

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 12th January 2017 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge.

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

In Attendance: Brenda Wise, Assistant Town Clerk and 5 members of the public;

C16/153 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Keith Bradshaw, Town Clerk owing to forecast of heavy snow.

C16/154 Declarations of Members Interests and Dispensation Applications - None

C16/155 Community Police

The following crime figures were reported:-

Assaults – 2; Theft from vehicle – 3; Anti-Social Behaviour – 2;
Theft from shop – 1; Non dwelling burglary – 1.

The Clerk was asked to alert the police to parking issues at the skip company adjacent to the Shady Oak on Long Hill.

C16/156 Public Participation

Mr Hooley advised members that he considers the proposed residential dwelling of planning application HPK/2016/0663 to be inappropriate for the location and presented a copy of issues raised by him regarding this application.

Mr Dugate raised concerns that the timing of April for the Ecological Appraisal for planning application HPK/2016/0663 was too early to identify bird nesting in the area and did not have any reference to the established activity of bats and badgers in the area. He also highlighted the clay nature of the soil on the slope shown to the east side of the site, sloping towards the sports facilities and the potential of drainage problems from any engineering works.

Christine Drews representing concerned residents and Coop store management in respect of correspondence item 14 from Chris Wilman, raised the following issues regarding the untidy appearance of the centre of the town in the area of the bridge over the River Goyt:-

Items including bags of cat litter being deposited in the River Goyt from housing association flats above the store;
 Aesthetic appearance of the advertising hording;
 Removal of rubbish and tree overhanging the river and bridge pavement;
 Removal of vegetation, mainly ivy, from White Hart side of bridge.

Katie Tyreman – reported continuing problems with Old Road and her keenness for action, the main issues being speed, use off Old Road as a through route, access and lack of pavements being the main issues. She was advised that a DCC highways officer was aiming to visit during school term time to assess the problem, particularly as associated with school start and finish times and assistance with funding towards additional signage may be available through a request to Derbyshire County Councillor Dave Lomax.

C16/157 Update from County and Borough Councillors – None

C16/158 Minutes of the last Meetings held
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 8th December 2016 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them, subject to the following amendments being applied:-
 Cllr Winter be removed from those present; Cllr Taylor be added to those present; and minute C16/150 Correspondence wording ‘English heritage has no interest in replacing the bridge and’ be removed from the final paragraph.

C16/159 Clerk’s Report
RESOLVED to note the Clerk’s Report
 Cllr Goldfinch provided information in respect of the awaited repairs to the wall for placement of the new bench adjacent to Al Madina. Five tenders for the repairs had been requested, one had been received, but work commencement not possible until June, one reply expected within the forthcoming week and three still awaited.

C16/160 Accounts for Payment
RESOLVED: That the accounts listed below be authorised for payment:

Whaley Bridge Town Council		Payments	January 2017
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
Payments since November			
DECEMBER			
2920	Altodigital	Copier Charges	32.71
2921	SNS Trees	Tree works Reservoir Road	600.00
2922	Cash	Postage/Key	14.55
Bankline	Salaries	Salaries November	3,241.87
EP018	Mechanics Institute	Office/Concessions/Meetings	585.17
EP017	S Rumbellow	Labour - Toddbrook Path/steps	450.00
Bankline	RBS	Bankline Charges	41.60

DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 License etc.	84.24
DD	Supanet	Telephone/Broadband - DEC	27.45
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total December/January	£ 5077.59
Sports Association			
EP009	WBTC	Salary/Admin	240.27
DD	Sage	Accounting program	12.00
535	Bancroft Maintenance	MUGA Repairs	2,112.00
	Sports Association	Total December/January	£ 2,364.27
	Total Expenditure	Total December/January	£ 7441.86

C16/161 Financial Statements

RESOLVED to note the Financial Statement for December 2016 and that the bank balances stood at:

Bank Balances	as at	31st December 2016
Whaley Bridge Town Council		
		£
Current Account		2,153.00
Deposit Account		78,286.37
		<u>80,439.37</u>
Mechanics Institute		
		£
Current Account		1,156.00
Deposit Account		18,812.33
		<u>19,968.33</u>
Sports Association		
		£
Current Account		3,416.81
Deposit Account		56,297.74
		<u>59,714.55</u>

C16/162 Reports from Outside Bodies Friends of Whaley Bridge Station

The meeting noted that the AGM was being held on 17th January at 7.15pm.

Canal Group

The meeting noted Green Flag awarded and thanks were extended to the Canal Group.

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Marcus Phillips, Derbyshire County Council, had responded to the request, which had included a photograph showing ivy partly removed, regarding placement of planters on the bridge. Agreement could be given to planters subject to approval

of them and damage to the bridge and paintwork would be the responsibility of Whaley Bridge Town Council.

RESOLVED to write to Derbyshire County Council pointing out the current bad condition of the paintwork and submit proposals.

High Peak & Hope Valley Rail Partnership

The meeting noted that the new franchise is one year old and still in flux caused by staff changes. The partnership is financially insecure but wishes to continue and has plenty of projects in the pipeline.

