

# 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 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge

**Present:** Councillors: Gilmour (Chair) Bowden, Dean, Lomax, McCarthy, Pritchard, Swift, Thomas and Taylor

**In Attendance:** 4 members of the public and K Bradshaw, Town Clerk

The Council observed a silence and stood in remembrance of Sheila Littlewood who died on 10<sup>th</sup> January and Jean Hallam who died in December.

The Chairman welcomed Councillors Mike Dean and James McCarthy to the Council and the Town Clerk confirmed that they have duly signed the acceptance of Office in his presence as Proper Officer of the Council.

### **C17/155 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Anne Winter, illness, Zara Clarke and Simpson, work commitments

### **C17/156 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications**

Councillor Pritchard declared an interest in planning application HPK/2017/0654 being a neighbour of the applicant and will withdraw from the meeting when this is to be considered.

### **C17/157 Community Police**

The calls for service for the past 3 months are as follows:-

Calls for Service between November 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 and 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018:

ASB – 17; Theft – 3; Domestic - 5 and Dwelling Burglaries - 5

In amongst the 17 calls for ASB there are 5 from 2 neighbours about each other and 4 from another set of neighbours which is a civil dispute, so in reality Whaley and Furness Vale had 10 calls of ASB.

PCSO Tracy Jones will be doing some pop up surgeries in Whaley and Furness over the next few weeks, so if anyone has any concerns they can call to these, dates and places will be put on the Police twitter page and also people can email her on her email address which can be found on Derbyshire Constabulary website.

She will be doing 2 in Furness Vale post office on Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> January from 13:30 till 15:00 and again Next Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January from 14:00.

The Clerk was asked to respond to PCSO Tracy Jones thanking her for the report.

### **C17/158 Public Participation**

Mrs Rosemary Kellock of the Welldressing Committee had, with others, inspected the garage at the mechanics Institute this morning and stated that this looks good as a venue for preparing the Welldressing. There are concerns regarding water as the Welldressing has to be kept damp and care must be taken to stop the floor becoming a "skid pan". Questions were raised about insurance and the Town Clerk

stated that the well dressers would be covered by the Council's public liability insurance when they are on the premises and that he would confirm this with the Council's insurers.

Mr John Hooley wished everyone a Happy New Year. Concerns regarding the recent flooding on the A5004 between Hares and Graces and the Tesco store were raised and it was suggested that High Peak Borough Council be asked to put this location on its flood register.

He also raised concerns at the proposal by High Peak Borough Council to cease sending out hard copies of planning applications and agreed that downloading Planning Applications presented difficulties. He also expressed concern that comments are being removed from the online public records.

**C17/159 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to Town Council members**

**Derbyshire County Council**

Cllr. Alison Fox has reported the following items requiring County Council attention to the relevant department:-

The railings at Furness Vale School; Flooding of the footpath from Old Road to New Road, Horwich; The Trampoline at 58 New Road, Horwich which is encroaching on a public footpath; the van parked at the bottom of Long Hill; DCC will identify the owners of the three bus shelters which have broken glass panes; the bridge at Bingswood will be checked to see if repairs are necessary and the lamp posts outside the cycle shop, Adeva and Babka will be looked at and repaired where necessary. .

Concerns had been raised with her regarding the break-ins and partial lighting and said that lighting policy is dependent upon crime figures. Councillor Fox suggested that the Neighbourhood Watch team be invited to attend the next Council Meeting.

**High Peak Borough Council**

Cllr. Andrew Fox will investigate the provision of a Recycling Bin for Whaley Bridge. Cllr. J Pritchard reported that he, together with Town Councillor Anne Winter, had attended the funeral of Dr. Martin Birch who had an international reputation for his work on "How Politics Works".

The lighting on the footpath at Hockerley Close is the responsibility of the Housing Association.

**C17/160 Minutes of the last meetings held**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the last meeting of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 are a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**C17/161 Regeneration and economic development**

**RESOLVED:** To note that Pranali Parikh, Regeneration manager for High Peak Borough Council will try to attend the next Council Meeting to be held in February.

**C17/162 Clerk's Report**

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

The Clerk reported that he had met with the Council's Insurers Loss Adjuster regarding the potential claim against the Council for flooding at the Shallcross

Incline, the Loss Adjuster is of the opinion that the Council has no liability in this matter.

