

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th September 2016 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge.

Present: Councillors Lomax (Chair), Bowden, Clarke, Gilmour, Swift, Thomas and Winter.

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

C16/075 Apologies for Absence

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

It was reported that Councillor Cooper is considering standing down from the Council due to work and study commitments.

C16/076 Declarations of Members Interests and Dispensation Applications

Councillor Swift declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Application HPK/0716/0645 which has been submitted by him and he will leave the room when this is discussed.

Councillor Thomas declared a personal interest in agenda item 12 being the Treasurer and Deputy Chairman of Whaley Bridge Rose Queen Carnival Committee.

C16/077 Community Police

It was reported that the crime figures for the past weeks were three incidents of ASB and one of Damage

C16/078 Public Participation

Mr Garret of Furness Vale said that he had not received an answer from Derbyshire County Council as to why the matrix signs have been turned off. He had been with the community speed camera with PCSO Tracy Jones this afternoon and that six people had been "clocked" who will be sent a warning letter. The Matrix signs and speed camera are needed due to the increased traffic through Furness Vale.

Mr Wooley reported that there is a lot of noise in the town on Friday and Saturday evenings. The Clerk was instructed to report this to the PCSO.

Mr Sutton spoke to his planning application for flats at the bottom of Macclesfield Road. He wants to put four more low cost flats on the existing ones adding that there will be no external changes to the building. The Council will comment on the application in the planning meeting.

C16/079 Updates from County and Borough Councillors

County Councillor Lomax reported that the New Mills sixth form issue is to be discussed at the September Cabinet meeting however the School has not made any provision for a sixth form next year and it felt that this will close by default.

The footpath from Fernilee to Whaley Bridge was cut today.

C16/080 Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st July 2016

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 21st July 2016 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C16/081 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: The provision of a CCTV camera be placed on the agenda for the next meeting and the Clerk will obtain prices for consideration.

Thanks were given to Councillor Swift and others for their work on the drainage problems on the Shallcross Incline.

The wall alongside the Al Madina needs re-rendering for approximately five feet high before the siting of the new bench. Whaley4Wards is prepared to support this work. Permission for this work must be given by the owner of the property.

The public footpath to Reservoir Road had the bottom section repaired last year. Quotations have been requested for providing steps at the top and stone at the bottom level part. Also a price to move the gate by 2m on the nearby foot-path to dry land and creation of a duckboard bridge over the water was requested.

The provision of a wall on the Shallcross Incline should be considered for the 2016/17 budget.

RESOLVED: to note the Clerk's Report

C16/082 Accounts for Payment

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

Whaley Bridge Town Council		Payments	AUG/SEP
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
Payments since July			
AUGUST			
2888	M Thomas	Dispensers for Leaflets	22.32
2889	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Bus Shelter Cleaning	61.20
2890	Cash	Petty cash - Postage etc.	50.99

EP012	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire/Clerk's Office/Concessionary	603.17
DD	RBS Bankline	Internet Banking	41.60
DD	PEAC	Photocopier rental	240.40
DD	Supanet	Telephone/Broadband	27.92
DD	Trusted IT	365 Licence/Website/Backup	84.24
Bankline	Salaries	Salaries - August	3,241.87
SEPTEMBER			
2891	S Drinkwater & Son	Pipe for Shallcross Incline	43.20
2892	G & R Leigh	Land drain for Shallcross Incline	209.50
2893	Trusted IT	BullGuard Anti-Virus - 3 yr. sub	30.00
2894	Cash	Petty cash - Postage etc.	20.64
EP013	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire/Clerk's Office/Concessionary	609.17
DD	Supanet	Telephone/Broadband	35.07
DD	Trusted IT	365 Licence/Website/Backup	84.24
DD	RBS Bankline	Internet Banking	41.20
Bankline	Salaries	Salaries - September	3,241.87
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total August/September	£ 8,688.60
Sports Association			
EP004	WBTC	Salary/Admin - August	240.27
DD	Sage	Accounts software	6.00
DD	HPBC	Business Rates	147.00
EP005	WBTC	Salary/Admin - September	240.27
DD	Sage	Accounts software	6.00
DD	HPBC	Business Rates	148.00
530	SSE	Electricity - Pavilion	122.08
	Sports Association	Total August/September	£ 909.62
	Total Expenditure	August/September	£ 9,598.22

C16/083 Financial Statements

RESOLVED: To note the Financial Statements for July and August

C16/084 Reports from representatives on Outside Bodies

Local Area Forum

Councillor Bowden met with a Councillor from Kettleshulme, who expressed interest in joining the Forum and contact details will be forwarded to the Clerk at Disley. The next meeting of the Forum is scheduled for 27th October.

