

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: 12th November 2015
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Thomas (Chair), Zara Clarke, Gilmour, Goldfinch, Lomax, Pritchard, Swift, Wild and Anne Winter. Rev Margaret Jones, PCSO - S. Rogers.

MINUTES

C15/114 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bowden, Taylor and PCSO Tracy Jones.

C15/115 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications (1)

Cllr Lomax	Agenda Item 4 & 20 Planning Committee	Chair of HPBC Development Control Committee
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C15/116 Community Police

PCSO Rogers reported recent crime statistics for Whaley Bridge including the theft of a transit van and bicycle.

Cllr Thomas raised concerns about the dumping of vehicles on unregistered land behind the White Hart and at Bingswood Road and also about continuing obstructive, illegal parking on double yellow lines outside the takeaways Al Madina and Kebab House on Market Street.

C15/117 Open Forum

Samantha and Sarah Maxwell spoke in support of their Planning Application HPK/2015/0480 for a change of use from residential to commercial property on Buxton Road, Horwich End.

Shaune Worrall, Andrew Stokes and Richard Heys registered objections to Planning Application HPK/2015/0533 for proposed development at Shallcross Mill House, Elnor Lane.

David Lees requested a replacement grit bin for Eccles Road and registered concern about continuing drainage and flooding problems along Eccles Road.

Rupert Alcock circulated an update on his research and actions into the issues of drainage, rubbish, abandoned vehicles and land ownership of Bingswood Avenue.

Jim Medway, accompanied by other parents from Furness Vale Primary School, registered concerns about the removal of the School Crossing Patrol at Station Road, Furness Vale. Cllr Lomax recommended that they send their objections to Derbyshire County Council prior to the DCC council meeting on 2nd December 2015.

C15/118 Change to Order of Business and Standing Orders

RESOLVED: To change the order of business and suspend Standing Orders to address the issues raised in Open Forum and to allow members of the public to participate.

C15/119 School Crossing Patrol – Station Road, Furness Vale

It was noted that the School Crossing Patrol at Station Road, Furness Vale would cease from 9th December 2015. Cllr Wild stated that this busy junction with the A6 is heavily used by HGVs and the problems are exacerbated by illegal parking adjacent to the railway level crossing. He supported retention of this crossing patrol and suggested that the MP for the High Peak (Andrew Bingham) should become involved in a campaign to save the crossing. Cllr Lomax stated that a crossing survey had been undertaken by DCC and the results fell short of fulfilling the DCC criteria for providing a school crossing patrol at this point.

RESOLVED: To write to DCC expressing concern that this junction had not been properly investigated and that statistics do not adequately measure the dangers associated with crossing Station Road.

RESOLVED: To write to Andrew Bingham MP asking for his support and action to retain this school crossing patrol.

C15/120 Eccles Road – Drainage and Flooding Issues and Provision of Grit Bin

Cllr Goldfinch had previously sent photographs of the flooding and inadequate grids along Eccles Road to DCC and had received an email on 12th November 2015 stating that action would be taken to improve the problems.

RESOLVED: To respond to Chris Rogers at DCC reiterating WBTC concern that these actions are taken urgently.

RESOLVED: To replace the missing grit bin on Eccles Road.

RESOLVED: To request that DCC fill this grit bin.

RESOLVED: To request that Eccles Road is placed on the primary route gritting schedule from its junction with Chapel Road up to the first bend as this is a steep and dangerous junction with a busy main road.

C15/121 Planning Application HPK/2015/0480 – 76 Buxton Road, Change of Use

A neighbouring resident had raised a concern about inadequate local parking provision in this area. The applicants did not anticipate that the application would cause additional parking problems. Cllr Goldfinch supported this change of use back to a commercial outlet at Horwich End and stated that it might be eligible for a W4W Shopfront Improvement Scheme application.

RESOLVED: To strongly support this application.

C15/122 Planning Application HPK/2015/0533 – Development at Shallcross Mill House, Elnor Lane

This application was discussed and the resulting comments are recorded in the November Planning Committee Minutes (Minute No. P15/48) for submission to HPBC Development Control Committee for consideration at their next meeting.

C15/123 Standing Orders – RESOLVED: To resume Standing Orders.

C15/124 Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 8th October 2015 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C15/125 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received.

C15/126 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	£
2780	Nemisis Pyrotechnics Ltd	Firework display	2500.00
2781	DCC	Superannuation October	540.76
2782	HMRC	PAYE & NI October	555.41
2783	Cash	Petty Cash October	37.69
2784	Chapel Mobile Physio	Donation	200.00
2785	WB Football club	Donation	200.00

