

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th March 2019 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge

Present: Councillors: Swift (Chair), Bowden, Dean, Gilmour (arrived 8:45 pm), Hall, Lomax, McCarthy, Pritchard, Taylor, Thomas and Winter

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

C18/220 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clarke and Gilmour (for late arrival).

C18/221 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

Cllr Pritchard declared an interest in application HPK/2019/0041 as the applicant is his neighbour. Cllr Thomas declared an interest as he is the Chair of the Whaley Bridge Community Trust. Cllr Swift declared an interest in application HPK/2019/0178 as the applicant is his neighbour.

C18/223 Community Police

No report was received.

C18/224 Public Participation

A member of the public attended seeking comments about setting up a transition group to make communities better able to deal with economic and environmental issues. These groups have been set up in New Mills, Buxton and the Hope Valley. The resident would like to create a better connection between these groups. The resident commented they will be sending an email to this council and the w4w members who are supportive in this idea, and requested if any other group would be interested to which she was informed of the Neighbourhood plan steering group Vision 4 Whaley.

Another member of the public spoke about the Gladman planning application on Linglongs Road. Their comments were concerning chemical analysis admitted in the original Gladman application for outline planning. The investigation was taken after the outline planning was passed. Further analysis was conducted after Gladman's original analysis which was not published in the recent Discharge of Conditions applications for the Gladman's application. He wrote to HPBC pointing out that this chemical report was not available and wanted the Town Council to also inform HPBC that the analysis is not available to see. The resident continued by looking to the future of what to do in Whaley Bridge. The resident commented there is fabulous access for bikes down the new A55 cycle access which goes through to Lyme Park but actually trying to navigate between New Mills and Whaley Bridge is difficult due to dodging parked cars. The resident advocated the use of electric bikes for more sustainable travel.

Another member of the public spoke about the Street Tree project. They commented that they have spoken to the land lady at the Railway who has no problem with a Street Tree outside the pub. The resident has also spoken to the co-owner of Baileys and the owners of Pizza Hot who both had no objections to the Street Trees. Finally the resident commented that they have not been able to speak to Blythe House Hospice however they have spoken to High Peak Access and there is sufficient space on the pavement for disabled access including the proposed Street Trees.

C18/225 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council

High Peak Borough Councillor Pritchard Cllr Pritchard stated that since the last meeting he attended the fly the flag for the Common Wealth at pavilion gardens on Monday morning. The long standing matter of rat infestation of the four bungalows on park road had resulted in the residents sending a question into the council. They Received a response from the executive councillor for the area who agreed to meet the residents. High Peak Borough Councillor Fox commented he had provided the final £250 of his Councillor Initiative Fund to the Whaley Bridge After School Club. High Peak Borough Councillor Lomax commented that HPBC has lost money due to changes in law, there is no longer a requirement to provide an affordable housing contribution for developments under 10 dwellings and therefore most developers are no longer providing this contribution.

Derbyshire County Councillor Alison Fox commented 1) Fernilee Methodist church are looking at implementing some sort of bike hire. 2) There is a Library open day 17th April 12-6pm she also commented the library will not close if no volunteers are found it will be rethought. 3) Regarding the traffic mentioned at the last meeting in Furness Vale. She sent some statistics to the town clerk regarding the traffic. She continued that DCC are looking to put another black box up in Furness Vale to monitor speed along the road. County has assured her that the road is being monitored and she stated she will return with any future updates.

C18/226 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the last meeting of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 14 February 2019 are a true and correct record of the meeting, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C18/227 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report.

