

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 14th December 2017 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge

Present: Councillors: Gilmour (Chair), Bowden, Clarke (from 9pm), Pritchard, Simpson, Swift, Taylor, Thomas and Winter.

In Attendance: 1 member of the public and P Leppard, Locum Clerk

C17/134 Apologies for Absence

These were received from Cllrs Dean and Lomax, and also from County Cllr Alison Fox and Borough Cllr Andrew Fox.

C17/135 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

Cllr Thomas declared an interest in planning application DET/2017/0017 (agenda item 20b).

C17/136 Community Police

There was no report from the Police.

C17/137 Public Participation

None.

C17/138 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to Town Council members

Cllr Pritchard noted, in his borough councillor role, that (1) the recent full meeting of High Peak Borough Council had noted that the Borough's finances this year are satisfactorily on track, and (2) he had attended a meeting of the Mersey Rivers Trust, where the environmental protection issues surrounding phase 2 of the proposed HS2 railway were discussed.

C17/139 Minutes of the last meetings held

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the last meeting of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 9 November 2017 are a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C17/140 Regeneration and economic development

Discussion deferred to a future meeting.

RESOLVED: To express disappointment to High Peak Borough Council that their promised representative did not attend for this item.

C17/141 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: to note the Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: That the estimate of £660 from A R Handford for additional fencing works on Shallcross Incline be accepted.

C17/142 Accounts for Payment
RESOLVED: That the accounts listed below be authorised for payment:

Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
DD	PEAC (UK) Ltd	Photocopier Lease	240.40
UT 021	AK Products	Shallcross flyers	50.00
300010	Whaley Bridge Canal Group	Donation	125.00
300011	Friends of Memorial Park	Donation	200.00
300012	Royal British Legion	Remembrance wreaths	75.00
UT025	Stanway & Hallows Electrical	Electrical works	345.60
300013	Fran Frodsham	Outdoor maintenance	1,295.00
UT024	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Bus-shelter cleaning	61.20
UT023	Lighting & Illumination Technology	Christmas Lights	864.00
DD	Trusted IT Ltd	IT support	84.24
DD	TalkTalk	Office phone	37.04
UT027	A R Handford	Walling, Shallcross Incline	3,600.00
UT028	R J Handford	Walling, Shallcross Incline	1,600.00
300014	D Sharrat	Walling, Shallcross Incline	1,400.00
300015	M Thomas	Limestone chippings/Hi-vis vests	117.46
UT026	WB Mechanics Institute	Rent of office/Meeting-room hire	645.17
Unity	Salaries	Salaries December	3,316.52
UT022	Peter Leppard	Locum clerk	1,113.40
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total November	15,170.03
Mechanics Institute			
300015	Martin McColl	Newspapers	60.30
MUT001	Alliance Fire Protection	Extinguisher servicing	103.54
MUT002	Shorrock Trichem Ltd	Cleaning materials	76.10
300014	Abacus	Roof slate repairs	60.00
300016	Nisbets	Coffee mugs	91.76
300017	P M Robinson	Xmas tree	70.00
Unity	Salaries	Salaries November	1,202.97
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity supply	90.99
DD	Gazprom	Gas	116.93
	Mechanics Institute	Total November	1,872.59
Sports Association			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	18.00
DD	HPBC	Council Tax	151.00
DD	Water Plus	Water	11.78
	Sports Association	Total November	180.78
	Total Expenditure	Total November	£17,223.40

C17/143 Financial Reports

RESOLVED: To note the Financial Reports for November which had been circulated to all members and that the Bank Balances at 30 November stood at:

Whaley Bridge Town Council		£
Current Account	RBS A/C Closed	-
Deposit Account	RBS A/C Closed	-
CCLA Deposit Fund		50,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account		813.23
Unity Trust - Deposit Account		47,302.00
Petty Cash		75.00
		<hr/> 98,190.23
Mechanics Institute		£
Current Account		29,141.59
Deposit Account		0.00
		<hr/> 29,141.59
Sports Association		£
Current Account		6,122.67
Deposit Account		60,846.08
		<hr/> 66,968.75

C17/144 Budget for the Financial Year 2018/2019

It was noted that the Clerk will present revised proposals shortly.

