

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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 14th April 2016 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge.

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

In Attendance: Keith Bradshaw, Town Clerk; Reverend Margaret Jones; and one member of the Public.

C15/224 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cooper.

Councillor Lomax sent apologies that he would be late arriving due to attending a meeting at High Peak Borough Council and Councillor Goldfinch sent apologies that he would be arriving late due to work commitments.

C15/225 Declarations of Members Interests and Dispensation Applications

Cllr Clarke declared a personal interest in agenda item 10 being a member of Whaley Water Weekend.

Cllr Wild declared a personal interest in agenda item 10

Cllr Thomas declared a personal interest in agenda item 11 being the Chair of Whaley Bridge Community Trust

C15/226 Community Police

No representatives from Derbyshire Constabulary were present but the following calls breakdown had been forwarded to the Clerk:-

ASB 4 calls (but none for two weeks after upping patrols and a meeting with Tesco);
RTC 1 call; Violence 1 call; Theft 1 call and Burglary 2 calls.

C15/227 Open Forum – Public Participation

Mrs Joan Gibson enquired as to any progress on the DCC Bus Consultation and added that there is currently a survey going on, some bus passengers are being asked questions about their journeys.

Response Forms received at Footsteps have been handed in at the Library.

C15/228 Updates from County and Borough Councillors

High Peak Borough Council

Councillor Lomax is at High Peak Borough Council considering, with other Councillors, a 600 page report on the High Peak Local Plan. If agreed the plan can be adopted sometime in the future.

At a meeting of the Corporate Select Committee on the second bridge it was reported that the £100,000 s106 monies from Tesco has been lost and cannot be spent on the bridge. £21,000 interest on this has been received and is likely to be used for a consultant for a funding bid.

Mike Morris has retired and his work is being taken over by Sarah Porru and she has been in touch with the Council. Lesley Stevens who was the longest serving Officer has retired.

C15/229 Minutes of the Town Council Meetings held on 10th and 31st March 2016

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 10th March 2016 and the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 31st March 2016 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C15/230 Town Clerk's Report

Payroll Software

RESOLVED: that the Council subscribes to 12Pay Premium upgrade at a cost of £56.00

Audit 2016

The Internal Audit will take place on Thursday 21st April

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's Report

C15/231 Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: to note that the Bank Balances at 31st March stood at:-

Whaley Bridge Town Council	
Total Balances in hand	£ 51,366.27
Sports Association	
Total Balances in hand	£ 59,487.15
Mechanics Institute	
Total Balances in hand	£ 18,447.24

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

Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
March Accounts			
2845	Altodigital	Copier charges	32.76
2846	Bill Carr	Painting benches	444.55
2847	Chronicle Accountants	Payroll Jan - Mar	79.20
2848	Leander Architectural	Welcome Sign - Macclesfield Road	1,172.40
2849	Peartree Print	Box A4 paper	16.20
2850	Shelter Maintenance	Bus Shelter Cleaning	60.12
2851	DALC	Spring Seminar - Clerk	40.00
DD	BT	Line rental	46.61
DD	RBS Bankline	Electronic Payments	31.20
April Accounts			
2852	WB Well Dressing Group	Donation	1,400.00
2853	Cash	Petty Cash	42.80
2854	S Bowyer	Interpretation Board - Toddbrook	275.00
2855	DALC	Spring Seminar - J Pritchard	15.00
2856	Peak Park Parishes Forum	Subscription 2016/17	6.00
2857	HPBC	Allotment Rent	10.00
2858	S Drinkwater & Son	W4W Plywood behind phone box	14.64
EP001	DALC	Subscription 2016/17	1,009.05
EP002	Employees	Net Salaries	2,082.47
EP003	HMRC	PAYE & NIC April	570.96
EP004	DCC	Pensions - April	588.44
EP005	Mechanics Institute	April Room Hire etc.	614.17
DD	Supanet	Broadband	29.43
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/Website Support etc.	84.24
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total April	£ 8,665.24

C15/232 Reports from Outside Bodies

Whaley Water Weekend

On Tuesday 19th April there will be a meeting at the Goyt Public House at 7.30pm.

Whaley4wards

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23rd March were circulated to all members.

Planters – the Clerk is to meet the contractor to address the issues raised.

Local Area Forum

The inaugural meeting was very successful and all were pleased how well it went. The notes of the meeting were circulated to all members of the Council. It was suggested that a copy of these notes be sent to Chapel-en-le-Frith parish Council.

