

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th January 2019 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge

Present: Councillors: Swift (Chair), Bowden, Clarke, Dean, Gilmour, Hall, Pritchard, Taylor, Thomas and Winter

In Attendance: Four members of the public, DCC Cllr Fox and Andrew Fox, Town Clerk.

C18/180 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr McCarthy.

C18/181 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

There were no declarations of interest or applications for dispensation.

C18/182 Community Police

No report was received, the Clerk commented that he had tried to get a report.

C18/183 Public Participation

A member of the public spoke about planning application HPK/2018/0598, they raised the following objections. This application is to build on a field on new Horwich Road and this is the 3rd attempt in 5 years to try and get planning on this site. The site is designated as open country side in the Local Plan and it is also in a conservation area. The previously applied for dwelling in 2016 was refused as it would adversely affect the local countryside and it did not conform to the Local Plan and the NPPF. Despite this the applicant appealed this decision which was rejected stating the same reasons about the damage to the countryside and the fact it was contrary to the Local Plan. He commented that the new application had made some attempts to alter the application by reducing the size of the dwelling and using more favourable materials.

However he argued that the dwelling would still be the size of 4 terrace houses as found on New Horwich Road. He also commented that there would be privacy issues as the dwelling is on an elevation and you would be able to look into the houses below. There are also a number of concerns about a loss of off road parking and potential damage being caused to New Horwich Road by heavy machinery entering the site. Finally if permission was granted the owner would lose the access point to the field behind the site. Previously the owner sold off an access point to the field and decided to bulldoze a new one without planning permission which was eventually granted retrospectively at the 3rd attempt. For these reasons the member of the public objected to this planning application.

C18/184 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council

High Peak Borough Councillor Pritchard stated there had been no meetings of High Peak Borough Council since the last meeting. He commented he has been dealing with two contentious planning applications one of which had been withdrawn. Finally

he commented that there was still an ongoing issue with rats in the loft of 4 bungalows on Park Road. Derbyshire County Councillor Alison Fox commented that she had spoken to Karen Green who is the PCSO for Chinley and Chapel about the lack of reports at Whaley Bridge and she said the Karen Green is willing to attend a meeting of the Town Council. She commented that Highways had been awarded another £8m budget for the repairing of pot holes etc but this has to be spent before March. She commented that she is dealing with a flooding issue up Hockerley Lane in Whaley Bridge and that she was attending the site with DCC officers tomorrow. She commented about the Royal visit to Toddbrook Sailing Club and informed the Council that DCC Cllrs Wharmby and the High Sherriff would be attending. Finally she commented that she would chase DCC about the painting of the agreed new Traffic Regulation Orders. High Peak Borough Councillor Fox had nothing to report.

C18/185 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the last meeting of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 13 December 2018 are a true and correct record of the meeting the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C18/186 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report and that the Clerk would investigate the possibility of planting a Christmas tree near where the tree is usually erected.

C18/187 Finance etc

RESOLVED: That the Accounts for Payment listed below are paid.

	Jan-19	Payments	10/01/2019
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£2,858.05
	HMRC	PAYE	£313.26
	Chronicle Accountants	Preparing payroll Aug-Dec	£60.00
	Petty cash	Postage, office supplies	£17.80
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£29.40
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£96.72
	Kiss of Life Limited	Defibrillator training	£120.00
	Fran Frodsham	Filling Grit bins	£430.00
	AK Products	Office Stationary	£43.24
	Andrew Fox	Money withdrawn for petty cash	£59.52
	John Swift	Money spent on allotments	£41.71
	Derbyshire County Council	Brookfield pond Tree survey	£180.00
	Andrew Fox	Chairman's allowance withdrawn	£300.00
	Review Publishing	Whaley Bridge Christmas ad	£46.18
	Review Publishing	Winter Newsletters delivery	£134.40
	Mechanics Institute	Room hire	£598.17
	Mechanics Institute	New Mills U3A wrongly received	£48.00
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total	£5,376.45

Mechanics Institute			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£713.27
	Stanway & Hallows	Portable appliance testing	£48.00
	Mr Lee Beard	Cleaning front MI windows	£20.00
	John Swift	Reimburse Pic rail wire and hooks	£2.20
DD	High Peak BC	Non-domestic rates	£54.00
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity	£101.23
DD	Gazprom	Gas	£262.96
DD	United Utilities	Water	£51.60
	Ashley McKiernon	Painting main hall ceiling	£550.00
300034	McColl's	Newspapers	£35.13
	Mechanics Institute	Total	£1,838.39
Sports Association			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£18.00
593	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£541.28
592	Key Industrial Equipment LTD	Large wall mounted first aid kit	£58.80
DD	HPBC	Non-domestic rates	£156.00
594	S Drinkwater & Son	Key box for Pavilion	£28.80
DD	Water Plus	Water	£11.91
	Sports Association	Total	£814.76
	Total Expenditure	Total	£8,029.60

