

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge.

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

**In Attendance:** P&CC H Dhindsa, Five members of the Public and Keith Bradshaw, Town Clerk;

### **C16/060 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Taylor and Cllrs Gilmour and Wild who are away on holiday.

### **C16/061 Declarations of Members Interests and Dispensation Applications**

Cllr Thomas declared an interest in agenda item 10 being the Chair of Whaley Bridge Community Trust and a Trustee of the Mechanics Institute.

Cllr Swift declared that he would be leaving the meeting early due to another commitment.

### **C16/062 Community Police**

PSCO Jones reported by email that she up to Yeadsley lane a few times, different days different times and have not seen any vehicles causing any sort of obstruction at all.

**Mr Hardyal Dhindsa, Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire** was welcomed and invited to address the meeting.

P & CC Dhindsa gave an informative presentation adding that as the previous Deputy P & CC he had "hit the ground running". His priorities are to visit every one of the 383 towns and villages in Derbyshire and that the four pillars of his office will be Mental Health; Technology (IT – tablets/laptops for every PC & PCSO by the end of the year); Diversity to narrow the gap between diversity in the Police 3.4% compared to diversity in Derbyshire of 6.7% and Young People.

Derbyshire Alert will be continued and funded by the P & CC office.

Cllr Swift left the meeting at 8.05pm

The Athens Ethical Principles will be adopted and these are for organisations and businesses to do whatever they can to stop modern slavery and people trafficking.

Enforcement activity on the A6 at Furness Vale showed that there has been a 62% decrease in collisions on the mobile camera route when comparing the three years before implementation with the three years after.

It was reported that CREST has not been there for the last 9 – 10 months and that several accidents have occurred. It was requested that the camera be brought back at appropriate times possibly Sunday morning and on a monthly basis, not necessarily weekly.

It was pointed out that IT coverage is very poor in the High Peak.

A question was asked regarding cross border communications with Cheshire/Manchester.

Mr Dhindsa said that there will be one system across the East Midlands area covering five Police Forces.

It was requested that RSS alerts for websites continue to be supported.

Mr Dhindsa was thanked for his comments and for coming to Whaley Bridge in the evening on what was a very busy day for him.

#### **C16/063 Public Participation**

Mr Jim Medway reported that Furness Vale Primary School is applying for Awards 4 All funding for local environmental improvements. The first strand relates to a colourful cut-out 'mural' across the school fencing. The second strand is the design, fabrication, decoration, planting and maintenance of two low level planters to be sited on the top corners of Station Rd. It is intended that the project will enhance the visual environment, help define the centre of the village, and raise the visible presence of the school for motorists, thus enhancing the safety of it's pupils. The project also seeks the involvement of parents and the wider community, which will have a positive impact for all.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council will write a letter of support for this grant application.

Mr Brian Woolley commented that there is an increase in traffic volumes and speeds on Old Road which is Dangerous for people crossing the road.

**RESOLVED:** That this will be reported to the relevant authorities.

DR D Lord comments on the new planning application DET/2016/0005:-

- This has not been validated but it could be passed without discussion.
- The Hedgerows are protected, two have been removed already to create entrances on to this land.
- The plans should be made available before approval.
- The previous infringement of the Hedgerows should be investigated due to their historical importance.
- This application should be considered by the Committee and not delegated.

**C16/064 Updates from County and Borough Councillors****High Peak Borough Council**

Cllr Pritchard had attended a presentation on the proposals to change Dementia support in North Derbyshire. This has been reported in the Buxton Advertiser and there is still time for people to make comments.

**C16/065 Minutes of the Meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**C16/066 Clerk's Report**

With regard to flooding on the allotments Councillor Swift had removed a brick which has been blocking the drain. It was reported that it would need a long term project to sort out all the drainage problems.

