

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 15th March 2018 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge

Present: Councillors: Gilmour (Chair) Bowden, Clarke, Pritchard, Swift and Winter

In Attendance: County Councillor A Fox, PCSA Jones, PC Mason, one member of the public and K Bradshaw, Town Clerk

C17/194 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Dean, Lomax, McCarthy, Simpson, Taylor and Thomas.

C17/195 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

There were no declarations of interest or application for dispensations

C17/196 Community Police

PC Mason reported that there had been only eight crimes in Whaley Bridge over the last five weeks:- two thefts of spirits from Tesco, three assaults (one a dog bite), one car damaged, one car had its number plates stolen and there was one road rage incident.

PC Mason also reported that two offenders had been arrested for the burglaries over last Christmas.

PC Mason and PCSO Jones were thanked for attending the meeting.

C17/197 Public Participation

There were no comments from the public present

C17/198 Updates from County and Borough Councillors and Officers on matters of concern to Town Council members

Derbyshire County Council

Councillor Fox reported that Highways are not in favour of a 20mph speed limit in Furness Vale. She had spoken to Isobel Mulligan about the proposed double yellow lines and these are probably not going ahead and Cllr Fox had requested that these do not go ahead. Donations have been made to the Scouts and Whaley Bridge Football Club.

High Peak Borough Council

Councillor Andrew Fox sent his apologies.

Councillor Pritchard had attended High Peak Council Meetings for the proposed budget and the setting of the Council Tax and has attended the Commonwealth Flag Ceremony. Work is ongoing with the IT system. Cllr Pritchard reminded the members present of the GDPR training at DALC and High Peak Borough Council.

Pranali Parikh, Regeneration Manager, Planning Policy and Economic Development for High peak Borough council was welcomed to the meeting.

Ms Parikh works on regeneration in Whaley Bridge there is ongoing work on the local plan and economic development.

A new Goyt Bridge has been talked about for 15 years as the existing access to the Bingswood Industrial Estate is not good enough for HGVs as they cannot avoid the town centre. The Bingswood Industrial estate is mainly jobs retention not jobs creation with demand for small units not large employers, funding is usually £10,000 per job created. The total estimated cost of a new bridge in 2009 was £3.5 million and State Aid rules require a minimum contribution of 30% match funding equal to £1.2million. Initially the response from business was positive but recently there has not been a consensus for match funding. The project for this bridge has been “put on the back burner” as there are no funding calls currently open. An alternative would be for the business which use HGVs to move to other locations to protect the high street and canal basin areas.

Ms Parikh was asked what help would be available to improve parking in Whaley Bridge e.g. A multi storey car Park on Tom Brads Croft. This is theoretically possible but it is unsure if this would be practical. Also what help and advice would be available for the possible compulsory purchase of land behind the White Hart and on Wharf Lane for the creation of car parks. The Clerk will send plans of these to Ms Parikh.

The Council was advised that money is available for the efficient heating of the Mechanics Institute.

C17/199 Minutes of the last meetings held

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the last meeting of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 8th February 2018 are a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C17/200 Clerk’s Report

RESOLVED: to note the Clerk’s Report

RESOLVED: That the Clerk liaise with other parishes regarding meeting with Ben Haywood. It was suggested that applicants should supply hard copies of their applications to Town and Parish Councils and this will be discussed with Mr Haywood.

RESOLVED: That the Council would like the Clerk to work for a couple of days in April to handover to the Locum Clerk.

C17/201 Accounts for Payment

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

Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
	Salaries	Salaries February	3,309.02

	Salaries	Salaries March	3,316.52
	Mechanics Institute	New Mills U3A (paid WBTC in error)	46.50
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband - Feb	36.31
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband - March	24.54
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	84.24
UT 047	Nemesis Pyrotechnics	Deposit Fire works	500.00
UT048	Trusted IT	Whaleybridgetowncouncil.gov.uk	189.96
UT049	Review Publishing	Newsletter distribution	134.40
UT050	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire	630.67
UT051	K Bradshaw	Petty Cash	25.53
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total	£ 8,297.69
Mechanics Institute			
	Salaries	Salaries - February	£ 1,202.97
	Salaries	Salaries - March	£ 1,202.97
DD	Opus energy	Electricity - February	£ 92.53
DD	Opus energy	Electricity - March	£ 86.11
DD	Gazprom	Gas - February	293.59
DD	United Utilities	Water	£ 49.17
300020	Martin McColl	Newspapers	£ 90.99
MUT009			
	Mechanics Institute	Total	£ 433.75
Sports Association			
554	Gas Point Services	inspection	123.00
555	Bywater gas	Propane refill	98.00
556	B & H Plumbing & Gas	Repair Burst	180.00
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	18.00
DD	HPBC	Council Tax	151.00
DD	Water Plus	Water	11.78
	Sports Association	Total	£ 581.78
	Total Expenditure	Total	£ 9,313.22

Invoice from Drinkwater & Sons

Cllr Swift informed the meeting that the items charged to the Town Council's account by various members of the public were for the repairs to the garage at the Mechanics Institute.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had advised Drinkwaters that goods could only be charged to the Town Council if an official order had been raised.

