

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 9th June 2016 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge.

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

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

C16/035 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clarke, who has work commitments, Cooper and Taylor

C16/036 Declarations of Members Interests and Dispensation Applications

Cllrs Lomax and Pritchard declared an interest in agenda item 15c being members of High Peak Borough Council

C16/037 Acceptance of Office – Vice Chairman

Councillor Gilmour signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Vice Chairman which was witnessed by the Town Clerk.

C16/038 Community Police

There was no representative from the Police present but the following crime figures for last month were reported to the Council:-

Theft from Vehicle 2

Assault 1

ASB 3 but 2 of these were domestic related

Theft 1

Arson 1 – Taxal Lodge. The Police know who did this, some 14/15 years olds from Whaley, but the owner does not want them prosecuted. They will be put on a Restorative Justice scheme which will involve the Fire Brigade and the Youth Offenders Team.

The Pavilion Car Park has been put on the PCSO's patrol route and other members of the SNT have been asked to add it to their patrols.

Cllr Pritchard reported that he had completed the form on the SNT website regarding the parking of cars preventing wheelchair access outside the cycle shop.

It was reported that cars are parking on the footpath at the top of Yeadsley Lane and the Clerk was asked to notify the Police.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is to be invited to attend the next meeting of the Council to comment on the lack of the CREST Camera on the A6 and its effectiveness in the previous 8 months.

C16/039 Public Participation

Mr J Hooley requested the Council's support for his objection to Planning Application HPK/2016/0281, Reddish Barns. He presented the Council with detailed reasons for his objection which the Council will consider in the Planning Meeting later.

Mr S Brown raised concerns over the condition of the footpath from Toddbrook Reservoir to Whaley Lane with the top end being particularly wet and messy. Whaley Bridge Town Council is not able to put pressure on DCC footpaths but this will be discussed under agenda item 11.

C16/040 Updates from County and Borough Councillors

High Peak Borough Council

Cllr Lomax reported that the work being carried out at Tesco under Planning Application HPK/1013/0268 is for 3 office units by the Petrol Station. Officers do not consider that the works is the plans submitted and that enforcement is being considered.

Three extra normal sized car parking spaces can be created at Tom Brad's Car Park which will be provided at HPBC's cost. Quotations for redecoration and repair works to the nearby bridge are being sought.

Cllr Lomax reported that a site meeting had been held with Councillors from wards in Furness Vale where the location of the planters had been agreed.

Cllr Pritchard reported that the first meeting of the Audit and Regulatory Committee had taken place.

Holy Trinity Church is to be used as a Polling Station on 23rd June but can still be used by the Welldressing Committee but a separate door must be used.

C16/041 Minutes of the Meetings held on 12th May 2016

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held on 12th May 2016 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

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C16/042 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report dated 31st May 2016

C16/043 Accounts for Payment

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

Whaley Bridge Town Council		Payments	9-Jun-16
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
Payments since 12th May			
2871	Cancelled	Cancelled	0.00
2872	Northern Tubs	New Planters Furness Vale	95.85
2873	Review Publishing	Newsletter/Advertisement	172.18
2874	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Bus Shelter Cleaning	61.20
2875	Signs Made Here Ltd	Bridgemont/Furness Vale Info Board	160.00
2876	M J Whelan	Bridgemont/Furness Vale Info Board	705.50
2877	RBS Rialtas	Maintenance - Omega Software	288.00
2878	Cash	Petty Cash	59.92
2879	Sreetentertainers	Punch & Judy - Water W/end	720.00
EP008	Zurich Municipal	Insurances 2016/17	1,906.24
EP009	Mechanics Institute	Clerk's office/Room Hire/Concessionary	657.17
EP010	Marquees.com	Marquee Hire - Water Weekend	1,426.80
DD	Supanet	Telephone/Broadband	32.80
DD	Trusted IT	365 Licence/Website/Backup	84.24
Bankline	Salaries	Salaries - June	3,241.87
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total May	£ 9,611.77
Sports Association			
524	HPBC	Rates - June	169.00
525	J Goldfinch	Repairs - Tractor	57.44
526	Shorroch Trichem	Cleaning Materials	52.79
EP002	WBTC	Salaries/Admin	240.27
	Sports Association	Total April	£ 519.50
	Total Expenditure	April	£ 10,131.27

RESOLVED: To note the Income and Expenditure Statement dated 31st May 2016

RESOLVED: To note that at 31st May 2016 the Bank Balances stood at:

Whaley Bridge Town Council	£
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Current Account	2,380.00
Deposit Account	82,970.71
	85,350.71
Mechanics Institute	£
Current Account	1,133.00
Deposit Account	17,443.04
	18,576.04
Sports Association	£
Current Account	2,581.01
Deposit Account	56,386.08
	58,967.09

C16/044 Repositioning of Bench – The Village Bakehouse

RESOLVED: That the manner in which the bench was removed is totally unacceptable.

There is a feeling that the land outside the Village Bakery may not be owned by the café. The Clerk is to contact High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council to determine if they own this land and will report back at the next meeting.

C16/045 DCC Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement 2016/17

RESOLVED: That Whaley Bridge Town Council will participate in this year's scheme.

Footpath 15 – Bridgemont to Hockerley has water considerable water damage and the source of the water needs to be investigated. The path was diverted two years ago and this damage has been reported in 2014; 2015 & 2016 but a reply is still awaited. DCC agrees that this path needs to be repaired and that this is on the list. The Clerk will chase up the current situation.

Toddbrook to Whaley Lane – Proposed to improve drainage and create steps at the top. Whaley4Ward could look at as one of its projects.