Whaley Bridge Sports Association

It was reported that there is a possible issue with tarmac area outside the pavilion in that the works have been completed and there could a possible infringement of the terms of the grant.

- C16/085 Christmas Lights Switch on**
No decision was made as the Council are waiting for Whaley4wards recommendation.
- C16/086 Fireworks**
Councillor Thomas was thanked for his report.
The Fireworks have been booked with Nemesis for 5th November and a £500.00 deposit has been paid. Whaley Bridge Town Council does not organise this event but makes a financial contribution. The event takes place on the Bowling Club land and at the School. Nemesis provide a method statement and public liability insurance.
RESOLVED: That Whaley Bridge Town Council will make up to £2,500.00 available for this event.
Councillor Thomas abstained from the vote
- C16/087 Second Bridge to Bingswood Industrial Estate**
Nothing has been heard from High Peak Borough Council or Derbyshire County Council on any progress on the provision of this bridge. The Town Council will push harder for funds to be found as the bridge will increase employment, safety and visitors to the canal basin area. High Peak Borough Council cannot provide funding for the bridge but is applying for funding from several funders, which may or may not be successful. Sarah Porru is willing to meet with Whaley Bridge Town Council and a meeting will be requested.
- C16/088 Maintenance of Shallcross Incline**
RESOLVED: That a working group of Councillors and Volunteers be established to maintain the Shallcross Incline. Councillors Swift and Thomas volunteered to join this working group.
- C16/089 Shed on the allotments**
RESOLVED: To withhold permission for the erection of a shed on plot 22 until such time as the plot is tidied up.
RESOLVED: To create an Allotments working group. Councillors Clarke, Swift and Thomas volunteered to join this working group.
RESOLVED: That an Allotment Management Committee be formed and that allotment holders be invited to sit on this Committee. The Clerk will write to allotment holders.
- C16/090 Correspondence**
1. Community Payback (Derbyshire Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire & Rutland CRC) – seeking projects of painting and decorating for late autumn and winter.
2. Sheila Walton – letter expressing disappointment and anger regarding unstated rules relating to the Annual Community Award nominations.
3. PDNPA – notification of Annual Parishes' Day: Saturday 24th September 2016

being held at Aldern House Bakewell – bookings by 9th September 2016.

4. Neville Clarke – Transshipment Update

5. Forestry Commission – response that 50,000 trees will be planted following timber harvesting at Taxal.

6. WB Allotment & Gardeners Society – letter requesting remedial action to rectify flooding to plots on Sunnybank Allotment Site.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write regarding the establishment of an Allotments Management Committee.

7. WB Allotment & Gardeners Society – Newsletter August 2016

8. RBL Hayfield Branch – invitation to chair of the Town Council to attend ‘Salute the Somme’ commemorative event at the Art Theatre, New Mills on Saturday 22nd October 2016.

9. Whaley Bridge Welldressers – request for a grant to fund the Well Dressing 2017 activity.

RESOLVED: That this item be referred to the Budget Meeting.

10. Dove Service – information about this charity offering support relating to bereavement, life-changing illness and significant loss and expansion to offer its fee-based counselling service in Derbyshire.

11. Graham Aldred – e-mail thanking the town Council for support regarding the Memorial Footbridge and report on progress.

12. Peak Park Parishes Forum – invitation and papers for AGM on Saturday 24th September 2016 at Aldern House.

13. DCC – response to letter regarding Furness Vale Primary School safety zone signage and confirmation that arrangements are being processed for provision of flashing amber warning lights on the Newtown approach similar to those already on the Bridgemont approach.

Whaley Bridge Town Council is not able to insure the planters. Insurance should be provided by the owners

14. HPBC – response confirming that action has already been taken against use of land adjacent to former Dog & Partridge for car sales.

15. W3 – request from Barry Rudd for payment of £2000 grant balance of £211.

RESOLVED: To pay the outstanding balance and to note that there is a possibility that this event may not go ahead in 2017.

16. CPRE – Fieldwork Summer 2016

17. CPRE – Countryside Voice Summer 2016

18. DALC Circulars - No 14/2016 – General – Appointment of DALC Chief Officer; DALC Annual Executive Meeting and AGM reminder; Training and Events; NALC;

Information Commissioners' Tool Kit: Call for Executive Members for period 2016-2019.
19. Canal & River Trust – information about Bridgemont Horse Tunnel Leakage and
measures proposed for sealing this over three days in w/c 3rd October 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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