C17/145 DCC proposals for further restrictions on parking

RESOLVED: To respond to DCC as follows:

The No Waiting At Any Time zone proposed on the west side of Buxton Rd is strongly felt to be inappropriate, as it will cause insufficient parking to be available overall within the town, thereby creating significant disbenefit for no real purpose. It is urged that this item be removed from the Schedule.

RESOLVED: To, separately from the above, approach DCC about inappropriate parking at Horwich End crossroads.

C17/146 Tree Works adjacent to Brookfield Pond

RESOLVED: That the estimate from SNS Trees for £590 + VAT be accepted.

C17/147 Furness Vale access issues (near the Social Club)

The actions being taken by the Furness Vale Access Group were noted.

C17/148 Reports from representatives on outside bodies

Cllr Winter had previously circulated a report re the High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership's December meeting.

RESOLVED: To ask Mr P Lomas whether he could assist the Station Car Park Working Group by preparing a drawing for the proposed new pathway.

C17/149 Whaley Bridge Sports Association

RESOLVED: To offer Whaley Bridge Football Club matching funding for purchase of a new tractor, equal to whatever sum it obtains from applying to Tesco's *Bags of Help* scheme, subject to a maximum Town Council contribution of £4000. This Town Council funding will be from that element of its reserves currently earmarked for Sports Association issues.

C17/150 2018 well-dressing

It was noted that the eligibility rules surrounding the Women's Votes Centenary Fund are still emerging, but appear unlikely to allow an application for a well-dressing.

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation from Stanway & Hallows Electrical of £1550 + VAT for installation of lighting, etc in the Mechanics Institute garage – in order to facilitate well-dressing preparation therein.

RESOLVED: To write to the well-dressing group, explaining the Town Council's preferred approach to the 2018 well-dressing.

RESOLVED: Not to endorse or fund the hire of a marquee for 2018 well-dressing.

Cllr Clarke joined the meeting.

C17/151 Whaley4Wards group and Regeneration Committee

RESOLVED: To supersede the decision reached in minute C17/130, instead creating 2 new bodies: a Regeneration Committee and a Whaley4Wards advisory group – the former, but not the latter, being a formal committee of the Town Council – with Terms of Reference as follows:

REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Status

The Regeneration Committee is a Committee of Whaley Bridge Town Council. It therefore must comply with all relevant Parish/Town Council legislation, and with the Town Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

Purpose

The Committee will (in collaboration, where applicable, with other bodies promoting regeneration) progress ideas and strategies for regeneration projects within and around Whaley Bridge, including:

- Investment in public realm, shop-front or environmental enhancements, to ensure Whaley Bridge is attractive and able to maintain visitor and business confidence.
- Improved marketing and promotion of the town, including special events, to attract visitors and local people into the town, thereby supporting local businesses and employment.
- Facilitation of development of local people's skills relevant to the local economy.

The Committee will work closely with the Whaley4Wards advisory group, receiving proposals from the latter and progressing them if it thinks fit.

Authority

All decisions will be made at properly constituted meetings of the Committee by a majority of members present, and minuted. The Chair has a casting vote in the event of an equality of votes. A meeting of the Committee shall not be quorate unless at least 3 Town Councillor members of the Committee are present.

The Committee has delegated authority from the Town Council to spend up to a maximum of £400 per project, upto the limit of the Committee's annual budget (which will be set as part of the Town Council's annual budgeting process). Any expenditure above £400 per project must be approved at a properly constituted meeting of the Town Council. Disaggregation of a project into ≤£400 spends in order to avoid full Council authorisation is not permitted.

The minutes of a meeting of the Committee will be reviewed at the next possible Council meeting.

