

# 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> March 2016 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge.**

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

**In Attendance:** Keith Bradshaw, Town Clerk; Reverend Margaret Jones; PCs Tracey Jones and Graham Mason and 5 members of the Public.

### **C15/199 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Taylor who is away and Councillor Wild.

### **C15/200 Declarations of Members Interests and Dispensation Applications**

There were no Declarations of Interest

### **C15/201 Community Police**

PC Mason now covers three Safer Neighbourhood Teams Whaley Bridge, Hope Valley and Chapel-en-le-Frith with PC Jones covering Whaley Bridge. PCs can be moved into any of these areas if required. The SNT is under pressure but 999 calls will still be responded to as an emergency.

The crime figures for Whaley Bridge show a reduction of 4% in Anti-Social Behaviour offences in the last 12 months. Last month there were 15 crimes in total the same as the last year but theft from property has gone up from four incidents to six. The Police are hoping to work with the park for summer activities for young people. Anti-Social Behaviour is likely to rise, more calls are being received from the Canal Basin and Tesco and it is thought that those responsible are coming in from Stockport.

The Police are less likely to attend all Council meetings but will send a report for every meeting and will attend a meeting for a specific reason or at the request of the Council.

### **C15/202 Open Forum – Public Participation**

Mrs Joan Gibson requested the Council to give thought to the bus services and the proposed cuts and their effects on older persons which will take a lot of independence away from them.

Memorial Bridge, Toddbrook Reservoir. Mr Aldred informed the meeting that he had received a reply from the Canal & River Trust informing him that technically something could be done but there are no funds available to build the bridge, maintain it or help with the planning applications. They will expect to review the technical inspection and installation and will have funds to maintain the weir. There are two owners who own the land GAP House and the Canal & River Trust and permission must be sought from Cheshire Highways. Kettleshulme Paris Council has been approached.

Planning Application HPK/2016/0128 – Mr Peter Smith

#### **Councillor Lomax left the meeting**

Mr Smith voiced objections from residents to this application and requested that the Town Council support them in this objection. This application was refused last year and the new plans do not address of this refusal; It is in the conservation area; There is a lack of available parking and this application would reduce on street parking. The land should not be contoured nor soil removed from a conservation area; the Ecological survey should have been carried out in the summer.

#### **Councillor Lomax re-joined the meeting**

Ms Sarah Pointer of the Arts Club Pear Tree Café has been approached to transform the phone box. There will be a meeting on Friday to discuss ideas including involving primary schools. This matter to be referred to Whaley4wards.

**C15/203**     **RESOLVED:** that item 18 on the Agenda – Bus Consultation be moved up the Agenda

#### **C15/204**     **Bus Consultation – Derbyshire County Council**

Comments can be made until April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk will check to see if notices have been displayed in Doctor's Surgeries and the Chemists. The questionnaires should be completed by users of the bus services.

**RESOLVED:** that a letter be sent to Andrew Bingham MP expressing the concerns of the Council and local residents.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk prepare a response to Derbyshire County Council for consideration at the next meeting.

#### **C15/205**     **Updates from County and Borough Councillors**

##### **High Peak Borough Council**

The devolution to groups of local Councils is going ahead in the Greater Manchester Area. Nineteen Councils have agreed to discuss the Strategic Partnership between Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. Chesterfield Borough Council, Bolsover and North East Derbyshire District Councils have agreed to go with the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority. High Peak Borough Council will be talking to Greater Manchester.

High Peak Borough Council has held a meeting and will not be welcoming "Fracking" in the High Peak.

Derbyshire County Council is keen to go ahead with Nottinghamshire as this will benefit constituent members such as further investment into the A6 corridor. Erewash Borough Council and Bassetlaw will be going with Sheffield.

**C15/206 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**C15/207 Town Clerk's Report**

**Shallcross Incline**

Cllr Swift suggested that he contacts Chris Rogers at DCC with a view to discussing the creation of a bund and to look into why previous works have not been successful.

**RESOLVED:** That a request for £500 for the building of the bund and other works be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To note the Clerk's Report

**C15/208 Accounts for Payment**

**RESOLVED:** to note that the Bank Balances at 29<sup>th</sup> February stood at:-

Whaley Bridge Town Council	
Current Account	£ 2,500.00
Deposit Account	£ 48,291.24
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	£ 50,791.24
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Sports Association	
Current Account	£ 2,470.00
Deposit Account	£ 54,070.44
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Mechanics Institute	
Current Account	£ 1,000.00
Deposit Account	£ 17,447.24
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	£ 18,447.24
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It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts listed below be authorised for payment:

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>			
2838	Furness COGS	Balance of ER Reserves	500.00
2839	Fran Frodsham	Filling Grit Bins	430.00
2840	Review Publishing Ltd	Newsletter	126.00
2841	Mechanics Institute	Room hire etc.	585.17
2842	HMRC	PAYE & NIC – March	603.86
2843	DCC Superannuation	Pension Contributions – March	588.44
2844	Cash	Petty Cash	28.09
BACS	Multitrade Management	Asbestos Survey	358.80
BACS	Employees	Net Salaries	2077.27
DD	Trusted IT	Computer costs	84.24
DD	Supanet	Broadband	34.52
	<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	<b>Total February</b>	<b>£ 5,416.39</b>
<b>Sports Association</b>			
518	SSE	Electricity - Pavilion	728.77
DD	United Utilities	Wastewater	9.88
	<b>Sports Association</b>	<b>Total February</b>	<b>£ 738.65</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>£ 6,155.04</b>

## **C15/209 Reports from Outside Bodies**

### **Friends of Whaley Bridge Station**

On Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> an exhibition will be held with tea and coffee etc. between 9.30am and 12.00pm and all Councillors are invited to attend.