2786	WB Cricket Club	Donation	200.00
2787	Churches Luncheon Club	Donation	150.00
2788	Powderkegs	Donation	280.00
2789	WB Community Trust	Donation	300.00
2790	Friends of Memorial Park	Lantern Workshop materials	200.00
2791	Safelinks Ltd	Debrillator pads	97.68
2792	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	Job vacancy advert	210.00
2793	NALC	Job vacancy advert	60.00
2794	Mobelec	W3 Safety barrier	301.20
2795	Open Spaces Society	Subscription	45.00
2796	HP Country Inns Ltd	FV Xmas tree electricity	50.00
2797	Peartree Print	Newsletter printing	200.40
2798	F Frodsham/Piranha Gdns	Grounds maintenance	937.50
2799	Mechanics Institute	November account	633.17
2800	Cheshire Life & Pensions	W4W Shopfront grant	495.00
2801	Mike Wilson	Brookfield Pond tree felling	480.00
2802	Royal British Legion	3 x poppy wreaths	60.00
2803	Cllr Martin Thomas	Phone box handle kit	37.63
2804	HMRC	PAYE & NI November	550.41
2805	DCC	Superannuation November	540.76
2806	Cllr Jon Goldfinch	Welcome to WB banner	100.73
2807	Cash	Petty cash November	50.58
2808	J Ford	Walling stone Shallcross Inc.	2750.00
2809	Trusted IT	Computer maintenance	231.00
0507	HPBC	SA – Rates December	280.00
0508	S Drinkwater & Sons Ltd	SA – Repair materials	71.87
0509	SSE	SA – Electricity	431.79
0510	Cllr Jon Goldfinch	SA – AGP Security materials	642.78
		TOTAL £	14421.36

C15/127 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr John Pritchard reported that he had retired as chair of the DALC Executive Committee.

Cllr Jon Golfinch reported on a Whaley4Wards meeting held on 4th November 2015 including proposed projects and funding.

Cllr Zara Clarke reported that the Canal Group would be holding working parties at the transshipment warehouse on 14th and 15th November 2015.

C15/128 Correspondence

1. Carolyn Whittle – Whaley Bridge Junior Parkrun report.
2. Mrs Manning – request for grit box on Start Lane. **Agreed to respond stating that the council were no longer able to fund new grit bins, only replacements for existing bins.**
3. Dr Ambrose Smith – report on his efforts to get DCC to consider issues with HGV's passing through Whaley Bridge and requesting our thoughts on the prospect of further progress.
4. DCC – notification that County Cllr Lomax has been nominated as the county representative on Whaley4Wards.
5. Mr S Turner – complaint about Railway Pub noise. **Agreed to refer Mr Turner's complaint to Robert Weaver at HPBC.**
6. Chapel-en-le-Frith High School – information that governors are launching a review of future governance options and will be gathering information for consideration of all the options.
7. Peak Park Parishes Forum - notice of agreement to subsidise one place per member council to participate in the DALC Planning training presentation on Wednesday 9th December.
8. RAD – Village SOS Community 'Retail' Seminar on 20th November.
9. Chapel-en-le-Frith Mobile Physiotherapy Service – letter of thanks for donation.
10. Whaley Bridge Cricket Club – letter of thanks for donation.
11. DCC – reply with reasons for not supporting putting up signing on Macclesfield Road to the Sports Centre.
12. Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport – e-mail with link to DCC consultation on withdrawal of funding for Community Transport and removal of shopping buses and health care travel with request for general public to sign up to their petition before 20th November 2015.
13. DCC – Draft Lease renewal for Lower Floor of Mechanics Institute.
14. DCC – Flu vaccination information.
15. Cllr Goldfinch/Chrissy Almond – e-mail correspondence about 'car park' behind White Hart and build up of vehicles being left indefinitely.

16. Lynsey Duckworth – expressing concern that Furness Vale may lose its school crossing patrol at Station Road from 9th November 2015.
17. Resignation of Cllr Mrs S Lomas, Furness Vale Ward.
18. DALC Annual Executive Meeting and AGM 10th November 2015 plus agendas and minutes. DALC Annual Report 2014/15
19. High Peak CVS – 5 Ways to Well Being Event on 25th November 2015.
20. Neville Clarke – Press Release about Whaley Bridge Canal Group and the start of restoration of the Transshipment Warehouse, in conjunction with the Canal and River Trust on 14th and 15th November 2015.
21. Katy Medway McCall – copy of letter to DCC about potential permanent loss of School Crossing Patrol at Furness Vale Station Road junction.
22. Phil Ryan – request for an update on parking issues in Whaley Bridge, particularly in respect of business owners constantly parking on double yellow lines during the whole of their business hours.
23. CPRE –latest copy of ‘Peakland Guardian’ and request for donation towards ‘The THIN Green Line’ Planning Appeal 2015.
24. Cllr Goldfinch – news that Toddbrook Sailing Club has successfully gained a grant from Sport England of £30,000 towards the £50,000 renovation of the changing rooms.
25. Steve Rampley – request for Football Club tractor and attachments to be added to the Council’s Insurance. **Respond to Mr Rampley that the council is not able to comply with his request.**
26. DCC – invitation to comment on where you would make £40million spending cut to budget for next year.
27. Whaley Bridge Well Dressing Group – request for funding for the Marquee for 2016 to be included in the budget. **This will be considered as a budget proposal in January 2016.**

C15/129 Resignation of Furness Vale Ward Councillor and Casual Vacancy

It was noted that Cllr Susanne Lomas had resigned as a Furness Vale Ward Councillor. The Clerk reported that the procedure for advertising a Casual Vacancy had been instigated with HPBC. If no requests for an election had been received by 24th November 2015, the vacancy could be filled by co-option.