C16/163 Casual Vacancy

The meeting noted that notification had been received from the Elections Officer at High Peak Borough Council that the casual vacancy may now be filled by co-option.

RESOLVED to approve adoption of the Co-option Policy – Casual Vacancy presented by the Town Clerk and request this be implemented to enable co-option at the February meeting.

C16/164 Defibrillator

The meeting noted that the clerk will be organising installation and that Whaley Bridge School also now has a defibrillator.

RESOLVED to organise training as soon as possible to take place early evening.

C16/165 Budget

RESOLVED to defer the decision on the budget to the February meeting.

C16/166 Battle's Over

RESOLVED to participate and arrangements to be made through negotiate with the Cricket Club or possible use of a beacon at a new venue such as the Memorial Park.

RESOLVED to obtain the cost of beacons

C16/167 Correspondence

1. DCC – Furness Vale school road safety concerns, scheduled works information.

RESOLVED to write to DCC to ask why this work has not already started and why the 30mph matrix signs have not been reconnected.

2. Open Spaces Society – campaign information and request for donation.
3. PDNPA – press release – Prosecution leads to £20,000 fine for damaging trees in the Peak District National Park.
4. DCC – Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan – Sites Consultation. Documents available at http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/planning/planning_policy/minerals_waste_development_framework/mineral_plan Deadline for comments 29th January 2017
5. Cllr Pritchard – copy of e-mail to HPBC regarding landslip at Buxton Road, WB.
6. High Peak CVS – View from the Peak issue No 38.

7. DCC – invitation for Parish Councils to submit written comments to a review about broadband access in Derbyshire being chaired by Cllr Clive Moseby.
8. DCC – reply, permission cannot be given to attach the requested floral displays at Goyt Mill Bridge because of carriageway/footway restriction public safety issues.
9. Peak Park Parishes Forum – the Forum’s Management Committee views on the PDNPA current consultation on its draft Development Management Policies, notification of open meeting on Monday 23rd January at Aldern House to finalise their response and expressing hope that councils will make their views known directly to the PDNPA.
10. Cllr Goldfinch – copy of e-mail offering purchase of painting of Fernilee Reservoir to the Town Council.

RESOLVED not to purchase the offered painting

11. Derbyshire Alert – information about setting up of a Rural Crime Unit.
12. Sport England – information about ensuring that children and young people get a safe and positive sporting experience in the light of recent historic abuse cases.

13. DALC Circulars -

No 19/2016 – General – Proposal for Public Service Ombudsman; External Audit Changes; Big Conservation Conversation; Neighbourhood Planning Bill; Future of Assets in the Community; Spotlight Award; Funding opportunity; Training for 2017/18 **(Circulated)**; Notification received from NALC that Council Tax referendum principles have not been extended to parish and town councils | 2017/18

No 01/2017 – Summary of important 2016 elements of circulars (Circulated)

14. Chris Wilman – e-mail requesting intervention of the Town Council regarding unsightly appearance to Whaley village centre in the area of the bridge adjacent to the Co-op store.

RESOLVED that the issues regarding dumping of rubbish from the flats above the co-op into the river need to be brought to the attention of the Housing Association landlords to be dealt with and also reported to the police.

RESOLVED to advise the Co-op as the property owner of the side of the river where a tree is growing and encroaching across the pavement that it should be trimmed and not removed unless it is necessary, and they should take advice from High Peak Borough Council Arboriculture Officer, Monica Gillespie.

RESOLVED to write to Alison Ogden Newton, chief executive of Keep Britain Tidy in support of her initiative to provide funding to councils for implementation of issuing fines to drivers depositing rubbish from cars as raised by Cllr Bowden in relation to littering of the by-pass and also bring this to the attention of High Peak Borough Council with a request that their staff note registrations of offending vehicles when on the by-pass.

15. HPBC – information about CVS Affordable Warmth Training – 31st January 2017.
16. Gina Dean – request for police checks, better signage and/or road markings to deal with problems experienced by residents of Old Road, mainly caused by its use as a rat run.

17. South Derbyshire CVS – Derbyshire Befriending Champions project information.

Councillor Lomax left the Meeting and Councillor Gilmour took the Chair

RESOLVED to note the following Decisions:-

Delegated Decisions

Application	Decision
<p>HPK/2016/0278 Proposed change of use of kitchen manufacturer's workshop & showroom at ground floor and lower ground floor level into 4 self-contained flats & store. Conversion of two existing flats into 4 self-contained flats. 3 5 Lower Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge, Mr Brian Sutton, FULL</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>HPK/2016/0582 Lawful Development Certificate for proposed single storey rear extension Wood End, Reservoir Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr David Lees LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>HPK/2015/0634 Demolition of two dwellings, Residential development of 10 new dwellings with associated works Land at 10-12 Bridgemont, Whaley Bridge, Treville Properties Ltd FULL</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>HNT/2016/0029 Construction of a single storey rear extension to form an extended kitchen 4.5 x 4.7m in area with an eaves height of 2.1m and a ridge of 3.2m. Stone with double glazed openings and slate roof to match existing. Reservoir Cottage, Reservoir Road, WB, Mr & Mrs Whitworth NOTIFICATION FOR PRIOR APPROVAL FOR A PROPOSED LARGER HOME EXTENSION</p>	<p>HNT Permitted Development</p>
<p>HPK/2016/0676 Proposed dropped kerb 306 Buxton Road, Furness Vale, Mr Paul Shelton HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</p>	<p>Withdrawn</p>
<p>HPK/2016/0672 Removal of condition 3 relating to HPK/2015/0083 Recreation Ground Charlesworth Crescent Furness Vale Mr Terry Watson VARIATION/REMOVAL OF CONDITION</p>	<p>Withdrawn</p>
<p>HPK/2016/0622 Rear single storey extension with raised ridge and open gable to form extended dining/kitchen Burnside, Start Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs D Johnson HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</p>	<p>Approved</p>