**C16/067 Accounts for Payment**

**RESOLVED:** That the accounts listed below be authorised for payment:

Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>			
<b>Payments since 9th June</b>			
2880	Cancelled	Cancelled	0.00
2881	Cancelled	Cancelled	0.00
2882	Alto Digital	Copier charges	38.06
2883	Peartree Prints	Shallcross Flyers	62.50
2884	S Drinkwater & Sons	Bolt for Bridgemont sign	15.17
2885	Fran Frodsham	Hanging Baskets - Planters	5,437.00
2886	Lexis Nexis	Baker - Local Council Administration	74.45
2887	Shelter Maintenance	Bus Shelter cleaning - Jul 15 - missed	60.12
EP011	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire/Clerk's Office/Concessionary	585.17
DD	RBS Bankline	Internet Banking	41.60
DD	BT	Telephone/Broadband	46.15
DD	Supanet	Telephone/Broadband	28.70
DD	Trusted IT	365 Licence/Website/Backup	84.24
Bankline	Salaries	Salaries - June	3,241.87
	<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	<b>Total July</b>	<b>£ 9,715.03</b>
<b>Sports Association</b>			
529	J Goldfinch	Maps	13.20
EP 003	WB Town Council	Salary/Admin charge	240.27
	<b>Sports Association</b>	<b>Total July</b>	<b>£ 253.47</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>£ 9,968.50</b>

**Whaley4Wards**

Cllr Thomas reported on a meeting with Helen Pakpahan of High Peak Borough Council where she gave several points of principle. These were that the area concerned is the centre of Whaley Bridge and some of Horwich End. Furness Vale is not part of the scheme. The objective is to promote the town centre, shops, businesses, jobs and tourism. Covering such things as walkways and cycle ways. Any unused funds could be put towards the refurbishment of the bridge.

**RESOLVED:** That a spending limit of £2,000.00 be delegated to Whaley4Wards when approved by the Clerk and three Councillors on Whaley4Wards.

**The Railway**

This was viewed this morning and it was reported that it is a complicated building over various levels with 160 m<sup>2</sup> per floor. It was not possible to view the kitchen or the basement. All doors and windows need replacement. The asking price is £175,000 + VAT (£210,000) but it is felt that it will sell for less and that much will have to be spent on refurbishment. Funds may be available from the Derbyshire Leadership fund and the Community Right to Bid will be discussed at the meeting of the Trustee of the Mechanics Institute next week.

**Fireworks**

It was requested that this subject be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Local Area Forum**

Representatives from Whaley Bridge & Disley were present although there was some confusion as to the correct venue and the following issues were discussed:-

- A6 & Airport link road - It is proposed to reduce the 40mph speed limit to 30mph through Disley
- Disley is to receive substantial mitigation from SEMMS for road improvements and cycle route
- It is anticipated that traffic will increase by 25% when the Airport link road is finished which will affect Whaley Bridge, Furness Vale, New Mills and Hayfield.
- The A6 desperately needs repairs quickly and decibel meters and pollution measuring equipment should be installed particularly near the Schools.

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

Cllr Winter attended the AGM of the partnership. The officers will remain the same and the representative of the new franchise talked about plans but it is in a state of flux at the moment.

**Canal Group**

Cllr Clarke reported that the Canal from Whaley Bridge to Marple has been awarded Green Flag Status. A Farmers Market will be held in September.

## **Whaley Bridge Sports Association**

Cllr Goldfinch requested that he be sent copies of the minutes of the meetings even though he has resigned from this working group.

### **C16/069 Neighbourhood Planning**

The Local Plan prepared by High Peak Borough Council had detracted the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Whaley Bridge.

Both the Peak District National Park Authority and High Peak Borough Council have agreed that the boundary should be the whole of Whaley Bridge including Furness Vale.

There are many Neighbourhood plans in Derbyshire and consultations must be held with the public to explain the plan.

Funding is available for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

**RESOLVED:** To publicise a public meeting in the next newsletter and that the Council will prepare ideas for a Neighbourhood Plan.

### **C16/070 Bench – market Street**

**RESOLVED:** To purchase a three seater bench to be positioned adjacent to the Chemist and to look at any building works needed for a budgeted price of £350 to £400.

The existing bench to be installed in the Bus Shelter outside the Jodrell Arms.

### **C16/071 Location of Planters – Furness Vale**

The location of the planters as decided at the site meeting with Furness Vale Councillors is agreed.

**RESOLVED:** That a letter be sent to Derbyshire County Council to support the requests for 20mpn and extra signs.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council sends a letter of support for Furness Vale School's funding application.