C18/228

Finance etc

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

	Mar-19	Payments	14/03/2019
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£2,826.15
	HMRC	PAYE	£313.46
	Petty Cash	Postage, Office supplies	£20.30
	Andrew Fox	Cash withdrawn for Petty Cash	£44.40
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£37.20
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£96.72
	Trusted IT	Bullguard anti-virus	£30.00
	Hannah Webb	Vision 4 Whaley logo design	£100.00
	Review Publishing	Newsletter distribution	£134.40
300029	Little Fika Ltd	New sign shopfront scheme	£197.50
DD	PEAK UK LTD	Photocopier lease	£336.00
300030	Reading Matters	Vouchers for Anti-litter campaign	£150.00
300031	David Bowater	W4W shed purchase	£840.00
	Mechanics Institute	Room hire	£598.17
	Mechanics Institute	New Mills U3A wrongly received	£48.00
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total	£5,772.30
Mechanics Institute			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£713.27
	S Drinkwater & Son	Picture hanging, repointing materials, pipes and a valve	£37.12
	Jackson Carpets LTD	Replacing kitchen floor	£426.00
DD	High Peak BC	Non-domestic rates	£54.00
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity	£93.69
DD	Gazprom	Gas	£303.56
DD	United Utilities	Water	£51.60
300036	McColl's	Newspapers	£52.60
	Mechanics Institute	Total	£1,731.84
Sports Association			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£18.00
600	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£499.03
598	B&H plumbing & gas services ltd	Pipe lagging and tap instal	£634.20
599	Gas Point Services	Gas service and safety record	£243.90
602	Bywatergas	47 KG Propane refill	£98.00
601	Total Gas and Power	Electricity	£198.45
DD	HPBC	Non-domestic rates	£156.00
DD	Water Plus	Water	£11.91
	Sports Association	Total	£1,859.49
	Total Expenditure	Total	£9,363.63

RESOLVED: to note the Financial Reports for February 2019 which had been circulated to all members, and the bank balances at 28th February stood at:

Whaley Bridge Town Council	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	8,458.08
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	15,409.60
Petty Cash	30.60
	111,898.28
Mechanics Institute	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	10,673.09
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,082.62
	38,755.71
Sports Association	£
Current Account	3,776.60
Deposit Account	67,007.75
Petty Cash	0.00
	70,784.35

C18/229 Budget for the Financial Year 2019/2020

RESOLVED: To adopt the draft detailed budget for 2019/2020.

C18/230 Town Council Reserves

Noted the position of the reserves as outlined by the Clerk.

C18/231 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils subscription

RESOLVED: To subscribe to DALC subscription 2 at a cost of £1,115.39.

C18/232 White Hart Car Park

RESOLVED: The Clerk would contact Lethams to find out what has previously happened with this car park and to find any advice received.

C18/233 Three Town Project

RESOLVED: The Clerk would contact New Mills Town Council and Chapel Parish Council to get the council's opinions of the project.

C18/234 Mechanics Institute CCTV Monitor

RESOLVED: The Clerk will find a replacement monitor with a £100.00 budget.

C18/235 Mechanics Institute Clock

RESOLVED: To pay the invoice in full at a cost of £1,074.00 including VAT.

C18/236 Mechanics Institute Main Hall wallpapering

RESOLVED: To defer this decision to a later meeting.

C18/237 Whaley Bridge Allotments rent

RESOLVED: To not increase the rent charges for next year.

C18/238 Street Trees project

RESOLVED: Not to support the Street Tree Project.

C18/239 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress and expenditure

A report was received and noted from Cllrs Pritchard and Thomas.

RESOLVED: To approve the £100.00 expenditure on design work for the Vision 4 Whaley logo.

C18/240 Whaley Bridge Sports Association

RESOLVED: To pay the invoice of B&H Plumbing & Gas services Ltd totalling £634.20. To accept the quote from SNS Trees for tree work at the Pavilion at a cost of £1,005.00 plus VAT.

C18/241 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies

a) Regeneration Committee

The minutes of the Committee's meeting of 14 March were noted.

RESOLVED: To approve the following proposals by the Regeneration Committee.

1) To insure the storage shed and contents for a total value of £2,500.00 with a cost of £9.70 plus tax increase to the next insurance premium and to authorise the signing of the lease agreement.

