC	SA – rates October	280.00
0503	Tameside Fire Prot. Ltd	SA – fire appliances inspection	59.79
0504	SSE Southern Electric	SA – electricity May – Aug	129.53
		TOTAL £	9827.64

C15/79 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr Goldfinch reported on the Whaley4Wards meeting held on 9th September 2015. W4W agreed to put an additional £300 in the budget towards completing the Toddbrook Reservoir interpretation panel and to increase the budget for the Shopfront Improvements Scheme to £3100 this year.

Cllr Goldfinch reported on the Sports Association Management Executive meeting held on 29th July 2015. A new storage shed will be installed in the compound and quotations are being sought to improve the paths around the pavilion.

Cllr Lomas reported (for COGS) that there are still ongoing issues regarding the right of way across Furness Vale field which are delaying signing the new lease with High Peak Borough Council resulting in the possibility of losing the grant funding already achieved.

C15/80 Correspondence

1. Rialteas Business Solutions – Summer Newsletter 2015.
2. DALC – Cllr John Pritchard has been elected to the DALC Executive Committee for 2015 -2019.
3. PDNPA – Free identification apps for visitors to the moors information.
4. Commonwealth Pageantmaster – re: ‘Fly the Flag for the Commonwealth’ this year and asking for assistance in promoting involvement of schools in the 2016 event. **Agreed to Fly the Commonwealth Flag in 2016 and Cllr Anne Winter will notify the primary schools about the event.**
5. DCC – Draft Derbyshire Cycling Plan Consultation.
6. Cllr Pritchard – re: presentation of Green Flag Award for 2015-16 for Whaley Bridge Memorial Park.
7. Toddbrook Sailing Club – letter of thanks for supporting the application for a Sports England grant.
8. DCC – notification of Community Transport Consultation – shopping buses. Deadline for completion 13th September 2015.
9. Mr D Pilkington – letter voicing concerns about the backs of the new village entry signs.
10. Dr Colin Clark – e-mail correspondence regarding assessment of the effects of breaching of Toddbrook reservoir.
11. HPBC – Tour of Britain information in respect of Stage 6 passing through High Peak & Whaley Bridge on Friday 11th September 2015.

12. DCC – reply refusing request for extension to deadline for Community Transport Consultation.
13. Environment Agency – response to Town Council questions about United Utilities Sewage Treatment Works in Whaley Bridge.
14. Rupert Alcock – update regarding upper part of Bingswood Road and response from DCC.
15. DCC – link to consultation for 20mph speed limits on residential streets.
16. Reality Management Limited – correspondence regarding access from private woodland adjoining Shallcross Incline Greenway.
17. HPBC – Decision to approve HPK/2015/0237 for advertisement consent for erection of notice boards at Furness vale and Bridgemont.
18. PDNPA – re: information about Parishes Day on Saturday 3rd October 2015
19. Cllr Beth Atkins – cc of response regarding Speed limit – A6 Furness Vale.
Agreed to support the initiative to retain a permanent 30mph speed limit along the A6 at Furness Vale along the stretch subject to the recent 30mph temporary limit.
20. Barrie Walker – suggesting plant troughs for the new village entry signs.
21. ewaterpower – introduction to hydropower consultancy company.
22. Chris Gay – alert regarding theft from garages and request for information on reported crime ref 33701/15 relating to Williamson Road.
23. Bill Carden – suggestion regarding parking in the town centre.
24. Kim Verheist - suggestion regarding car parking spaces.
25. Chrissy Almond – suggestion regarding car parking.
26. Rob Thomson – request to stop car parking under bridge 42.
27. HPBC – response from Christine Latham regarding addition of omitted names to the War Memorial in the Park.
28. Email from Phil Ryan re: parking outside takeaway business on Market Street.
29. Email from Suzanne Cross (DCC) re: details of Snow Warden Scheme and town/parish council participation.
30. Email from Pippa McCartney re: 20mph speed limits for Elnor Lane.

31. Email from Rick Nowakowski re: traffic jams under Bridge 42, Buxton Road. **Agreed to request DCC to cross-hatch the area within the line markings on the Uniting Church side under Bridge 42 to indicate a no parking zone.**
32. Email from Alex Dempster re: Hazards/steps on Shallcross Incline Greenway. **Agreed to allow retention of access providing that the new step is designed and installed safely so as not to protrude onto the greenway and inform Realty Management Ltd that liability for its use would be their responsibility. WBTC wish to view a copy of the proposed design prior to installation.**
33. Email from Frances Worsley re: notice board to replace proliferation of A boards at Bridgemont. **Agreed to inform Frances Worsley that planning permission for a replacement single sign board may require planning permission and land ownership issues had to be resolved prior to erecting any structure in that area.**
34. Email from Lynn Reid re: Introducing parking charges for WB car parks.
35. Email from Dawn Broome re: Introducing parking charges for main WB car park.
36. DCC – Consultation on future plans for residential car homes in Derbyshire. **Agreed to support retention of short-term residential care beds at Ecclesfold, Chapel-en-le-Frith, particularly in view of all the new-build houses planned for Chapel-en-le-Frith.**
37. Mr Richard Smith – correspondence regarding parking and recycling bins.
38. HPBC – Draft Gambling Policy Draft. Deadline for responses 18/09/2015.
39. HPBC – Joint Licensing Policy Draft. Deadline for responses 19/09/2015.
40. HPBC – update on application HPK/2015/0301 – The Co-op Pharmacy advertisement and recommendation for approval.
41. CRT – response regarding closure of FP28 Toddbrook Reservoir Dam walkway bridge on safety grounds, repair date not confirmed.
42. SLCC – notice of AGM on Friday 16th October 2015 at Hinckley.
43. PPPF – notice of AGM on Saturday 3rd October 2015.
44. Mr Barrie Walker – proposals for plant troughs for new village entry signs.
45. DCC – invitation to request refilling of Town Council grit bins.
46. RAD – Village Hall Doctor Workshop on Saturday 3rd October 2015.

