

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, SK23 7AA  
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## **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge.**

**Present:** Councillors Thomas (Chair), Bowden, Zara Clarke, Gilmour, Goldfinch, Lomax, Pritchard, Swift, Taylor, Wild and Anne Winter.

**In Attendance:** Keith Bradshaw, Town Clerk; Stephanie Raybould, Retiring Town Clerk; One member of the Public.

**Keith Bradshaw** was welcomed as the new Town Clerk and wished well. He responded by saying that he was looking forward to working for the Council.

### **C15/142 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Reverend Margaret Jones

### **C15/143 Declarations of members' Interests and Dispensation Applications**

There were no Declarations of Interests or Dispensation Applications.

### **C15/144 Community Police**

There was no report as no representative from Derbyshire Constabulary was present.

### **C15/145 Co-option of Councillor for Furness Vale**

**RESOLVED** that this item be deferred until later in the meeting when the candidate is due to arrive.

### **C15/146 Open Forum – Public Participation**

**Mr. Rupert Alcock** spoke on the ongoing problems relating to the drainage problems caused by water coming from Bings Wood and rubbish and abandoned vehicles on Bingswood Road. The recent heavy rain has added to the problems. Mr. Alcock cleared the drain himself but a better system is necessary. The sough in Bings Wood may be the root cause. Progress is being made, one of the vehicles in the lane has been removed but one still remains. High Peak Borough Council has been contacted. A lot of rubbish still remains. Mr Alcock is willing to hire a Mini JCB to clear and level the site. Mr Alcock was thanked for all the work he has done but should not be using his own savings.

**C15/147 Change to Order of Business and Standing Orders**

**RESOLVED:** To move agenda item 13, Bingswood Road Land Ownership Issues and Drainage up the agenda.

**C15/148 Bingswood Road Land Ownership Issues and Drainage**

High Peak Borough Council has promised a site visit in the near future with a view to resolving the problem. Ownership of the land is not known.

**RESOLVED:** A letter be sent to Mike Towers thanking him for his email and asking how soon will the visit take place and how the matter is to be resolved. A copy of this letter is to be sent to Robert Weaver.

**RESOLVED:** That assurances be sought in the letter that there is no contamination as the water comes from a mining sough.

It was reported that there are sand bags available from the Town Council.

**C15/149 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

It was pointed out that the following amendments are required:-

**1) C15/117** – Planning application HPK /2015/0533 should read that Residents should make comments to HPBC even though the deadline has passed.

**2) Jim Medway** was recommended to attend the meeting at DCC on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

**3) Councillor Lomax** left the meeting before item C15/121 and re-joined the meeting before item C15/123

**RESOLVED:** That, subject to the amendments referred to above, the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**C15/150 Co-option of the Councillor for Furness Vale Ward**

It was proposed by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Wild, and **RESOLVED** unanimously that Mrs. Louise Cooper is co-opted as a member of Whaley Bridge Town Council.

Mrs. Cooper read out and signed the Acceptance of Office which was countersigned by Keith Bradshaw, the Proper Officer of the Council and was given copies of the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Council's Code of Conduct.

Councillor Cooper was welcomed to the Whaley bridge Town Council and took her chair at the Meeting table.

**C15/151 Town Clerk's Report**

It was reported that the water leak on the footpath on Market Street has been reported to United Utilities.

**RESOLVED:** To note the Town Clerk's report.

## C15/152 Accounts for Payment

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

Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>			
2810	Arien Designs	Interpretation Panel	546.00
2811	Review Publishing Ltd	Newsletter Distribution	126.00
2812	Stamford Products Ltd	Grit Bin	111.60
2813	Mechanic Institute	December Account	657.17
2814	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Bus Shelter Cleaning	60.12
2815	SLCC	Subscription 2016	187.00
2816	HMRC	PAYE & NIC - December 2015	976.83
2817	DCC	Pensions contributions - Dec 2015	1,015.31
2818	Cash	Petty Cash	36.87
2819	Global Collect BV	Bull Guard Internet Security	39.96
<b>Sports Association</b>			
511	High Peak Borough Council	Business Rates January 2016	280.00
512	Souters Sports Ltd	3AGP Repairs & Maintenance	768.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 4,804.86</b>

## C15/153 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

**Cllr Bowden** reported that he has attended a Healthier Together meeting at New Mills regarding the consultation for Stepping Hill Hospital which has an obvious impact on Whaley Bridge. Wythenshawe Hospital may be losing funding and this is going to a Judicial Review which is delaying the installation of a new Abdominal Unit at Stepping Hill. The consultation started nearly a year ago and support for the Hospital at Stockport was agreed by the Manchester Authority.

**Whaley4Wards** has an underspend of £1,500.00 against budget and this will be reported back to High Peak Borough Council so that £750.00 can be transferred to other Borough projects.

Quotations for the bench repairs and painting are being sought.

The Car Park issues need to be addressed and Councillors are asked to lobby Helen Pakpahan at High Peak Borough Council to allow regeneration funds to be spent on the car park.

An Application can be made to the British Heart Foundation for a Defibrillator free of charge and Whaley4Wards would cover the cost of installation outside the Mechanics Institute.

**RESOLVED:** to take advantage of the offer from The British Heart Foundation and to apply for a free defibrillator.

Installation of the sign on Macclesfield Road should not require planning permission as the advertising “strap” will not be used.

**RESOLVED:** that Steve Alcock be contacted regarding the removal of the Cobbles on Bridge Street.

It was reported that the Canal Group met with the engineers to discuss the water ingress and windows in the Transshipment Warehouse.

