

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge.**

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

**In Attendance:** One member of the public and K Bradshaw, Town Clerk

### **C16/187 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Pritchard who is away.

### **C16/188 New Member**

Ian Simpson signed his acceptance of Office in the presence of the Proper Officer and was welcomed as a Member of Whaley Bridge Town Council. The Clerk gave him copies of the Standing orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct and the Good Councillors Guide.

### **C16/189 Declarations of Members Interests and Dispensation Applications**

Cllr Goldfinch declared a personal interest in planning application HPK/2016/0409 knowing the applicant.

### **C16/190 Community Police**

No report was received

### **C16/191 Public Participation**

Mr Bill Carr highlighted the poor condition of benches around the town and he has spoken to Christine Latham at High Peak Borough Council regarding the 13 benches in the Memorial Park needing attention. He has painted benches in the past and suggests that a register of retired persons who would be willing to volunteer be created.

Mr Carr was thanked for addressing the Council and was given a copy of the Whaley4wards report and invited to its next meeting to be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Volunteering should be an item in the next newsletter.

**C16/192 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to Town Council Members**

- One of the directors of High Peak Borough Council will be visiting the town to look at Tom Brads Croft Car Park and the Bridge.
- There is no change in the Local Plan or the 5 year land supply. "Windfall" sites are not covered in the local plan.
- Council Tax increases for 2017/18 are Derbyshire County Council 3.99%, High peak Borough Council 1.95%, Fire Authority 1.9% and Police Authority %.
- The company which collects refuse is changing to one owned by High Peak Borough Council, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and Cheshire East Council and there will be some changes forthcoming.

**C16/193 Minutes of the last Meetings held**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**C16/194 Clerk's Report**

**Parking issues**

It was reported that some residents had made the following comments:-

- 1) The Station Car Park should have a 2 hour limit
- 2) No restrictions as the parking slows down traffic
- 3) Short stretches of yellow lines to create passing spaces
- 4) Tom Brads Croft Car Park should be time limited

**RESOLVED** to note the Clerk's Report

**C16/195 Accounts for Payment**

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

Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council Payments since February Meeting</b>			
2931	Cooper sons Hartley & Williams	Legal Fee re MI & Robinsons	120.00
2932	Leathems Solicitors	Advise re Land behind White Hart	60.00
2933	Open Spaces Society	Subscription	45.00
2934	Pear Tree Print	Fliers for "Food at the Basin"	102.20
2935	Review Publishing	Distribution of Newsletter	134.40
2936	Trusted IT	New Router & remote work	117.50
2937	Peartree Print	Shallcross Flyers (M Nother)	50.00
2938	Petty Cash	Postage & provisions	30.64
Bankline	Salaries	Salaries	
EP020	Mechanics Institute	Office/Concessions/Meetings	597.17
Bankline	RBS	Bankline Charges	41.20

DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 License etc.	84.24
DD	Supanet	Telephone/Broadband - DEC	34.58
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>Total February/March</b>	<b>£ 1,416.93</b>
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>			
1331	B Dogget	Window Cleaning	45.00
1332	Martin McColl	Newspapers	46.80
1333	Stanway & Hallows	Christmas Lights/ Fluorescent fitting	219.60
1334	Cash	Petty Cash - tubes & lamps	17.00
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity	57.15
DD	United Utilities	Water	47.68
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>Total February/March</b>	<b>£ 433.23</b>
<b>Sports Association</b>			
EP010	WBTC	Salary/Admin	240.27
DD	Sage	Accounting program	12.00
536	Gas Point Services	Gas Safety Record - Pavilion	98.00
	<b>Sports Association</b>	<b>Total February/March</b>	<b>£ 350.27</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£ 1,767.20</b>

**RESOLVED** to renew the subscription to the Derbyshire Association of Local Council for 2017/18 at the lower rate of £871.94 and to pay for training as and when needed.