New Planning Applications

RESOLVED that the following comments be noted and referred to High Peak Borough Council Planning Department where appropriate.

Application	Comments
<p>HNT/2016/0033 Rear extension to semi-detached dwelling, single store. 10 Park Crescent, Furness Vale. Mr Simon Goodwin HOUSEHOLDERS NOTIFICATION APPLICATION</p>	No Comment
<p>HPK/2016/0672 Removal of condition 3 relating to HPK/2015/0083 Recreation Ground, Charlesworth Crescent, Furness Vale Mr Terry Watson Variation/Removal of Conditions PP</p>	Withdrawn
<p>DET/2016/0017 Proposed works to bridge Bridge At Reservoir Road, Whaley Bridge Demolition Determination</p> <p>COMMENTS Cllr Wild declared an interest and remained in the meeting Conservation area to be respected as per HPBC Conservation Officer's comments. Plenty of warning of when the work taking place should be given</p>	
<p>HPK/2016/0663 Proposed two level residential dwelling with single storey attached garage (resubmission of HPK/2016/0281) Reddish Barns, Reddish Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Adrian McCay FULL-MINOR</p> <p>RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow Mr Hooley 2 minutes to bring additional noise related information about this application to the attention of the council.</p> <p>RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.</p> <p>COMMENTS Object to this application for the following points and concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-compliant with the HPBC Local Plan nor and not on the list of development sites. • Contrary to the previous planning decision not to allow new builds on this site. • Design inappropriate for location and out of keeping with existing pleasant designated Heritage area of Reddish Farm and the wider Toddbrook Reservoir (SSSI) within the impact zone. Highly prominent given elevations. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning diagrams do not show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Chimney Stack (height and position) for the wood burners. b) Location External air heat exchangers or noise assessment of 24 hr. / 7 day pumps. c) Tanks for storage of grey water. • Planning application does not have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sub surface land investigations for this massive excavation. This run -off wetland has a clay layer over a sandstone aquifer, subject to springs, posing a potentially significant problem drainage which excavation on this site could exacerbate with an adverse effect. This is of particular concern in respect of drainage onto the 3G/AGP and sports facilities which would cause costly damp related safety/maintenance issues as would shading created by any hedging/ (acoustic) fencing. b) Suitable access for heavy excavation lorries from Macclesfield Road via a farm track over a graveled access (specified by the council) through ancient heritage buildings. This would need to be addressed and made good on completion of any work on the site. • Has no light or noise restrictions facing on to this night-time very dark and quiet area. Exterior lighting assessment and noise levels also need to be considered in respect of issues affecting the adjoining sports facilities that could be raised in the future. Concern expressed that any mitigating measures requested may not be sufficient or possible, owing to the lighting levels required by Sport England and for safety issues, and may impose a problem for the sports facility with unacceptable associated costs for the association. The noise assessments data is not representative and could lead to future noise complaints. • No recognition that the site is adjacent to an essential wildlife corridor between Toddbrook, Goyt, and Randal Carr Brook valleys for nocturnal/ roosting/migratory birds, bats, and mammals (including Badgers). These animals need a very low light and noise environment. An ecological appraisal should be undertaken at more appropriate time of year and day to capture the wildlife activity, particularly of nesting birds, bats and badgers, more accurately and fully. • Safeguards should be applied to ensure that the Sports Facility will not be adversely affected in any respect and any permission made subject to provision by the applicant of any future costs to the Sports Association to meet any reasonable request. 	
<p>NP/HPK/1216/1283 Proposed agricultural building extensions to house and feed livestock.</p>	<p>No comment</p>

Folds Lane Farm, Folds Lane, Fernilee. Mr M Tidmarsh	
<p>HPK/2016/0640 Proposed change of use and conversion of commercial garage to three dwellings, alterations to elevations including demolition of a timber and brick built single story front lean to extension. Old Road Garage, Old Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr N Coward CONSULTATION PLANNING APPLICATION</p> <p>Cllr Goldfinch declared an interest (knowing applicant) and left the meeting and did not take part in the discussion. He re-joined the meeting after this application had been considered.</p>	<p>The Town Council supports the application, noting the presence of the adjacent listed building – historical mine winding shaft.</p>

C16/169 Planning mal administration

The meeting noted that the Local Government Ombudsman’s investigation of alleged maladministration in planning had upheld the allegation. The matters happened prior to 7th May 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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Date