

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 13th April 2017 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge.

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

In Attendance: Six members of the public and K Bradshaw, Town Clerk

C16/206 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence as all Members were present

C16/207 Declarations of Members Interests and Dispensation Applications

Councillor Goldfinch declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Application HPK/2017/0112 knowing the applicant and being a signatory on the licensing application.

C16/208 Community Police

There was no representative of the Police present and no report had been received.

C16/209 Public Participation

Mr Alex Elsworth raise his objections to Planning Application HPK/2017/0112, the proposed micro pub on Old Road. He acknowledged that there are number of supporters but added that these lived over 100metres away but those living within 100 metres of the building objected because of the negative impact this proposal would have on them. Noise is of great concern, the building is not built to contain noise and this will affect people living opposite. There is a large window at the front of the building which overlooks properties opposite impacting on privacy. There is nowhere for smokers except on the street and there is no off street parking available. The building is not fit for the purpose of the application, there is only one toilet and when it gets hot inside the door and windows could be opened causing more disturbance. The building is suitable for a shop but not a mini pub.

Mr Michael Wild, the applicant, said that all concerns had been noted and that he is willing to address the concerns raised. He has received statements of support.

C16/210 Bring forward Planning Application HPK/2017/0112

RESOLVED: That Planning Application HPK/2017/0112 be considered by the Council at this point on the agenda.

Councillors Lomax and Goldfinch left the meeting

The meeting was informed that the proposed opening times are:- mid week 3:30pm to 10:30pm, Fridays 3:30pm to 11:00pm, Saturdays 11:00am to 11:00pm, Sundays and Bank Holidays 11:00am to 10:30pm. Last orders will be half an hour before closing time.

Councillor Pritchard has requested that this application be “called in” and a decision on this request is awaited. Called in means that the final decision will be made by the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Council supports this request for the application to be called in.

RESOLVED: By 5 in votes favour, three against and one abstention that the Council will object to this application on the points raised by Mr Elsworth with a request that more attempts be made to mitigate the concerns of residents.

Councillors Lomax and Goldfinch re-joined the meeting

C16/211 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to Town Council Members

There were no reports

C16/212 Minutes of the last Meetings held

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

C16/213 Clerk’s Report

RESOLVED to note the Clerk’s Report

The Clerk was asked to check with the Solicitor the situation regarding right of access to the garage.

Parking under Bridge 42 on the Stanway’s side of the road will be discussed with Isobel Mulligan when she visits the town on other parking issues.

C16/214 Accounts for Payment

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

Whaley Bridge Town Council		Payments	March 2017
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council		Payments since February Meeting	
2939	Unity Trust Bank	Account opening	500.00
2940	DCC	Village Sign - Macclesfield Rd	466.23

2941	G Harrison Landscapes	Digger Hire - Allotments	140.00
2942	HPBC	Match Funding for Goyt Bridge	3,295.00
2943	Altodigital Networks	Photocopier charges	29.47
2944	K Bradshaw	Domain & 12Pay program	111.10
2945	HPBC	Allotment rent	10.00
2946	Peak Park Parishes Forum	Subscription	6.00
2947	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Bus Shelter cleaning	61.20
2948	M Thomas	Hi Viz Jackets etc. - Litter Pick	18.82
2949	Cash	Postage etc.	31.89
Bankline	Salaries	Salaries	3,161.44
EBP 022	DALC	Subscription 2017/18	871.94
EBO023	Mechanics Institute	Office/Concessions/Meetings	627.17
Bankline	RBS	Bankline Charges	42.00
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 License etc.	84.24
DD	Supanet	Telephone/Broadband - DEC	43.22
	Total Expenditure	Total February/March	£ 9,499.72
Mechanics Institute			
1335	Unity Trust Bank	Opening Account	500.00
1336	Martin McColl	Newspapers - end of March	35.80
1337	Stanway & Hallows	Fire Alarm Service	175.20
1338	British Gas Service	Boiler Maintenance	388.92
1339	Martin McColl	Newspapers - April	24.10
1340	HPBC	Trade Waste 2017/18	398.18
1341	Shorrock Trichem	Cleaning materials	42.50
1342	Cash	Masonry Drills	3.14
Bankline	Salaries	Salaries	1,262.97
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity	57.15
DD	United Utilities	Water	44.18
DD	HPBC	Rates	52.04
	Total Expenditure	Total February/March	£ 2,432.14
Sports Association			
537	Shorrock Trichem	Cleaning materials	16.65
DD	Sage	Accounting program	12.00
DD	United Utilities	Water	11.78
DD	HPBC	Rates	153.27
	Sports Association	Total February/March	£ 193.70
	Total Expenditure		£ 9,693.42

C16/215 Financial Statements

RESOLVED to note the Financial Statements for March 2017 and that the full final accounts for the financial year will be presented at the next meeting.