## C16/196 Financial Statements

**RESOLVED** to note the Financial Statements for February 2017 and that the bank balances stood at:

<b>Bank Balances</b>	<b>as at</b>	<b>28th February 2017</b>
<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>		
		£
Current Account		2,334.35
Deposit Account		67,996.10
		<u>£ 70,330.45</u>
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>		
		£
Current Account		1,078.51
Deposit Account		18,925.33
		<u>£ 20,003.84</u>
<b>Sports Association</b>		
		£
Current Account		4,871.00
Deposit Account		57,590.03
		<u>£ 62,461.03</u>

**C16/197**

**Unity Trust Bank**

**RESOLVED** That:-

The Council wishes to open an account with Unity Trust Bank plc (the bank) and produced to the meeting a copy of the Bank's Terms and Conditions

The Bank's Terms and Conditions are approved and we appoint the Bank as Bankers

The Bank's Terms and Conditions may vary from time to time and we agree to be bound by them

The Mandate for operation of the bank account(s), payment instructions and banking services be approved and provided to the Bank by person authorised to do so in accordance with the Bank's procedures.

The Bank is entitled to rely upon this mandate until it receives a later mandate amending it.

There will be 5 signatories to the account with any two being required for transactions and cheque signing. Currently these are Cllrs. Goldfinch, Lomax, Thomas and Winter and the Town Clerk.

**C16/198**

**Reports from Outside bodies**

**Whaley4wards**

**1. New member**

The meeting on 8th March was attended by a new member who responded to the ad. in the WBTC newsletter. He is Mr Ian Kidd.

**2. Bench outside Well Pharmacy**

Cllr Goldfinch and Barry Rudd will fix the bench as soon as painting is complete.

**3. Bench at Brookfield Pond**

Cllr Goldfinch (mostly) has built a base for the bench. Once the base has been surfaced with recycled paving stones from the sports pavilion the restored bench (ex-Memorial Park) will be assembled and fitted. This comprises new wooden slats fitted on ironwork restored by Mr Garrie Bevan, who has donated his services for free.

**4. Bench at Toddbrook Reservoir**

This bench will be restored using the restored wooden slats from the ex-Memorial park bench.

**5. Support to Local Businesses**

Whaley Bridge Carnival will deliver its programme and guide to local business & traders guide free around the parish.

**6. Floral Displays on Goyt Bridge on Market Street**

DCC permission still awaited. Given the delay in permissions, this may be a 2017/18 project now.

**7. Financial Contribution to Restoration of Goyt Bridge besides Goyt Medical Practice**

An invoice from HPBC for £3,295 is still expected imminently to settle this year's expenditure.

**8. Other Benches**

It is proposed that W4w repaints the metal benches on Whaley Lane and at Jodrell Road play area. Volunteer, Mr Ian Kidd has offered to treat the benches on Shallcross Incline with a suitable wood preservative.

#### **9. Food and Art at the Canal Basin**

We are informed that further events are planned on 18 March and every three months thereafter. We have agreed to pay for publicity. Invoices from AK Products for £48.50 and £91.20 refer (excl. VAT).

#### **10. Shopfront Grants**

A new application has been approved to support redecoration and signage at Kevin Benstead at 4 Old Road, with an estimated grant of £550.

Chronicle Accountants have been paid.

We would like to continue this scheme in 2017/18.

#### **11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of W4w will be on the 12th April 2017 at 19.30 at Footsteps

#### **Whaley Bridge Sports Association**

Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 were circulated to all Councillors.

A Job Description for the administrator has been drafted but the Employer needs to be determined.

#### **C16/199 Mechanics Institute**

a) **RESOLVED** that there will be a meeting of the Trustee of the Charity immediately after Council Meetings on the future with the exception that matters relating to the building which will be included in the Council's agenda.

b) **RESOLVED** to note the financial statement for February 2014

c) **RESOLVED** to accept the budget if approved by the Trustee

d) **RESOLVED** to purchase the covenant relating to the building from Frederic Robinson Limited for the sum of £8,000.00 (Eight thousand pounds)

#### **C16/200 Annual Community Award**

**RESOLVED:** That there will be a Community Award this year for one individual or organisation. This will be advertised on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March with a closing date in mid April.