### **C16/072 Letter of Support – Bridge at Toddbrook Reservoir**

**RESOLVED:** To support Mr Aldred and write a letter "To whom it may concern" to be sent to Mr Aldred for circulation.

### **C16/073 New Mills School Sixth Form**

The proposed closure of the Sixth Form due to declining numbers will affect pupils from Derbyshire Dals, New Mills, Whaley Bridge and Chapel-en-le-Frith.

There are proposed new building projects for Chapel, New Mills and Whaley Bridge over the next few years which could increase pupil numbers. If it closes pupils will have to travel to Buxton, Glossop or outside the area.

**RESOLVED:** That a letter of support for the retention of a Sixth Form at New Mills School be sent, noting that parents are actively seeking alternative ways of addressing funding issues and that this will renew choice and avoid the transport issues of pupils being pushed farther afield.

**RESOLVED:** To note the following correspondence had been received:-

1. DCC – Say Something if you see something campaign to safeguard children invitation to participate in the evaluation
2. Neville Clark – Bat Survey dates
3. W4W – copy of letter supporting the project for alternative access to Bingswood Industrial Estate.
4. High Peak CVS – questionnaire for completion regarding DCC proposal to stop funding to voluntary groups
5. Andrew Bingham MP – MP’s e-mail newsletter.
6. CAB – invitation to event to tackle energy poverty in Derbyshire. Warmer Brighter Safer on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 9.45 - 4.00pm Willersley Castle, Cromford, Matlock
7. RBL – invitation to service on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 to remember the start of the Battle of the Somme.
8. Cllr Lomax – copy of e-mail from Jim Medway regarding planters at Furness Vale, Station Road junction and advising Mr Medway’s intention to attend the July Council meeting to show rough plans for these.
9. Network Rail – notification of improvement works under bridge, Reservoir Road from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
10. WB Allotment & Gardeners Society - Newsletter July 2016.
11. SMDC & HPBC – launch of small electrical item collection service.
12. Susanne Lomas – e-mail regarding attending care for the Elderly consultation.
13. HPBC – NHS Consultation – Care Closer to Home information.
14. DCC – information regarding MEN’s Tour of Britain Cycle Race on Tuesday 6/9/2019 Cheshire East (with short section through Derbyshire)
- 15 DCC – Temporary Road Closure Notice – 22 August to 26 August 2016 0900hrs to 1600hrs daily Elnor lane from junction with A5004, Long Hill to junction with B5470 Chapel Road, to facilitate patching prior to surface dressing.
16. **DALC Circulars -**
  - No 10/2016 – General –** DALC Chief Officer; DALC Annual Executive Meeting and AGM; Call for Executive Members for period 2016-2019.
  - No 11/2016 – General –** DALC Forthcoming training; Bus Service Bill; ‘Blue Light’ deal for National Parks; Managing performance and older workers; Vacancy.
  - No 12/2016 – DALC Annual Executive and AGM -** Consultations for council to consider responding to – Larger Council Transparency Code; Public Works Loan Board
  - No 13/2016 – General –** What does Vote Leave mean for Town & Parish Councils?; Derbyshire Dales CVS Seminar – Automatic Enrolment for Employers; Chair Skills Training Course
17. Nev Clarke – information about next bat survey at the canal basin on Monday (18<sup>th</sup> July?), canal clean ups on first Sunday of the month 12noon to 3pm and advanced notice of the first planned Farmer’s Market on 17<sup>th</sup> September.
18. Cllr Goldfinch – information about a potential tender opportunity for WB Town Centre Design and Heritage Action Plan.
19. CPRE – council membership acknowledgement and card.
20. PDNPA – invitation to information event for Parish Councillors on 1<sup>st</sup> September

2016 at Aldern House 1730 – 1900. Head of Policy Planning will discuss forthcoming new Development Management Policy document prior to consultation release – booking essential.

21. Very disgruntled and fed up resident – expressing concern about two footpath H&S issues relating to lighting and overhanging vegetation in regard to the passageway between Reddish Road and Mereside Gardens and the footpath as it turns into Reddish Road. A copy has also been sent to HPBC.

Cllr Goldfinch reported that the works at the Pavilion had gone ahead before planning permission had been received which is an awkward position and he is not happy with the state of affairs.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

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

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Chairman

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Date