RESOLVED: To write to thank Susanne Lomas for her hard work and achievements on behalf of Furness Vale community.

C15/130 2016/17 Budget and Precept Working Group

RESOLVED: That Cllrs Thomas, Lomax, Gilmour and Bowden be elected to form a Budget and Precept Working Group to discuss and produce proposals for the 2016/17 financial year for approval by council at the 2016 January or February meeting.

C15/131 Bingswood Road Land Ownership and Drainage Issues

Cllrs Goldfinch, Gilmour, Thomas and Zara Clarke had met Rupert Alcock on site to discuss the issues including dumped vehicles, drainage and blocked culvert/duct, potential flooding to neighbouring properties, potential environmental health problems, drainage survey and land ownership claims.

RESOLVED: To write to DALC requesting advice on the potential to claim ownership of unregistered land being used or gardened for a period of 20 years.

Cllr Swift was requested to visit Bingswood Road and give his advice on the drainage problems.

RESOLVED: To ask HPBC Environmental Services to remove abandoned vehicles from the area.

RESOLVED: To request that Robert Weaver (HPBC Head of Regulatory Services) undertakes a site visit to view the persistent water draining from Bings Wood through a suspected broken pipe resulting in a constant flow of water through the wall causing damp and potential flooding behind properties at the far end of Bingswood Road.

RESOLVED: To request urgent attention from Electricity Northwest to inspect trees and branches overhanging a power line at the rear of Bingswood Road which could be dangerous to local residents.

C15/132 Canal Basin Car Park (Tom Brads Croft) and New Design Layout

It was noted that HPBC regeneration grant money could not be used to support work to reconfigure the car park layout. It was suggested that a sum should be included in the 2016/17 budget towards this work.

C15/133 Canal Street/Canal Basin Access Road Layout

Deferred to December meeting as no designs had been received from DCC.

C15/134 Recommendation from Sports Association Executive Re: Quote for Tarmacking Area in Front of Pavilion

Quotations had been received for tarmacking the area in front of the pavilion. These had been discussed by the Sports Association Executive Committee at their meeting held on 26th October 2015 when the quote for £14,460 was chosen and recommended for expenditure approval by the Town Council. It was noted that Cllr Goldfinch was also applying for grant funding towards this project.

RESOLVED: To approve the quotation for £14,460 as detailed in the minutes of the SA Executive meeting held on 26th October 2015.

C15/135 Renewal of the Library Lease with Derbyshire County Council

A letter was received from John McElvaney (DCC Director of Legal Services) enclosing two copies of the new library lease for sealing and signature by the Town Council. The lease term will be for five years from 1st April 2014 at a rent of £4,500 per year. The sum of £250 being payable to DCC for the provision of legal services in connection with drawing up the new lease.

RESOLVED: That the Chair (Cllr Martin Thomas) and Vice Chair (Cllr David Lomax) sign the copies of the new lease for return to DCC.

C15/136 Future of Footpaths Minor Maintenance Scheme with DCC

A letter was received from DCC giving details of the proposed revisions to the Minor Maintenance Agreement for work to the local rights of way network. The key points for the new scheme are:

- Funding up to £600 per annum for each town/parish.
- Ability to improve public paths with hard surfacing.
- Ability to erect signposts, stiles and gates subject to agreement.
- Ability to improve access and ease of use for local community.

RESOLVED: To support the revised scheme.

C15/137 Grounds Maintenance Contract for 2016/17

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation for £5854 from Piranha Country Gardens to provide the grounds maintenance contract for 2016/17.

C15/138 Invoice from J Ford for Walling Stone for Shallcross Incline

An invoice for £2750 was received from J Ford for 55 tonnes of walling stone supplied for the new dry stone wall being constructed at the top end of the Shallcross Incline. Expenditure of £2500 for this material had been previously approved at the July meeting.

RESOLVED: To approve the additional £250 expenditure to allow payment for this invoice.

C15/139 Goyt River Bridge Construction Project

Cllr Goldfinch reported information received from Mike Morris (HPBC Regeneration Officer) regarding an “in principle” application for the construction of the Goyt River Bridge project to be included in the next round of the local growth fund. This will be managed by an organisation known as D2N2 which is the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

RESOLVED: To write a letter of support to Mike Morris encouraging this project to be considered.

C15/140 Whaleybridge.com Website Maintenance

An email was received from Tim Adlington (Trusted IT) regarding problems with maintaining the current website.

RESOLVED: To pay Trusted IT £40 (+ VAT) per month to service and maintain the community website, to include hosting, maintenance, backup, dealing with technical issues and analysis.

C15/141 HR Committee Report

Cllr Thomas reported that interviews had been held and Mr Keith Bradshaw had been appointed as the new Town Clerk from 7th December 2015.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

.....Chairman

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