Membership

The Committee's membership shall consist of 4 Town Councillors plus 1 non-Town-Councillor member of the Whaley4Wards advisory group. The Town Council, at each Annual Meeting, will appoint all the members of the Committee for the coming year.

The Committee will elect its own Chair annually, at its first meeting after the Town Council's Annual Meeting; the Committee's Chair must be a Whaley Bridge Town Councillor.

Meeting arrangements

Meetings will take place as required; the anticipated frequency is at least 6 annually. Meetings must be held in public, and meeting agendas shall be published in advance as required by law.

Control of projects

The Committee will keep an up-to-date project register, including details of expenditure against budget. Suitable risk assessments must be documented and implemented for each project.

These Terms of Reference were approved by Whaley Bridge Town Council on 14 December 2017. They will be reviewed at each Annual Meeting of the Town Council.

WHALEY4WARDS ADVISORY GROUP

Status

Whaley4Wards is an advisory group to Whaley Bridge Town Council, and in particular to its Regeneration Committee.

Purpose

Whaley4Wards will (in collaboration, where applicable, with other bodies promoting regeneration) develop ideas and strategies for regeneration projects within and around Whaley Bridge and for their implementation, through:

- Investment in public realm, shop-front or environmental enhancements, to ensure Whaley Bridge is attractive and able to maintain visitor and business confidence.
- Improved marketing and promotion of the town, including special events, to attract visitors and local people into the town, thereby supporting local businesses and employment.
- Facilitation of development of local people's skills relevant to the local economy.

Authority

Whaley4Wards has no delegated powers. Decisions will be made at Whaley4Wards meetings by a majority of members present* and formally minuted, and then reviewed and, if felt appropriate, confirmed at the next meeting of the Town Council's Regeneration Committee, who will then provide or seek appropriate funding for them. (* = The Chair has a casting vote in the event of an equality of votes.)

A meeting of Whaley4Wards shall not be quorate unless at least 3 members of the group are present, at least 1 of whom must be a Whaley Bridge Town Councillor.

Membership

Whaley4Wards membership shall not exceed 20 persons (including Town Councillor members). Appointment of new members. And the length of their term of office, must be approved by the Town Council's Regeneration Committee; members may be re-appointed when their term of office expires.

Whaley4Wards will elect its own Chair annually, at the first meeting after April 30th.

Meeting arrangements

Meetings will take place as required; the anticipated frequency is at least 6 annually. Meeting agendas shall be circulated to members at least 1 week in advance of the meeting. Meeting minutes shall be formally approved at the following meeting.

These Terms of Reference were approved by Whaley Bridge Town Council on 14 December 2017. They will be reviewed at each Annual Meeting of the Town Council.

C17/152 Whaley4Wards projects

RESOLVED: That the following Whaley4Wards projects should proceed:

- a. Short-term storage of Brookfield Pond gates
- b. Sign above May's Parlour, Horwich End
- c. Safe Use of Small Tools online training course (6 places)

RESOLVED: To defer consideration of what, if any, storage purposes the Mechanics' Institute garage will be used for, until after its refurbishment is largely complete.

C17/153 Correspondence received

RESOLVED to note the following correspondence received since the last meeting:

- 1. DALC Circulars 13/ & 14/2017
- 2. From Pamela Boon - re signage to St James' church
- 3. From Frances Worsley – re provision of polling cards
- 4. Re S106 payments -
 - a. from Jane Colley, HPBC
 - b. from Sally Curley, HPBC
- 5. From Rosemary Kellock – re well-dressing arrangements for 2018
- 6. From Steve Rampley – re matching funding for a new Football Club tractor
- 7. From SAAA Ltd – re external audit arrangements from 2018
- 8. From Whaley Bridge Carnival – re 2017 fireworks event
- 9. From Jaine Wright – letter of thanks to WBTC re lantern parade
- 10. From Open Spaces Society – re Lost Commons appeal
- 11. From Furness COGS – re national award from Fields In Trust
- 12. From DCC – re proposals for restrictions on parking
- 13. SNS Trees – estimate for works adjacent to Brookfield Pond

C17/154 Planning

RESOLVED: That High Peak Borough Council be advised that the Town Council considers it unsatisfactory that there is no provision for extra funding for primary schools within the S106 monies associated with the Linglongs Rd development.