### **Whaley4wards**

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February were circulated to all members and it was **RESOLVED** to note these minutes.

### **Hope Valley and High Peak Community Rail Partnership**

A meeting was held this morning and Arriva will take over the franchise on April 1<sup>st</sup> with Northern Rail Personnel being employed by Arriva. Arriva support the partnership and will keep one officer.

The Buxton to Hazel grove line will be closed between Good Friday and Easter Monday and will be replaced with a bus service.

There are concerns that the ½ hourly service terminating at Newtown could increase parking problems.

**C15/210 Purchase of Flower Tub**

Whaley4wards has four tubs to be used in the town centre and has £977 surplus for the Town Council.

**RESOLVED:** to purchase a new flower tub

**C15/211 Correspondence**

1. Acre (Action with Communities in Rural England) – list of publications for village halls and community buildings 2016.
2. Emma Bennett – letter of thanks for Conservational Trip sponsorship.
3. Mrs Cottrell – letter of complaint regarding the condition of the walkway from the Cock Hotel to Cromford Court and lack of action.

**RESOLVED:** To forward this letter to High Peak Borough Council Horticultural Department for its attention.

4. DCC – Derbyshire Directory Newsletter – February 2016.
5. DCC – consultation (closing date Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April) on proposals to withdraw funding for subsidised local bus services.
6. HPBC – response from Joanne Higgins confirming willingness to meet with Network Rail and project team regarding Whaley Bridge Station Car Park.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Winter forwards the letter the others involved and that the Town Council is to take the lead. A meeting later in the year will be arranged.

7. Cheshire East Council – notice of submission of proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan by Marton Parish Council. Representation deadline Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016.
8. Peak Park Parishes Forum – alert and link regarding proposals and consultations relating to potential cuts to public transport by DCC.
9. Peak District NPA – invitation to Peak Neighbourhood Planning Roadshow on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 from 17:00 to 21:00 ABC Bakewell.
10. Peak District NPA – press release: Media invitation – schools climate change research on Peak District moors.
11. RAD – Village SOS Campaign coming to end in July 2016.
12. Neville Clarke – Transshipment Shed and Canal Basin, thanks for clean-up assistance and update on Canal Group.
13. Tower Mint – HM Queen Elizabeth II 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Commemorative Medal for Schools and Councils information
14. Whaley Bridge Cricket Club – letter confirming the club’s executive committee approval of taking part in The Queen’s Birthday Beacons event and asking if the Town Council envisage jointly running an event similar to the successful one on the occasion of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee.

**RESOLVED:** The date for this event is April 21<sup>st</sup>, the Queen’s actual birthday and that any proposed expenditure for the bonfire event be advised to the Clerk before the next meeting.

15. Peak District NPA – Press release: Dog owners asked to keep pets on short leads in countryside.

16. HPBC – Public Consultation – Draft Design Guide High Peak, deadline 29/03/16

17. DALC Circulars -

No 04/2016 – General – Grants; Countryside Stewardship Grants – Defra; Emergency Flood Relief Fund – Sport England; Architectural Heritage Fund; Community Buildings Grants – Locality; Neighbourhood Planning Grants – Locality; Grants for War Memorials – War Memorials Trust; Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund – Football Foundation; Training & Events - Mediation for Town and Parish Councillors and Staff Training The Dark Arts – Minutes and Procedures Training; Clerks’ Chat@; DALC Annual Subscription invoices and Information; Vacancy.

No 05/2016 – General – Update on public contracts regulations 2015; CiLCA 2016-17; Employment, Council News; Community Trans Funding; Internal Audit and check list; Clerk & RFO vacancy template; Vacancies

18. DCC – Information for Community Groups Free Energy Saving Advice.

19. John Hambrook – snow warden update on recent snow event (Friday 04/03/16)

**RESOLVED:** That a letter of thanks for his efforts be sent to Mr Hambrook and that more volunteers be sought. A small wheelie bin be requested from HPBC for keeping salt in and that a copy of Mr Hambrook’s letter be sent with this.

20. Royal Bank of Scotland – change to conditions for free banking on Treasurers account.

21. Chinley Buxworth & Brownside Parish Council – response confirming interest in participating in the Local Area Forum.

22. Shelter Maintenance – notification of small rise in bus shelter cleaning charge from £8.35 to £8.50 per shelter.

23. Hayfield Parish Council - response confirming interest in participating in the Local Area Forum.

**C15/212 Relationship between Whaley Bridge Town Council and Whaley Bridge Sports Association**

The original intent was that the long term aim was to transfer this to another party.

**RESOLVED:** That over the next two years or appropriate timescale the Council will work to a complete split from the Sports Association which will become totally independent.

**C15/213 Marquee for Welldressing**

**RESOLVED:** That a donation of £1,400.00 (One thousand four hundred pounds) be given to the Welldressing Committee so that it may choose which Marquee it wants.

**C15/214 Local Area Forum**

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk arrange an inaugural meeting with interested parties and it is proposed that this first meeting will not be a public meeting but should set the terms of reference for the Forum.

**C15/215 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils – Subscription 2016/17**

**RESOLVED:** That Whaley Bridge Town Council renews its annual subscription with the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils at the higher rate of £1,009.05 which includes up to 15 training courses for Councillors and the Clerk.

**C15/216 Future of Whaley Bridge Firework event**

**RESOLVED:** The Chairman will talk to the organiser with a view to setting up a community group, with a constitution, to organise the fireworks events. If a grant is to be give it will be to a group with a constitution.

**C15/217 Whaley Bridge Medium Term Plan**

Councillors gave their voting forms to the Clerk who will summarise these for the next meeting.

**The meeting closed at 9.45pm**

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

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