

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 11th February 2016 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge.

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

In Attendance: Keith Bradshaw, Town Clerk; Three members of the Public.

C15/184 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Swift.

C15/185 Declarations of Members Interests and Dispensation Applications

Cllr Bowden declared a significant interest in planning application HPK/2016/0018 and did not attend the planning meeting.

Cllr Pritchard declared a personal interest in planning application DOC/2016/0009 being a neighbour of the applicant.

C15/186 Community Police

There was no report as no representative from Derbyshire Constabulary was present. Cllr Winter attended the SNT Meeting where it was reported that levels of crime are comparatively low in Whaley Bridge but people must not become complacent and should be aware of security. It was suggested that this could be included in the next newsletter.

C15/187 Open Forum – Public Participation

Mr Graham Aldred spoke in support of his written submission regarding the provision of a memorial footbridge at Toddbrook Reservoir, commemorating David Firth. He requested support from the Council to persuade the Canal and River Trust to give its permission for this footbridge.

Mr Hancock raised concerns regarding deep water on Buxton Road. It is thought that this was caused by a blocked culvert at the Clough. This has been investigated in the past by High Peak Borough Council and the Clerk will liaise with the Officer involved previously.

C15/188 Change to Order of Business and Standing Orders

RESOLVED: To move agenda item 11, Memorial Footbridge at Toddbrook Reservoir, up the agenda to enable a response to Mr Aldred.

C15/189 Memorial Footbridge at Toddbrook Reservoir

Mr Aldred was thanked for the impressive document he has submitted to the Council.

RESOLVED that Whaley Bridge Town Council will support the proposal.

C15/190 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 14th January 2016

It was pointed out that there should be a colon between commitments and Lomas and that an 'e' should be added to Cllr Clark.

RESOLVED: That subject to the amendments above the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 14th January 2016 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C15/191 Town Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Clean Neighbourhoods Act Enforcement team at High Peak Borough Council with regard to the cars for sale on Buxton Road.

RESOLVED: To change Accounting program from Omega to SAGE and bring payroll function in house.

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's Report

C15/192 Accounts for Payment

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

Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
2827	Beeson Waste Disposal	Skip Hire - Allotments	216.00
2828	K Bradshaw	Land Registry Fees	47.94
2829	HPBC	Christmas Tree	933.02
2830	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Bus Shelter Cleaning	60.12
2831	Stanway & Hallows Electrical	Connection of Christmas Lights	132.00
2832	WB Mechanics Institute	Office, Meeting & Concessions	585.17
2833	HMRC	PAYE & NIC	604.26
2834	DCC Superannuation	Pensions	588.44
2835	Cancelled		0.00
2836	Peartree Print	Stationery, Newsletter etc.	275.60
2837	Petty Cash	Postage and Office Provisions	27.05
DD	Trusted IT	Computer costs	84.24
DD	PEAC (UK) Ltd	Copier rental	240.40
DD	Supanet	Broadband	26.67
FP	Employees	Net Salaries - February	2,077.47
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total February	£ 5,898.38
Sports Association			
517	Gas Point Services	Service/Inspection	116.00
	Sports Association	Total February	£ 116.00
	Total Expenditure	February	£ 6,014.38

C15/193 Reports from Outside Bodies

HP & HV Community Rail Partnership

Cllr Winter reported that the Car Park project at Whaley Bridge had stalled because of the current ownership issue and it was suggested discussions be opened with the three parties concerned, Northern Trains, Network Rail and High Peak Borough Council who would have to come to some agreement. The owners of the Jodrell Arms will have to be involved as they have a right of access across the Car Park.

RESOLVED: That Whaley Bridge Town Council raise the issue with the Leader and Chief Executive of High Peak Borough Council in the first instance.

C15/194 Correspondence

RESOLVED to note that the following Correspondence has been received between 15th January 2016 and 11th February 2016:

1. Whaley Bridge Allotment & Gardeners Society – Spring Newsletter
2. Peak District NPA – South West Peak Newsletter

3. High Peak Borough Council – Clean for the Queen offer of assistance for litter clearance activities as part of the National Event for the Queen’s 90th Birthday, with letter detailing the scheme.
4. Peak District NPA – Planning Training for Parish Councillors at Aldern House, Bakewell on 18th February 2016 and 3rd March 2016, 5.45pm – 8.15pm.
5. High Peak Borough Council – Clean for the Queen information of national event as a result of the Queens 90th Birthday celebrations and offer of help and support for any litter clearance activities.
6. RAD – information about money savings on costs of oil buying for heating.
Peak District NPA – press release ‘Brian Blessed gives his blessing to Walk in the Park’.
7. Susanne Lomas – report on completion of Furness Vale Community Centre replacement doors project and thanks for the grant funding from council.
8. DCC – notice of temporary road closure for A5004 Long Lane, Fernilee from 11th April to 15th April 2016 between junction with Elnor Lane to junction with Goyt Lane to facilitate retaining wall repairs.
9. Historical Promotions – details of historical anniversary and commemorative entertainment for 2016.
10. High Peak Access – invitation to ‘Access for All’ event on 12th March 2016 at Spring Bank Arts Centre, New Mills from 2 pm to 6pm.
11. Graham Aldred – Proposed Memorial Footbridge at Toddbrook – Update No 1.
12. **DALC Circulars – No 03/2016 – General – External Audit for Smaller Authorities; Transparency Fund; DALC Subscriptions 2016-2017; DALC Spring Seminar; Training; Vacancies**
13. Post Office – notification of closure of Post Office, Canal Street, Whaley Bridge for refurbishment on Saturday 5th March 2016 at 12:00. Scheduled opening of new look Post Office at the same location on Thursday 17th March 2016 at 13:00.
14. Derbyshire County Council – notice of public consultation starting soon to have your say on proposals to cut services resulting from central government funding cuts.

RESOLVED: That a notice of the Post Office Temporary Closure be prepared and displayed on the Council’s noticeboard.

C15/195 Budget and Precept 2016/17

RESOLVED: That the draft budget for the financial year 2016/2017 submitted by the Budget Committee be approved and adopted

RESOLVED: That the precept for 2016/2017 be set at £76,287.00 (Seventy six thousand, two hundred and eighty seven pounds.)

There was one abstention

C15/196 Local Area Forum

It is felt that it will not be possible to have the A6 reclassified as Trunk Road despite the anticipated growth in traffic and that the focus should be on general improvements and maintenance.

There are other areas of mutual concern between Whaley Bridge, New Mills, Chapel-el-le Frith, Chinley and Disley.

RESOLVED To propose that a Local Area Forum be reinstated with a suggested inaugural meeting to be held at Whaley Bridge in the Spring.

C15/197 Applications for Grant Support

RESOLVED:

- 1) The Well Dressing Committee submit a quotation for the marquee for the council to consider.
- 2) The Cricket Club apply to the Grants Committee in the usual way.
- 3) The Clerk will investigate if and when the second payment to COGS was approved by Council

C15/198 Authorisation of electronic Payments

RESOLVED: That the cheque signatories be appointed to authorise electronic payments made by the Council. The Clerk is to organise this with RBS Bankline.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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