#### **C16/201 Annual Town Meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at the Mechanics Institute

#### **C16/202 Land behind the White Hart**

**RESOLVED** to note the advice of Mr Leathem, Solicitor.

The Clerk will:-

- 1) Liaise with Isobel Mulligan to find out Derbyshire County Council Highways likely opinion on access.
- 2) Check with the rating office to ascertain if it knows the owner of the Land

3) Contact Mr Michael Jodrell to see if he knows the owner

Cllr Simpson suggested that the Land Registry may be able to do a search as he has used this service in the past at a cost of £75.00 and the result took 3 months.

**C16/203 Correspondence**

**DCC Notice of introduction of new charges for Household Waste Recycling Centres form 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**

Concerns were raised that charging £3.00 per sack of rubble will increase the risk of fly tipping.

**Fallen Tree at Brookfield Pond**

The Clerk will obtain a quotation for removal from the tree surgeon

**Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre – Request for donation**

The Clerk will respond to this request informing them of the Council's Policy for donations.

**C16/204** Concerns were raised at the poor maintenance of the A6 through Furness Vale and Cllr Lomax confirmed the planned repairs are to be tar and chippings not re-laying the road due to budget constraints.

**C16/203 Planning**

**Councillor Lomax left the Meeting and Councillor Gilmour took the Chair**

**RESOLVED** to note the following Decisions:-

**High Peak Borough Planning Decisions – February 2017**

**Decisions Made by Committee**

<b>Application</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>HPK/2016/0594</b> Alternative retail development following granting of Planning Approval ref HPK/2013/0300 Land adjacent to Tesco Superstore, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge High Peak Developments <b>FULL</b>	Approved

**Delegated Decisions**

<b>Application</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>HPK/2016/0663</b> Proposed two level residential dwelling with single storey attached garage (resubmission of HPK/2016/0281) Reddish Barns, Reddish Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Adrian McCay <b>FULL-MINOR</b>	Refused

## Peak Park Planning Decisions

Application	Decision
<p><b>NP/HPK/1116/1122</b>            Swap out of 2no. antenna and 1no. dish to be replaced by 6no. antenna and 1no. dish together with fixing brackets, cabling, cabling trays, provision of additional cabinet and equipment update to existing cabinets and associated works thereto.            Ladder Hill Broadcasting Mast, Whaley Bridge, CTIL c/o Arqiva  <b>FULL</b></p>	<p>Granted            Conditionally</p>

## Planning Applications

Application	Comments
<p><b>HNK/2016/0523</b>            Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for proposed replacement of existing dilapidated buildings, with buildings of the same dimensions and for the same use ie stabling and machine/equipment storage.            Sunart, Eccles Road, Whaley Bridge. Mrs Selina Mills  <b>OUTLINE</b></p>	<p>No comment</p>
<p><b>HPK/2017/0083</b>            Proposed single storey rear extension            The Uplands Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge            Mr Robert Statters  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<p>No comment</p>
<p><b>HPK/2016/0409</b>  <b>Councillor Goldfinch left the meeting</b>            Retention of a caravan to be used for holiday rentals and free holiday accommodation for underprivileged or disadvantaged children and their carers            Four Acres Field (260 m from The Firs), Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge.            Mrs Horner  <b>FULL</b></p>	<p>No comment</p>
<p><b>HPK/2016/0382</b>            Proposed retention of green container for agricultural use            Four Acres, off Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge.            Mrs Horner  <b>FULL</b></p>	<p>No comment</p>

### Councillor Goldfinch re-joined the meeting

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

### C16/204 Exclusion of the Press and the Public

**RESOLVED** that the Press and the public are excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the following matters on the grounds that involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**C16/205 Staff Salaries**

**RESOLVED** that for the financial year 2017/2018 Staff Salaries be increased by 1% in line with the recommendations of NALC and SLCC pay scales.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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

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Chairman

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