

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Whaley Bridge Town Council held at 7.30pm on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge.**

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

**In Attendance:** Keith Bradshaw, Town Clerk

### **C15/218 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cooper, Taylor and Wild.

### **C15/219 Declarations of Members Interests and Dispensation Applications**

Councillors Gilmour, Goldfinch, Pritchard, Thomas and Winter declared personal interests in agenda item 3 being members of the Sports Association Committee.

Councillors Goldfinch, Thomas and Winter declared personal interests being members of Whaley4wards.

### **C15/220 Virements**

**RESOLVED:** that the earmarked reserve for the second bridge be kept at £5,000.00

**RESOLVED:** that £13,777.00 be transferred to Sports Association Reserves - £6,800.00 to the Sinking Fund and £6,977.00 to the Project Fund.

### **C15/221 Allotments**

**RESOLVED:** that plot 12, which is now vacant, should not be given to the tenant of Plot 22 and that the Tenant of Plot 22 be written to requesting that they clean up this plot immediately. Photographs of the untidy state of plot 22 were shown to the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** that vacant plots should be offered to persons on the waiting list in date order with those waiting longest being offered plots first.

The Clerk will check the Tenancy Agreements to ascertain the conditions relating to rubbish and growing of vegetables etc.

### **C15/222 Bus Consultation**

A response to the Council's letter was received from Andrew Bingham MP expressing his concerns with the potential impact of the proposals.

It was reported that there was an excellent article published in today's Buxton Advertiser which will raise public awareness.

It was reported that Footsteps and the Council had given out approximately 40 Consultation forms each and that there is a shortened form being given put by the Church.

**RESOLVED:** that the Council will continue to give out these forms if requested.

It was reported that an Area Forum is to be held at the Youth Centre, New Shaw Lane, Hadfield on Monday at 6pm where comments can be made during public participation.

**C15/223 Pay Review 2016/17**

**RESOLVED:** that a 1% increase be applied in line with the National Agreement. The Clerk's salary should not be reviewed until after successful completion of the 6 month's probationary period.

**RESOLVED:** that the Council will implement the National Living Wage of £7.20 per hour with effect from 1st April 2016

**Queen's Birthday Beacon**

This item was not on the agenda but a discussion took place in anticipation of the Council Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April.

The following items are to be considered:-

The Fire Brigade to be notified.

A Flier is to be printed and distributed – timings are to be confirmed in advance  
Volunteers will be required.

High Peak Radio is to be informed.

Photographers are to be contacted – Chris Tetley or Peter Walker-Cole.

A Risk Assessment will be necessary – Cllr Goldsmith has a copy of the last one used.

The fire will need to be roped off, buckets of sand and fire blankets should be available.

The Clerk will check the availability of a Burger Van should the Football Club be unable to provide catering.

The Clerk will check the insurance implications.

**The meeting closed at 8.15pm**

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

.....**Chairman**                      **Date**.....