#### **C15/154 Correspondence**

1. DCC – Response regarding yellow lines and parking problems on Market Street, Whaley Bridge.
2. DCC – Copy of response to Mr Hallam regarding parking for Hallam’s Gun Shop, Whaley Bridge.
3. DCC – Pension Fund Employer’s Newsletter No.133.
4. PDNPA – e-mail from The Conservation Volunteers regarding free trees.
5. North Derbyshire CGC – newsletter and update on JoinedUpCare journey.
6. Robert Hallam – copy of e-mail to Cllr Lomax requesting help to obtain restricted parking outside Hallam’s Gun Shop, Whaley Bridge.
7. WB Rose Queen Carnival – Minutes of meeting held on 19/11/2015.
8. Cllr Goldfinch – copy of e-mail from Matthew Forrest seeking financial support for The High Peak Independent news organisation for HP people aged 10 to 17.
9. DCC – inviting comment on Derbyshire & Derby Minerals Local Plan.
10. Cllr Goldfinch/DCC – correspondence about Eccles Road gritting and grit bin locations.
11. Cooper Sons Hartley and Williams – confirmation of correction to and copy of Land Registry title for Mechanics Institute.
12.

**RESOLVED:** that this item be put on the agenda for the next meeting scheduled to be held in January so that the Clerk can undertake some research and find out who owns the house opposite the garage.
13. Derbyshire Alert – Elderly targeted by fake police officers.
14. Scott Turner/ HPBC – correspondence regarding Railway PH noise.

**15. DALC Circulars –**

**No 25/2015 – General –** LIAS Documents; Transparency Fund – updated documents

16. Cllr Pritchard – copy of e-mail regarding HWT University of Manchester student projects.

17. HPBC – waste collection information for the festive season.

18. Russell Broome – request for assistance regarding speeding traffic on Macclesfield Road.

**RESOLVED:**

To send a letter to Derbyshire Constabulary in support. Cllrs Lomax and Anne Winter volunteered to undertake a speed watch with the Police.

The Clerk is to make enquires to the Safer Neighbourhood to find out if it is possible to have Community Speed Camera.

Council should be notified when the next meeting of The Safer Neighbourhood Team is to be held and this would be publicised by Whaley Bridge Town Council.

19. DCC – notification of commencement of consultation process on a proposed statement of Investment Principles for the Derbyshire Pension Fund.

20. Post Office – invitation to comment on changes to Whaley Bridge Post Office.

21. **RESOLVED:** to write to the Post Office to welcome the consultation

22. Derbyshire Pension Fund – employers newsletter 134 December 2015.

23. HPBC – details of announcement of the new rail franchise awarded to Arriva.

24. Consult@Objective – notification of new event of consultation on main modifications to the High Peak Local Plan. **(Circulated)**

**Councillor Taylor** left the Meeting

**C15/155 Option for Procurement of Audit for Smaller Authorities**

**RESOLVED:** not to opt out of this proposed procurement for Audit.

There was one abstention

**C15/156 Budget and Precept for 2016/17**

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk will prepare a draft budget and arrange a meeting of the Budget Committee. Input was requested regarding any items for the budget.

**C15/157 Canal Basin Car Park**

This item was covered in the report from Whaley4Wards, minute number C15/153.

**C15/158 Canal Street/Canal Basin - Access layout**

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk contact **Steve Alcock** to confirm when he would be available to come and look at this problem as the Council has not yet received his input.

**C15/159 Re-Trunking the A6 from Whaley Bridge to Hazel Grove**

It is felt that of repair of this stretch of road is very poor and that the Highways Agency would do a better job maintain this road than Derbyshire County Council does at present. The Council could consider writing to adjoining Parish Councils to gain their support.

Councillors Bowden and Wild will advise the Clerk of repair works which are required.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk write to Derbyshire County Council regarding these required repairs.

**C15/160 Brookfield Pond Tree Survey**

It was reported that this report is still awaited.

**C15/161 Shallcross Incline Greenway Wall Repairs and Surface Erosion**

It was reported that the wall adjoining Fox's has been repaired.

Half of the walling stone needed has been delivered and quotations from three Dry Stone Walling contractors are to be obtained.

A site meeting with DCC Greenways is to be arranged and Cllr Swift will attend this meeting.

It was suggested that a Dry Stone Walling Competition could be held as a possible way to reduce costs.

**C15/162 Pest Control – Mechanics Institute**

**RESOLVED:** to pay for a one off visit of Pest Control at a cost of £105.00 and not to have a yearly contract at a cost of £200.00 p.a.

The Clerk is to write to Robinsons Brewery regarding the cause of the problem and to ask Pest Control if they could identify the source of food for the rats.

**C15/163 Concessionary Use of Mechanics Institute for Lantern Making Workshops**

**RESOLVED:** that the Council will reimburse the cost of the Mechanics Institute hire charges for the Lantern Making Workshops.

There was one vote against.

**C15/164 Town Centre Parking issues**

**RESOLVED:** to request that Derbyshire County Council creates two parking spaces outside Hallam's Gun Shop and Sam's Barbers with parking restricted to half an hour between 10.00am and 4pm.

**RESOLVED:** that the Parking Restrictions apply Monday to Saturday inclusive.

**RESOLVED:** that the Council will support Whaley4Wards “Park Rite” scheme with a request that the name be spelt correctly.

**C15/165 Matters of an urgent nature**

There were no urgent matters which required consideration.

**The meeting closed at 9.50pm**

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

.....**Chairman**

**Date**.....