### C17/163 Accounts for Payment

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

Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>			
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	37.56
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	84.24
UT029	A R Handford	Fencing wall with Barbed Wire	660.00
UT030	P Leppard	Locum Clerk	240.05
UT031	Review Publishing	Distribution of Newsletter	134.40
UT032	S.L.C.C.	Membership 2018	227.00
UT033	Stanway & Hallows	Connection - Christmas Lights	120.00
UT034	Trusted IT	Keyboard/Support/Bullguard	82.99
UT035	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire	540.17
	Salaries	Salaries - January	3,309.02
	<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 5,435.43</b>
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>			
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity supply	91.06
DD	Gazprom	Gas (Dec)	222.06
DD	United Utilities	Water	49.17
MUT003	Review Publishing	Advertising	46.18
MUT004	Stanway & Hallows	Electrical Fault	39.12
300018	Martin McColl	Newspapers	19.40
40	Salaries	Salaries	1,266.72
	<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1,733.71</b>
<b>Sports Association</b>			
549	Town Council	Admin/salary	404.34
550	S Drinkwater & Son	Door Closer	38.40
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	18.00
DD	HPBC	Council Tax	151.00
DD	Water Plus	Water	11.78
	<b>Sports Association</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 623.52</b>

### C17/164 Financial Reports

**RESOLVED:** To note the Financial Reports for December which had been circulated to all members and that the Bank Balances at 31<sup>st</sup> December stood at:

<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	50,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	832.59
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	2,459.68
Petty Cash	75.00

	53,367.27
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	1,313.24
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	27,502.56
	28,815.80
<b>Sports Association</b>	£
Current Account	6,015.25
Deposit Account	60,848.50
	66,863.75

**C17/165 Budget for the Financial Year 2018/2019**

**RESOLVED** that the Precept for 2018/19 be set at £90,782.00, a cost per band D equivalent of £39.38. This increase is an increase of 2.99% on the current precept plus £7,500.00 to restore reserves after the unbudgeted expense for two By Elections in 2017.

**C17/166 Reports from representatives on outside bodies**

**Whaley Bridge Canal Group** – No report

**High Peak Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership** – No report

**Whaley Bridge Station Car Park Working Group**

Minutes of the last meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were circulated to the meeting.

A drawing of the proposed footpath has been prepared by Mr Philip Lomas and contributions towards its cost have been offered by Mr Middleton of the Jodrell Arms and Cllr Alison Fox from her Councillor Fund. Approval will be sought from Network Rail, Northern Rail and High Peak Borough Council. A meeting of the group has been scheduled for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am.

**Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group**

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for 7.30pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

**C17/167 2018 well-dressing**

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr Lomax met with the Chair, Secretary and members of the Welldressing Committee to inspect the garage. It was agreed that the garage will be suitable for this purpose after being refurbished. The Council will liaise with the Welldressing Committee nearer the time to make final arrangements.

**C17/168 Proposed Parking Restrictions – Buxton Road, Chapel Road & Canal Street.**

The situation remains unclear as to whether this document is a draft as it is not signed. It does not take into account previous comments. The proposed limited waiting time outside the hairdressers should be for one hour not 40 minutes.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk is to seek clarification of the situation and to keep County Councillor Alison Fox informed.

**C17/169 Correspondence received**

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

1. Churches Together – invitation to the Town Council chairman and other members to join the next meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm at the Good News Church,

Old Road to discuss relevant issues and ways they can support the council.  
(Attendance confirmation requested)

2. DCC – Local Information requirement for the validation of Planning Applications – Draft for Consultation.
3. CEC Neighbourhood Planning – Disley and Newtown Regulation 16 consultation.
4. Graham Aldred – Proposed Memorial Footbridge Update 10.
5. Womensvotecentenaryfund – eligibility of organisations correspondence.
6. Ben Haywood (HPBC) – reply regarding WBTC letter regarding Parish Paperless Working.

**RESOLVED:** To inform Mr Heywood that his response to the Council’s comments is not satisfactory and has many concerns.