Churches Together

Councillors Thomas, Winter, Wild and Pritchard attended the meeting of Churches Together and were pleased to have met Churches Together and the willingness to co-operate. The Annual Town Meeting was highlighted and it was agreed that communications could be improved.

C15/233 Suspension of Standing Orders

RESOLVED: to suspend Standing Orders to allow Reverend Margaret Jones to address the meeting.

Rev. Jones said that Churches Together could pass on information and get involved with things going on in the community such as Patient participation.

It was suggested that it would be possible to join Whaly4Wards

C15/234 Standing Orders were Re-instated

C15/235 Councillor Lomax

Joined the meeting at 8.00pm and gave his apologies for being late.

He reported that the High Peak Local Plan had been approved and that £21,000 for a consultant for a funding application had also been approved.

He will be attending Derbyshire County Council next Wednesday and will be able to take and hand in bus consultation forms.

The Combined Authority Initiative is ongoing

The re-designation of parking spaces in Whaley Bridge will happen in the near future.

C15/236 Request for Grant Funding

RESOLVED:

- A donation of £200.00 (two hundred pounds) be given to Whaley Bridge Band towards the cost of instruments.
- A donation of £120.00 (one hundred and twenty pounds) be given to Toddbrook Sailing Club for jockey wheels.
- To approve concessionary use of the Mechanics Institute by Whaley Water Weekend providing more details are provided and that this does not clash with any other bookings.

The verbal grant request from Whaley Water Weekend be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

C15/237 Santa in Whaley Bridge

RESOLVED: That the Clerk writes to the organisers, Furness Vale Boat Club, to thank them for their efforts in the past and to inform them that the Town Council is not responsible for organising this event it is for Whaley Bridge Community Trust to continue with the arrangements.

C15/238 Shallcross Incline

RESOLVED: That a budget of £500 (five hundred pounds) be provided to cover the cost of a man and JCB type machine for the creation of a bund to prevent flooding on Shallcross Incline. Councillor Swift and the Clerk were delegated to proceed with this work.

C15/239 DCC Bus Consultation – Council’s Response

The bus services affecting Whaley Bridge which are subject to subsidy removal are:- 60 Disley to Macclesfield; 61 Glossop to Buxton; 63 Whaley Bridge to Stoneheads; 64 Glossop to Macclesfield; 190 Buxton to Chinley to Whaley Bridge and 199 Buxton to Manchester Airport.

It is proposed that subsidies will be removed from services at varying times through the day and days of the week.

RESOLVED: A letter be sent highlighting the Council’s considerable concern that the old, the young and the vulnerable in the community will be severely disadvantaged if they are deprived of access to Community Support, Doctor’s Surgery, Drop in Centre, Chemist and Shops, there being no alternative service provided. This will have a serious impact on the Community of Whaley Bridge which is one of the Central Areas of the High Peak. The Council understands that many of the users of the bus service who currently pay nothing would be willing to pay something for these services.

C15/240 Queen’s Birthday Beacon

The Clerk will liaise with Councillor Goldfinch regarding the bonfire.

A leaflet should be published as soon as possible, 500 could be sent to the school.

RESOLVED: That the bonfire be lit at 8.30 pm for an hour.

C15/241 Suspension of Standing Orders

RESOLVED: to suspend Standing Orders to allow Reverend Margaret Jones to address the meeting.

Rev Jones suggested that if she had leaflets by Sunday they could be given out at Church

C15/242 Standing Orders were Re-instated

C15/243 Budget for Queen’s Bonfire

RESOLVED: That a budget of up to £100.00 (one hundred pounds) be approved for the provision of a trailer etc. Councillor Swift will contact Mr Cadwallader at the Cricket Club to see if they want a burger van there.

C15/244 Annual Town Meeting

RESOLVED: that the annual Town Meeting will be held on Thursday 28th April in the Mechanics Institute. Councillor Lomax will be away but will submit a written report as County Councillor.

The Clerk pointed out that this meeting is facilitated by the Town Council but it is not a Town Council Meeting, it is a meeting of the townsfolk of Whaley Bridge.

C15/245 Correspondence

6) Forestry Commission

RESOLVED: that the Forestry Commission be asked if there will be any replanting after the removal of the trees as notified in the letter.

C15/246 Councillor Goldfinch

Councillor Goldfinch joined the meeting and apologised for being late as his work commitments had taken longer than anticipated.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

.....Chairman Date.....