RESOLVED: to note the following decisions:

Application	Decision
<p>DOC/2017/0082 Discharge of conditions 4 & 5 relating to planning permission HPK/2015/0509 Proposed alterations & extension to existing dwelling & boundary wall, electric gates & detached garage. Toddbrook, Start Lane, Whaley Bridge. Miss L Inger DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS</p>	Approved
<p>HPK/2017/0454 First floor conversion of loft to bedroom and en-suite with dormer window to front and rear. New porch to front elevation. Extension of existing roof to side over existing flat roof to also incorporate covered external wood store. 6, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Mr Adam Copeland HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</p>	Approved

<p>HPK/2017/0276 Proposed new dwelling Land off Diglee Rd, adjacent Oaklea, 39 Yeadsley Lane, Furness Vale. Mr P Fielding & Ms H Pike. HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</p>	Approved
<p>HPK/2017/0505 Rear single storey morning room domestic extension 7, Walters Wood, Whaley Bridge. Mr N & Mrs E Foxton HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</p>	Approved

RESOLVED: to comment as below on new Planning Applications received:

Application	Comments
<p>HPK/2017/0513 Outline application for residential development (1no. dwelling), all matters reserved Land between 105 and 111 Bings Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr M Blashill OUTLINE</p>	The narrowness of the road at this point, together with poor visibility, leads WBTC to support Highways' already-expressed objection. We recommend this application be declined.
<p>HPK/2017/0536 New build development of five 2-bed houses and eight 1-bed apartments Land adjacent & to the rear of 54-64 Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Mrs Godfrey – Peaks and Plains Housing Trust FULL</p>	WBTC supports this application <u>only</u> if all the dwellings are affordable housing, with none being market properties.
<p>HPK/2017/0576 Single storey rear extension to dwelling house 30 Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr M Ridgeway HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</p>	No comment
<p>HPK/2017/0586 Demolition of existing garage and construction of a new extension to house a store, utility, wc and rear lobby. 7 Diglee Road, Furness Vale. Mr N & Mrs D Archer HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</p>	No comment
<p>HPK/2017/0597 Rear first floor extension 104 Old Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Airey – Greenmantle Estates FULL</p>	No comment
<p>DOC/2017/0092 Discharge of conditions 10, 12, 13 and 16 in regards to Application Reference: HPK/2017/0321 Proposed replacement dwelling and associated landscape works. Sunart, Eccles Road, Whaley Bridge. DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS</p>	No comment
<p>HPK/2017/0572 Outline Permission (with some matters reserved apart from access & layout) for the demolition of existing B2 industrial building and construction of 6 houses. Land north of Gisbourne Yard, Old Rd, Whaley Bridge. Mr Dunn, c/o The Agent (Mr Totton, High Peak Architects, Wharf House, Wharf Road, Whaley Bridge.) OUTLINE</p>	No comment
<p>DET/2017/0017 Proposed change of use of agricultural building to one dwellinghouse and for associated operational</p>	No comment

development. Barn at Slatersbank Farm, Start Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mrs Stella Whitehurst. NOTIFICATION – CHANGE OF USE PRIOR APPROVAL	
HPK/2017/0429 Development of 6no new build dwellings (use class C3) Shire Croft, Reservoir Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Matthew Sharp, Mellor Homes. FULL	WBTC does not support more than 6 dwellings on this site. This application does not conform to the Local Plan. A crossing for toads must be protected.

RESOLVED: To advise High Peak Borough Council that its proposal to move to a paperless planning-applications process from January 2018 is acceptable only if the HPBC online Planning portal is first upgraded to be much more state-of-the-art (and thus user-friendly).

RESOLVED: To include funding within the Town Council’s 2018/19 budget for purchase of a projector and screen, to enable planning documents to be projected when necessary.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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 Chairman

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 Date