This be an item on the agenda for 8<sup>th</sup> February

7. DALC Circulars  
**15/2017** – External Audit Arrangements for 2017/18; Transparency fund – running out of time; General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR); Pay Offer for Local Government Workers 2018 – 2020; HR update: use of self-employed contractors; Bird Flu; Civic Voice Design awards 2018; Community Infrastructure Levy – what next!; New Grant open: Angling Improvement Fund; Disposal of used furniture; DALC Office Christmas closure.  
**1/2018** – Index of most important elements of 2017 DALC Circulars  
**2/2018** – GDPR; We’re here for you; HR & APPRAISAL TRAINING; Annual Governance and Accountability Return.
8. Peak Park Parishes Forum – notification that the Forum’s Management Committee has agreed to subsidise one place per council per session for the 3 training sessions for councillors and clerks offered in the latest January Parish Bulletin.
9. Peak Park Parishes Forum – copy of letter to PDNPA regarding Development Management Policies recent consultation.
10. Poynton Town Council – notification of consultation on Poynton Neighbourhood Plan.

## **C17/171 Planning**

### **Councillors Lomax and Taylor Left the meeting**

**RESOLVED:** to note the following decisions:

<b>HPK/2017/0492</b> Erection of garage and interconnecting ramp between accesses. Toddbrook, Start Lane, Whaley Bridge. Miss L Inger <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	Approved
<b>HPK/2017/0576</b> Single storey rear extension to dwelling house 30 Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr M Ridgeway <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	Approved
<b>HPK/2017/0597</b> Rear first floor extension 104 Old Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Airey – Greenmantle Estates <b>FULL</b>	Approved

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

<p><b>HPK/2017/0627</b>                  Gable extension forming morning room&amp; bathroom plus detached double garage                  Lynton, 9A The Coppice, Whaley Bridge. Mr Rick Heys  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<p>No Comment</p>
<p><b>Cllr. Pritchard withdrew from the meeting</b></p>	
<p><b>HPK/2017/0654</b>                  In respect of Application HPK/2014/0523 - Reserved matters for approval concerning details of Appearance and Landscape                  Shallcross foundry Elnor Lane. Mr Chris Morris – F Morris &amp; Son Ltd  <b>RESERVED MATTERS</b></p>	<p>No Comment</p>
<p><b>Cllr. Pritchard re-joined the meeting</b></p>	
<p><b>HPK/2017/0665</b>                  Two storey side extension, porch extension and alterations to the windows and doors.                  1, Diglee Road, Furness Vale. Mr Dave Fear.  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<p>No Comment</p>
<p><b>HPK/2017/0642</b>                  Rear extension to provide downstairs WC and shower and Day room.                  256, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Mr Chaisty.  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<p>No Comment</p>
<p><b>HPK/2017/0647</b>                  To erect a stone &amp; timber fence to the side front boundary.                  1, Alder Rise, Whaley Bridge. Mr Rod Jones  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<p>No Comment</p>
<p><b>HPK/2017/0679</b>                  Variation of condition 6 relating to HPK/2013/0268                  Land South of Tesco, Hogs Yard, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge.                  Mr Waheed - High Peak Developments.  <b>VARIATION</b></p>	<p>No Comment</p>
<p><b>HPK/2017/0677</b>                  Erection of two side extension.                  6, Clough Field Close, Whaley Bridge. Mrs Rebecca Kerr  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<p>No Comment</p>
<p><b>HPK/2017/0687</b>                  The erection of single storey double garage.                  Roquebrun, Reservoir Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr &amp; Mrs Clarke  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<p>No Comment</p>
<p><b>HPK/2017/0694</b>                  Variation of conditions 5, 24 and 31 relating to HPK/2014/0119                  Land At, Linglongs Road, Whaley Bridge. BDW Trading Operating                  As Barratt Homes  <b>VARIATION</b></p>	<p>No Comment</p>
<p><b>HPK/2018/0012</b>                  New conservatory                  1, The Coppice, Whaley Bridge. Mr &amp; Mrs Wesley &amp; Val Vernon  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<p>No Comment</p>

**HPK/2018/0002**

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use of land to the rear of the property as domestic curtilage.

9A Lynton, The Coppice, Whaley Bridge. Mr Richard Heys

**CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS – EXISTING**

No Comment

**C17/172 Exclusion of the Press and the Public**

**RESOLVED:** that the Press and the public be 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.

**C17/173 Personnel Committee**

**RESOLVED:** To establish a Personnel Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillors McCarthy and Thomas.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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

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Chairman

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Date