RESOLVED: That a contractor is to be found and an estimate obtained for drainage of this path and the creation of steps at the top. Whaley4Wards could look at this as one of its projects.

C16/046 Allotment Tenancy Agreement

RESOLVED: That the amendments discussed are incorporated into the agreement and recirculated for consideration.

RESOLVED: A letter be sent to the allotment holders instructing them that the keeping of chickens and other livestock is not allowed on the allotments and that they must be removed.

C16/047 Concessionary Use of the Mechanics Institute

RESOLVED: That the Council will continue to fund the Concessionary use of the Mechanics Institute as at present.

C16/048 Proposed Parking Restrictions in Whaley Bridge

RESOLVED: That Isobel Mulligan be asked to provide clarification of the proposed restrictions on Buxton Road relating to the 4 hour waiting time.

RESOLVED: That the times for the proposed limited time bay near the Gun Shop and Hallam's should be Monday to Saturday 10 – 4

RESOLVED: That the Status Quo be maintained on the A6004 as the Council is happy with things as they are.

RESOLVED: That the reduction in the limited waiting bay to 6m is approved

C16/049 Request for Funding

RESOLVED: That applications for funding will be considered in response to advertisements placed by Whaley Bridge Town Council in September and March.

The Council agrees that the Park Ranger had benefitted the park and it is regrettable if the position is lost. High Peak CVS may have details of funding bodies.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to HPBC expressing concern at losing the Park Ranger.

C16/050 Appointment to Advisory Panels

RESOLVED: That Cllr Clarke be appointed to the Whaley4Wards and the Website Overview Advisory Panels

C16/051 Prayers

Prayers can be said at 7.25pm in the meeting room before the Chairman opens the meeting but will not be part of the agenda.

C16/053 Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Cllr Goldfinch reported that the Sports Association had been successful in obtaining a grant from the Football Foundation for work in the carpark and tarmac around the pavilion. The total grant is £16,322 excluding VAT and £8,166 + VAT will be paid by the Sports Association. The Town Council can claim the VAT on the Football Foundation Grant. A formal offer letter is due to arrive imminently.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to sign the acceptance of the grant.

The Council was requested to forward the planning application once completed and to take the project forwards with the Football Foundation.

Thanks were given to Cllr Goldfinch for securing this grant.

C16/054 Correspondence

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

- 1) Cllr Lomax – e-mail regarding concerns about the Jodrell Arms.
- 2) Planning Aid England – Up Front: neighbourhood planning news May 2016
- 3) Barry James – reply to letter about Plot 22 Sunnybank Allotments WB.
- 4) Fields in Trust – introduction to The Centenary fields in Trust Programme.
- 5) Cllr Goldfinch – e-mail information about Walking Football Festival.
- 6) HPBC – information about the Mayor 2016 - 2017.

7) DALC Circulars - No 09/2016 – General – Pay Scales 2016 2018; New Financial Regulations 2016; Transparency Fund for Smaller Authorities; Community Resilience – How Parishes Can Be Involved; Community Payback Contact Details; COURSES – Cemeteries Management; The Local Councils Award Scheme; Understanding The Planning Process; Vacancies.

8) Rural Services Network – Rural Opportunities Bulletin.

9) Friends of the Peak District – News and Events.

10) HPBC – Chinley Buxworth & Brownside Parish Council application for Neighbourhood Area designation.

11) Whaley Bridge Band – letter of thanks for grant.

12) Chapel-en-le-Frith Mobile Physiotherapy Service – copy of Annual Report, invitation to attend AGM on Wednesday 15th June 2016 in the Thornsett Room, Chinley Independent Chapel at 7.30 and request for donation in support of its essential work.

RESOLVED: That this be placed as an item on the next agenda.

13) Cllr Winter – Arriva Northern Rail launches new business regions to bring railways closer to the communities they serve.

14) PDNPA – Monitoring and Enforcement Training for Parish Councils places available for 15th June 2016.

15) Jeremy Middleton – e-mail reply to letter sent 17th May 2016 regarding the Jodrell about which there is little to report immediately.

16) Frederic Robinson – e-mail reply from their Estates Manager regarding the Railway which is currently under review.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will pursue this with regard to the status of the garage at the Mechanics Institute and report back to the Council. Cllr Thomas volunteered to lend his support.

17) Chrissy Almond – e-mail regarding dumping of vehicles on land behind the White Hart, particularly in the light of wanting to clean Whaley Bridge for the Queen's 90th Birthday.

RESOLVED: That the Council is interested in securing ownership of this land to create a public space. The Clerk is to contact HPBC & DCC Estates to see if they own this land or know if anyone does.

18) Cllr Winter – e-mail presenting request from Jane Thorpe (WB Sailing Club) for a letter from the Town Council in support of the Club's application to WREN for £15,000 towards fencing costs.

RESOLVED: That a letter of support be sent to the Sailing Club

19) Sunnybank Allotment plot tenant – request for permission to erect a 7x5 or 8x6 timber apex shed on plot 34.

RESOLVED: That the allotment tenant be given permission to erect the shed.

C16/055 **RESOLVED** to suspend the meeting to bring forward the planning meeting so that members of the public could remain for this meeting.

C16/056 **The Meeting resumed at 9.30 pm**

C16/057 **Exclusion of the Press and the Public**

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items because there may be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12 A for the Local Government Act 1972.

C16/058 **Confirmation of the Clerk's position**

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's probationary period has been completed satisfactorily and that his permanent position of Town Clerk is confirmed.

C16/059 **Annual Community Award**

Cllr Lomax declared a significant personal interest and left the meeting

RESOLVED: That there would be no Community Award given this year and that the original rules should be investigated and reported back to the Council

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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Date