The Clerk was thanked for raising this issue.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council would pay this account in full.

C17/202 Financial Reports

RESOLVED: To note the Financial Reports for December which had been circulated to all members and that the Bank Balances at 28th February stood at:

Whaley Bridge Town Council	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	50,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	1,200.68
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	20,164.07
Petty Cash	75.00
	71,439.75
Mechanics Institute	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	1,814.36
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	30,002.56
	31,816.92
Sports Association	£
Current Account	3,355.71
Deposit Account	68,908.98
	72,264.69

Reserves

RESOLVED: That the following earmarked reserves be transferred to the General Reserve:-

Goyt River Bridge £5,000.00; WW1 names on Memorial £180.00; COGS Field Project £500.00 and Bennet College Trip £50.00.

C17/203

Reports from representatives on outside bodies

a) Regeneration Committee

RESOLVED: To approve the following recommendations of the Regeneration Committee:-

- 1) Small tools training for volunteers be arranged.
 - 2) Quotations should be sought for the Furness Vale noticeboard revamp.
 - 3) The ownership of the War Memorial be determined before seeking quotations for works.
 - 4) The status of the ownership of the bus shelter be determined.
 - 5) To purchase and event poster for an estimated cost of £150.00
- The Clerk has spoken the manager of Baileys Restaurant and the awning has been ordered and it is hoped that this will be installed by the end of March

b) Personnel Committee

Three applications for the position of caretaker have been received together with one application for the position of administrator.

c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group

No report

d) High Peak Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

RESOLVED to note the report

e) Whaley Bridge Station Car Park Working Group

High Peal Access had visited the car park and advised that the path near the phone box was not viable. It recommended a smooth layer over the cobbles in line with the main entrance to the Jodrell Arms. This advice was circulated to members of the working group and a response from Borough Councillor Thrane is awaited.

f) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

C17/204 Allotment Rents for 2018/19

RESOLVED: To hold the annual charges for allotment rents at current levels:- £30.00 for a small plot; £40 for a medium plot and £60 for a large plot.

C17/205 Whaley Bridge Sports Association

RESOLVED: That the Sports Association should become an advisory group to Whaley Bridge Town Council comprising Councillors and members of Whaley Bridge Football Club.

The Clerk will check the legal position with DALC regarding Governance and VAT.

C17/206 Christmas Lights Switch On

RESOLVED: That the Christmas Lights will be switched on this year on Friday 30th November in Furness Vale and Saturday 1st December in Whaley Bridge

C17/207 Refurbishment of the Mechanics Institute

The brief received from Amy Hubble had been circulated but nothing has yet been received from the two other architects contacted.

Cllr Swift suggested that Clerk contact Alan, Hurst of Kennerly Road, Stockport.

The walls of the garage are now finished and it was

RESOLVED: To proceed with repairs to the floor at a cost of £100.00 and that hooks be put up in accordance with the request from the Welldressing Committee.

C17/208 New Grit Bin

RESOLVED: To defer this until the next meeting scheduled for 12th April where the Council's policy on providing grit bins will be considered.

C17/209 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils – Subscription 2018/19

RESOLVED: To continue membership of the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils at the higher subscription rate of £ 1,068.31 which includes group 1 training.

C17/210 Car Park behind the White Hart

RESOLVED: To defer this to the next meeting

C17/211 Correspondence

RESOLVED: To note correspondence received since 15th March.

1. DCC – Footpath from Station Road to Public Footpath No via Calico Lane – Modification Order 2018
2. Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circular 04/2018:

DALC Spring Seminar; New Training offering planned; GDPR;NALC Lobby; Keep Britain Tidy Campaign; Census Survey of Parish and Town Councillors; National Agreement (Clerk Model Contract);Collaborative Working with Principal Council; Consultation on Waste Crime ;Consultation on implementing Geological Disposal; New Legal Briefings; Training in Leicestershire – Grants and Grant Funding

3. The Fire Fighters Charity – Chosen Charity 2018/19
4. High Peak CVS – Invitation to a first quarterly forum - FUTURE in MIND
5. High Peak Borough Council - Code of Conduct Training Session Tuesday 24th April 2018
6. Detailed submission from Whaley Bridge Matters regarding Planning Application HPK/2014/0119 – Land at Linglongs Road.
7. DCC Policy & Research – Mobile Library routes and timetable information.
8. Open Spaces Society – confirming communications with regard to General Data Protection Regulation and Open Spaces issue Spring 2018, Vol 32 No. 01.
9. Peak Park Parishes Forum – drawing attention to PDNPA press release regarding last chance to have your say to help shape the Peak District national Park. Cut off date for responses 16th April 2018.
10. DCC – budget pressure challenges and the effect on School Crossing Patrols (SCPs) with request for Parish Council’s consideration to enter into self-funded partnership of this service.
11. HPBC Democratic Services – Agenda for Development Control Committee on 19th March 2018, 1.30pm at Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith.
12. HPBC Democratic Services – General Data Protection Regulation Training being held on Monday 14th May 2018 at 6pm in the Café Area, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton. Councillors (Borough and Parish) and Clerks wishing to attend to inform Rachel Rourke at High Peak BC.
13. Max Wellingham – requesting explanation of the percentage increase in the Town Council’s portion of his Council Tax bill.
14. Peak and Northern Footpath Society – notification of EGM, to be held just before AGM on 14th April 2018, to present proposals for some minor changes to the constitution.