C16/216 Earmarked Reserves

RESOLVED: To confirm the following Earmarked Reserves at 31st March 2017

- a. Refurbishment of Mechanics Institute - £10,000.00
- b. Elections Reserve - £1,000.00
- c. Shallcross Incline resurfacing - £2,400.00 being unspent budget in 2016/17

C16/217 Reports from Outside bodies

Whaley4wards

RESOLVED: To note the report submitted by Councillor Thomas

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to the Co-Op requesting that consideration should be given to removing the platform at the gable end of the Co-Op. It is rusted and is in a poor state.

RESOLVED: To wait for a formal contact from the Moss Side Angling Club regarding the Cormorants on Brookfield Pond.

Whaley Bridge Sports Association.

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2017 were noted

Friends of Whaley Bridge Station

Councillor Winter attended a meeting of the High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail partnership.

Mr Richard Isaac stated that there is a four year investment plan for rolling stock. The Friends Group can be called the Station Adoption Group.

Buses will be used over the Easter period because of works around Stockport, hazel grove and Buxton.

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Councillor Pritchard, along with Councillor Martin from Chapel-en-le-Frith, attended the Executive meeting in Beeley. There is a vacancy on the Executive for a member from High Peak.

Whaley Bridge Allotments Committee.

RESOLVED: To confirm the request from the Committee:-

- The name be changed to Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group
- The current Rule be amended to include a clause that chickens may be kept on the allotments if requested and that cockerels and other livestock including rabbits and bees may not be kept on the allotments.
- The current tenancy agreement does not require any changes.
- An Earmarked Reserve for £1,250.00 for allotment projects.
- Rents should not be increased for the coming year 2017/18

C16/218 Noticeboards for Allotments Site

RESOLVED: That a Noticeboard be purchased for the allotments site

C16/219 Purchase of Tent

RESOLVED: That this be deferred to the next meeting as it is thought that there are tents owned by the Council and this is to be investigated.

C16/220 Neighbourhood Plan

RESOLVED: This item be left in abeyance and re-visited later in the year.

C16/221 Correspondence

Road at Toddbrook Reservoir

Derbyshire County Council is to be requested if it could supply road planings for repairs to the road surface at Toddbrook Reservoir.

Battles Over – Beacons 2018

Whaley Band is planning a concert early in the evening and it may be possible to use the Memorial Park or Bowling Club for this event if the Cricket Club is not interested. There is also a possibility that a beacon or brazier could be hired or borrowed.

Allotment 12

RESOLVED: That in response to formal complaints about the uncultivated state of Allotment 12 that the tenancy agreement be cancelled and the plot offered to the next person on the waiting list.

C16/222 Whaley Bridge Mechanics Institute

Room Charges

RESOLVED: That from 1st January 2018 the following charges for room hire will apply:-

Regular Bookings

Main Hall - £40.00 per month per hour evenings and weekends, £32.00 per month per hour weekdays

Meeting Room: £33.00 per month per hour evenings and weekends, £28.00 per month per hour weekdays

Reading Room: £26.00 per month per hour

Occasional Bookings

Private Parties £130.00

Children's Parties up to 12 years of age - £35.00 Meeting Room and £50.00 Main Hall

Coffee Mornings - £18.00

RESOLVED: That the cost of newspapers should be halved and that a survey be taken by users of the reading room to determine which newspapers should be given up.

C16/223 Planning**Councillor Lomax left the meeting****RESOLVED:** to note the following planning decisions:-

Application	Decision
NMA/2017/0002 38 Clevedon, Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7DN Non material amendment relating to HPK/2015/0040	Approved
HPK/2016/0326 Three storey side extension and two storey rear extension Glenholme, 17 Bings Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr David Keeling HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	Approved
HPK/2017/0039 Two storey extension to side of existing dwelling 7 Hill Drive, Whaley Bridge. Mr John Powner HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	Approved
HPK/2017/0016 Construction of new paths complete with areas for benches and wheel chairs and outdoor gym equipment Playing Fields, Park Avenue, Furness Vale. Mr Terry Watson FULL	Approved

RESOLVED: To comment as follows on Planning Applications notified to the Council

Application	Comments
HPK/2017/0150 Rear Two and a half storey extension and single storey utility. 1 Olrith, Stoneheads, Whaley Bridge, Mr & MRs Clitheroe HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2017/0032 Proposed loft conversion including raising roof and 2 dormers to the principle elevation to create first floor level including creation of roof terrace over Billiard Room. 52 Starcrest, Elnor lane, Whaley Bridge Mr Russell Hambleton REVISED - HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2017/0163 Two storey extension to side over garage and bay window to front. 3 Meadowfield, Whaley Bridge. Mrs Jackie Heathcote HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2016/0516 Outline planning permission with all matters reserved (except Access) for proposed residential dwellings and associated works. Land Associated with Elnor Farm, Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge Site Plan UK OUTLINE	No Comment

HPK/2017/0102 – NOTIFIED 13/04/2017 BUT NOT RECEIVED Outline planning permission with all matters reserved (except access) for proposed agricultural workers dwelling. Land at Furness Vale Stables and Farm, Station Road, Furness Vale. Mr Clifford Hadfield. OUTLINE	No Comment
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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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