47. Cllr Rodney Gilmour – re: DEFRA Code of Practice on Odour Nuisance from Sewage Treatment Works. **Agreed to forward the email response from the Environment Agency to HPBC to inform them about the odour problems at the Furness Vale Wastewater Treatment Works.**

48. **DALC Circulars -**

No 18/2015 – Employment News - National Living Wage & Pay Rises Council Pay Awards capped at 1% per annum; ACAS Guidelines re holiday pay; 10 ways for Employers to lose money at a tribunal.

No 19/2015 – General – The Power of General Competence; Call for Executive Members; LIAS Local Associations Information Service.

No 20/2015 – General – Transparency code for smaller authorities; NALC picked to lead sector-led audit team; Legal updates and guidance notes; Funds to protect WW1 memorials; Health assessing potential employees; DCC Community Transport Consultation;

No 21/2015 – General – Annual General Meeting; Nominations for President & Vice Presidents 2015-16; Motions for Debate; Job Vacancy

No 22/2015 – Training – Allotments; Finance, Basics, Budgets & Precepts; Employment of the Clerk & Council Staff and Health & Safety Legislation; Code of Conduct; The Dark Arts (minutes & procedures); How Local Councils can be more effective on line; Auto Enrolment

49. RAD – notification of AGM at 1.30pm on Thursday 1st October 2015 at The National Tramway Museum, Crich.

50. Cooper Sons Hartley & Williams – seeking confirmation of way to proceed regarding request to Land Registry concerning registration of the garage. **Agreed to ask Alison Beckett at Cooper sons Hartley & Williams to expedite the application to the Land Registry as detailed in her email.**

C15/81 Bingswood Road Land Ownership Issues/Drainage and Adoption

Cllr Pritchard reported the current situation and stated that the Land Registry have no record of this land being registered. Kevin Hartley (drainage engineer with HPBC) has added this site to his inspection register to be inspected at regular intervals to monitor the drainage issues. He had agreed to hold a site meeting with Rupert Alcock (resident of Bingswood Road) to view and discuss the issues.

C15/82 Renewal of Library Lease with DCC

DCC Legal Department had confirmed a £250 fee for dealing with the supplemental lease for the library in the basement of the Mechanics Institute.

RESOLVED: To accept the £250 fee for handling the supplemental lease.

C15/83 Car Parks and Parking Issues

The lack of available car parking spaces in Whaley Bridge was discussed.

RESOLVED: To suggest that DCC allows parking in the layby along Long Hill, utilising and resurfacing the verge area with suitable “green” material but leaving the through roadway area clear to allow HGVs to continue to turn around through the layby to return to the centre of Whaley Bridge town.

RESOLVED: Canal Basin Car Park - To respond to Martin Crowther (HPBC) suggesting relocating the disabled parking spaces (3 maximum required) to adjacent to the surgery and turning the current disabled spaces into four general parking spaces. This would require removing the bollards, fencing and some of the existing pavement. A cost estimate is required prior to agreeing how the scheme should be funded.

C15/84 Canal Street/Canal Basin Access Road Improvements

Steve Alcock (DCC) will provide new layout design sketches for this area.

C15/85 DALC Survey

An email was received from DALC requesting feedback on the service provided.

RESOLVED: Agreed to respond stating that good advice had been received on HR issues and marketing a job vacancy.

RESOLVED: To request a summary of contents of their attached circulars in the actual email.

C15/86 DCC Public Rights of Way Review Consultation – No comments

C15/87 Increase of Rent to £200 per year for Lease of Toilet Area from Frederic Robinson Ltd.

It was noted that no increase in rent (for the toilet area within the garage at the Mechanics Institute) was due until June 2016.

C15/88 Approved Audited Accounts to 31st March 2015 from Grant Thornton

The accounts for the year to 31st March 2015 had been audited by Grant Thornton and the approved and signed Annual Return document returned with no further action required.

C15/89 DCC Winter Service Scheme/Gritting and Grit Bins

An email was received from DCC asking whether the Town Council would be willing to participate in the Town/Parish Council Snow Warden Scheme for 2015/15. It was noted that many of the Town Council grit bins were still full from last winter and a survey should be undertaken before ordering any re-fills.

RESOLVED: To participate in the 2015/16 Snow Warden Scheme.

C15/90 Brookfield Pond Tree Survey

The Clerk had requested a quote from DCC to undertake a tree survey at Brookfield Pond Nature Reserve but this had not yet been received.

RESOLVED: To approve a quotation up to a maximum of £250 for DCC to carry out a new tree survey at Brookfield Pond.

C15/91 Local Council Award Scheme

Cllr Thomas presented a report on the DALC Workshop he and Cllr Pritchard had attended on 21st July 2015 regarding the new Local Council Award Scheme. It was noted that the council had already received the Foundation Award but this would expire in January 2016.

RESOLVED: To work towards obtaining the new Quality Award Level but to defer this until a new Town Clerk was in post in 2016 and place this on the agenda for a future council meeting.

C15/92 Local Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed to put "Toddbrook Reservoir Dam" on a future meeting agenda for discussion.

C15/93 HR Committee Report

Cllr Thomas reported that advertisements for the Town Clerk job vacancy had been placed with DALC, NALC, SLCC, WB Website and other local County Associations with a deadline of 16th September 2015 for applications.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

.....Chairman

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