The Clerk reminded the members present of the training for Code of Conduct and the new General Data Protection Regulations.

C17/212 Planning

RESOLVED: To note the following decisions

Application	Decision
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	Approved
DET/2017/0017 Proposed change of use of agricultural building to one dwellinghouse and for associated operational development. Barn at Slatersbank Farm, Start Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mrs Stella Whitehurst. NOTIFICATION – CHANGE OF USE PRIOR APPROVALHPK/2017/0	Prior Approval Granted
HPK/2017/0572 Outline Permission (with some matters reserved apart from access & layout) for the demolition of existing B2 Industrial	Approved

<p>Building and construction of 6 houses. Land North Of Gisbourne Yard, Old Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Dunn, Care Of The Agent (Mr Totton, High Peak Architects, Wharf House, Wharf Road, Whaley Bridge. OUTLINE</p>	
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RESOLVED: To comment as below on new Planning Applications received:

Application	Comments
<p>HPK/2018/0063 Single storey front porch extension 13, Vaughan Road, Whaley Bridge. Ms C Scowen HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</p>	No Comment
<p>HPK/2018/0056 Retrospective application for raised decking platform at rear of property 8, The Coppice, Whaley Bridge. Mr Stokes HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</p>	No Comment
<p>HPK/2018/0071 Lawful Development Certificate for proposed single storey rear extension 19, Reddish Avenue, Whaley Bridge. Mrs Cynthia Fox CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS-PROPOSED</p>	No Comment
<p>HPK/2017/0647 To erect a stone & timber fence to the side front boundary 1, Alder Rise, Whaley Bridge. Mr Rod Jones HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</p>	No Comment
<p>HPK/2018/0095 Lawful Development Certificate for timber bridge construction to the rear of the property 8, The Coppice, Whaley Bridge. Mr A Stokes LAWFULL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE</p>	No Comment
<p>HNT/2018/0002 Timber orangery extending 4.85 metres from the rear wall of the existing dwelling, maximum height 3.92 metres and eaves height 2.3 metres measured externally from the natural ground level. The Coach House, Eccles Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs Webb HOUSEHOLDERS NOTIFICATION</p>	No Comment
<p>HPK/2017/0515 Construction of Private Dwelling House. Mr Adrian McCay, Reddish Barns, reddish lane, Whaley Bridge REVISED CONSULTATION</p>	Repeat Objection as per previous comments
<p>HPK/2018/0095 Mr A Stokes, 8 The Coppice, Whaley Bridge Existing Lawful Development Certificate for change of land to the rear to the domestic curtilage, footbridge to access land and treehouse</p>	No Comment
<p>HPK/2018/0100 Mr T Adlington, Trusted IT Ltd, The Cornmill, New Road, Whaley Bridge Proposed Change of Use from wood workshop to (B1) offices.</p>	No Comment

<p>HPK/2017/0639 Change of use from commercial property plus 1 bedroom flat to a 2 bedroom house with off road parking Cloud Wine, 139 Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Stephen Chudy FULL</p>	<p>The Council regrets the loss of shops at Horwich End</p>
<p>HPK/2017/0679 Variation of condition 6 relating to HPK/2013/0268 Land South of Tesco, Hogs Yard, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Waheed - High Peak Developments FULL</p>	<p>No Comment</p>
<p>HPK/2017/0536 New build development of five two bed houses and eight one bed apartments at Bridgemont, Whaley Bridge for Peaks and Plains Housing Trust Land Adjacent And To The Rear Of No 54 To 64, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Mrs Loveday Godfrey - Peaks And Plains Housing Trust HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</p>	<p>Refer to previous comments. There must be affordable housing.</p>
<p>HPK/2017/0694 Variation of conditions 5, 24 and 31 relating to HPK/2014/0119 Land At, Linglongs Road, Whaley Bridge. BDW Trading Operating As Barratt Homes FULL</p>	<p>No Comment</p>

C17/213 Permit Application – J.S. burgess Engineering Ltd

RESOLVED: To support this application but the expansion must be carefully controlled

C17/214 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.

C17/215 Locum Clerk

RESOLVED: That Mr Peter Leppard, Clerk to Bamford and Thornhill Parish Council, be appointed Locum Clerk to the Council until such times that a replacement Town Clerk is appointed.

C17/216 Employment Vacancies

RESOLVED: That dates for interviews of the applicants be agreed

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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Date