2) To purchase the vouchers for the anti-litter campaign at a cost of £150.00.

b) Personnel Committee

There was nothing to report.

c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group

Cllr Swift reported there were very exciting developments at the canal group and that Sue Ball is the new project manager who can get all the heads to attend. The warehouse is being put on the maintenance contract of the CRT there is a lot wrong with the warehouse such as the roof is rotting etc. Cllr Swift finished by stating In the coming months there will be regular developments regarding the transshipment warehouse.

d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Cllr Winter commented that there had been no meeting since the last Town Council meeting, due to an officer's illness. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Winter would liaise with the Clerk to send a get well soon letter.

e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

Nothing further to report.

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Nothing further to report.

C18/242 Correspondence

RESOLVED: To note correspondence received from 15 February:

1. Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre – requesting financial support for its work.
2. Campaign to Protect Rural England - notification of imminent lapse of Town Council Membership. **(Needs Decision regarding renewal) RESOLVED:** Not to renew the membership.
3. DCC Public Rights of Way Inspector – response following inspection of Whaley Bridge Footpath 49. **RESOLVED:** To put this letter on the notice board.
4. Buxworth Resident Mr P Smith – raising concerns about the safety of the Tesco/B&M junction with the A5004. **RESOLVED:** To send this letter to the relevant authorities.
5. Peak park Parishes Forum – Year of Green Action information as referred to in the last Parish Bulletin from PDNPA.
6. **DALC/NALC**

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Subscription Information, Invoice, Training Programme and Leaflet
7. Peak District NPA – Parish Member Appointments to the National Park Authority – 2019.
Nomination forms available from Monday 22nd April 2019
Closing date for return of completed nomination forms Tuesday 28th May 2019
Ballot papers and information issued on Monday 3rd June 2019
Closing date for return of completed ballot papers Monday 24th June 2019
8. The Fire Fighters Charity – request to be considered as the Chairperson's chosen charity for the coming year.
9. Whaley Bridge Cricket Club – information regarding the club's agreement to host the 2019 Firework event for discussion and ratification of the full council. **RESOLVED:** To pay the £500 deposit subject to confirmation by the Cricket Club executive and a site visit by Nemesis.
10. DCC – response from Highways regarding vehicular access to Buxton Road near the Cock Pub, providing informal comments and advising that our e-mail has been passed to the Development Control for comment.
RESOLVED: The Clerk would investigate the email issue experienced by Cllr Taylor.

C18/243 Planning

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

Committee Decisions – None

Delegated Decisions

Application	Decision
HPK/2018/0535 Certificate of proposed lawful use of land to station a mobile home/family annexe for use incidental to main dwelling Farend Cottages, Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs Mc Cartney CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS	Approved
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	Refused

Peak Park Planning Decisions – None

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

New Applications Received since 14th February 2019	
Application	Comments
NP/HPK/0219/0178 Proposed conversion of redundant barn to form farm workers dwelling Overton Hall Farm Whiteleas Road Taxal. Mr & Mrs JP and SR Slack FULL	
HPK/2019/0041 Single storey rear extension and internal alterations including associated works. 1, Paddock Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs Hodgson HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	
HPK/2019/0044 Proposed erection of timber garden room Throstledale, New Horwich Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr D Lord & Ms F Worsley HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	
DOC/2019/0004 Discharge of conditions 3,4,7,8,12,13,17,20,21 and 22 in relation to HPK/2015/0533 Shallcross Mill House, Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Matt Sharp DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS	
DOC/2019/0015 Discharge of conditions 6,8,10,11,16,17,20,21,22 and 26 in relation to HPK/2014/0523 Shallcross Mill House, Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Matt Sharp DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS	
HPK/2019/0055 Listed building consent to remove the modern and non historic internal partition stud wall, and alterations to electric cabling and sockets. Whaley Bridge Transshipment Warehouse, Peak Forest Canal, Canal Street, Whaley Bridge. Ms Judy Jones - Canal & River Trust LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - ALTERATION	The Town Council strongly supports this application
HPK/2019/0099 Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of a replacement single storey extension. Cotelands, Reservoir Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr And Mrs Graham HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	

C18/244 Exclusion of the Press and public
RESOLVED: That the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the following matters on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

C18/245 Discussion of staff salaries and hours
RESOLVED: To delegate the matter to the Personnel Committee for consideration

The meeting closed at 9:17 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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Date