RESOLVED: to note the Financial Reports for December 2018 which had been circulated to all members, and the bank balances at 31st December stood at:

Whaley Bridge Town Council	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	5,865.92
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	25,409.60
Petty Cash	15.48
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	119,291.00
Mechanics Institute	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	9,481.26
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,082.62
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	37,563.88
Sports Association	£
Current Account	5,058.48
Deposit Account	66,986.09
Petty Cash	0.00
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	72,044.57

C18/188 Budget for the Financial Year 2019/2020

RESOLVED: To set the Precept for next year's budget at £94,166.00. The budget would be given further consideration at the next meeting.

C18/189 Christmas lights for small trees

A report was received and noted from the Clerk.

C18/190 Tree at Brookfield Pond

Noted that the Clerk was still attempting to get quotes for the dangerous tree.

C18/191 Mechanics Institute Clock

RESOLVED: To defer this decision to a later meeting.

C18/192 Grit Bin Beech Rise

RESOLVED: To acquire a new Grit Bin for Beech Rise with a total budget of £60.00.

C18/193 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan

A report was received and noted from Cllr Pritchard.

C18/194 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies

a) Regeneration Committee

Noted there had not been a meeting since the last Town Council meeting.

b) Personnel Committee

There was nothing to report.

c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group

Cllr Swift attended a meeting with several members of the Canal and Riverside Trust that had come from London. He spoke that there was a positive feeling that the CRT wanted to push things forward. It was also noted that the Canal Group had a 12 months licence to hold events for the first time.

d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Cllr Winter commented that there had been no meeting since the last Town Council meeting.

e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

There was nothing to report.

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

RESOLVED: To agree a £500.00 budget for the Sports Pavilion extension planning application.

C18/195 Correspondence

RESOLVED: To note correspondence received from 7 December:

1. HPBC – Notification of Consultation on Draft Street Trading Policy. Deadline for comment 30th January 2019.
2. **DALC/NALC**
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circular 16/2018
National Salary Award 2019-2020
Training Courses – 2019
Spring Seminar 2019
Christmas & New Year Office Closure

3. **DALC/NALC**

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circular 01/2019
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 TRAINING & EVENTS DIARY

4. DCC – Notice of Confirmation of Public Path Order regarding diversion of PF 91 (part)

C18/196 Planning

RESOLVED: To note the following decisions of High Peak Borough Council:

Committee Decisions - None

Delegated Decisions

Application	Decision
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	Approved
HPK/2018/0528 New Dwelling, Double Garage and Extended Access Road Land Between Randall Carr Brook And, Chapel Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Darren Hague FULL	Application withdrawn
HPK/2016/0409 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 FULL	Refused

Peak Park Planning Decisions – None

RESOLVED: That the Council had the following comments on the new applications:

New Applications Received since 13th December 2018	
Application	Comments
HPK/2018/0598 Erection of new dwellinghouse, creation of access, works of soft and hard landscaping. Land At, New Horwich Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr J Devereux FULL	The Town Council object to this application see C18/197
DET/2018/0005/A Regarding decision for DET/2018/0005 Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 5no dwellinghouses (Class C3) Moseley Hall Farm, Eccles Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Robert Lomas NOTIFICATION - CHANGE OF USE PRIOR APPROVAL APPEAL against refusal of permission for DET/2018/0005	No comment
HPK/2018/0591 Proposed single storey extensions to the east and south Smithyfield, Whaley Lane, Whaley Bridge. Carol Hawkins HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No comment

C18/197 Planning Application HPK/2018/0598 – Land at, New Horwich Road, Whaley Bridge

The Town Council strongly objects to this planning application on the following grounds.

The application is in an area that is outside the built up area boundary, there are policies in the Local Plan for applications of this type however this particular application is inconsistent with planning policy EQ3 of the High Peak Local Plan. The house is not an affordable home and it is completely out of character with the surrounding houses on the road.

This is the third attempt in 5 years to obtain planning permission on this site. It was previously refused as it was unsustainable and did not conform to the provisions of the Local Plan or the NPPF, this is still the case with this current application. The application is also within the Conservation Area and this application if granted would cause significant harm to the appearance and character of the area. Finally there is an issue with privacy as the 21m privacy distance suggested on the plans do not take account of the elevation of the building, when elevation is taken into account the privacy distances are not achievable.

The meeting closed at 8:29 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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Date