

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th April 2019 in

The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge

Present: Councillors: Swift (Chair), Bowden, Gilmour, Hall, Pritchard, Taylor and Thomas.

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

The Chair opened the meeting by providing thanks to the Councillors during his time as Chair. He also gave thanks to Cllr Winter for her years of dedicated service as a Town Councillor following her not seeking re-election.

C18/246 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Dean, Lomax, McCarthy and Winter.

C18/247 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

There were no declarations of interest or applications for dispensation.

C18/248 Community Police

A report was received from PSCO Tracy Jones which reported the following crimes In the previous month; 1 drug driving, 2 violence, 1 shoplifter, 3 road traffic collisions 2 criminal damage, 2 anti-social behaviour, 2 domestic, 1 burglary and 1 theft from a vehicle.

C18/249 Public Participation

No members of the public wished to speak.

C18/250 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council

High Peak Borough Councillor Pritchard stated that he only had 3 weeks remaining as a High Peak Borough Councillor. He commented that air pollution is the duty of High Peak Borough Council and he previously helped with the Manchester clean air and noise control. He commented that a face to face meeting with residents and 3 officers regarding the ongoing rat problems had finally taken place.

Derbyshire County Councillor Alison Fox commented 1) There is an issue on a Canal and Rivers Trust walkway, number B6062. She commented that a large amount of wood has fallen over the path blocking the cycle lane and that the banking was giving way **RESOLVED:** The Clerk would report this to CRT. 2) She continued to state that the bollards near Tescos had been checked by an electrician and then two had been replaced with highly reflective bollards. 3) That DCC footpath officer Thom Howe was currently working on a priority 1 dangerous tree on Footpath 105. 4) Finally she stated that a number of pollution issues around Whaley Bridge School had been reported to her which she has passed on to DCC. She commented that County are monitoring the air pollution and situation along the A6.

C18/251 Minutes of previous meeting

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

C18/252 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report, to appoint Barrie Woodcock as the internal auditor for the 2018/19 Town Council accounts.

C18/253 Finance etc

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

	Apr-19	Payments	11/04/2019
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£2,803.89
	HMRC	PAYE	£313.46
	Petty Cash	Postage, Office supplies	£56.32
	Andrew Fox	Cash withdrawn for Petty Cash	£56.32
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£37.20
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£96.72
	Ken O'Boyle	Maps for Neighbourhood	£77.27
	Carol Cade	Website sub and banner	£102.48
	S Drinkwaters	Memorial Crosses	£89.76
	High Peak BC	Christmas Trees	£980.24
	High Peak BC	Allotment rent 2019/20	£10.00
	Nemesis Pyrotechnics	Firework display correspondence	£500.00
DD	Altodigital	Photocopier usage	£24.70
	Shelter Mtc	Bus Shelter cleaning	£63.00
	Jon Goldfinch	Wood for Elnor Lane bench	£41.17
	Mechanics Institute	Room hire	£646.17
	Mechanics Institute	New Mills U3A wrongly received	£48.00
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total	£5,946.70
Mechanics Institute			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£713.27
	High Peak BC	Trade waste collection 2019/20	£451.54
	Andrew Fox	New Tea Urn	£71.98
	John Swift	Wallpaper for main hall	£110.50
DD	High Peak BC	Non-domestic rates	£54.00
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity	£99.10
DD	Gazprom	Gas March	£269.98
DD	Gazprom	Gas April	£263.33
DD	United Utilities	Water	£48.26
300037	McColl's	Newspapers	£53.65
	Mechanics Institute	Total	£2,135.61

Sports Association			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£18.00
603	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£515.93
604	Envirolawn Ltd	3G pitch maintenance	£360.00
605	Mechanics Institute	Room hire for meeting	£26.00
606	John Swift	Pavilion compound key cutting	£10.00
DD	HPBC	Non-domestic rates	£156.00
DD	Water Plus	Water	£12.29
	Sports Association	Total	£1,098.22
	Total Expenditure	Total	£9,180.53

RESOLVED: to note the Financial Reports for March 2019 which had been circulated to all members, and the bank balances at 31st March stood at:

Whaley Bridge Town Council	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	3,167.28
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	15,547.98
Petty Cash	18.68
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	106,733.94
Mechanics Institute	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	10,838.55
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,110.32
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	38,948.87
Sports Association	£
Current Account	5,834.42
Deposit Account	67,018.40
Petty Cash	0.00
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	72,852.82

RESOLVED: That after the payment of the feasibility study the remaining budget for Mechanics refurbishment is earmarked and added to that reserve.

C18/254 Annual Town Meeting

RESOLVED: To hold the Annual Town Meeting in the Mechanics Institute meeting room at 7:30pm on the 26th April.

C18/255 Mechanics Institute Wallpapering

RESOLVED: To discuss this after the consideration of the exempt items.

C18/256 Whaley Bridge Christmas Light Switch on 2019

RESOLVED: To contact local groups such as Whaley Bridge Band to gauge their opinion of whether the light switch on should be held on the final Friday or final Saturday of November.

C18/257 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress and expenditure

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

RESOLVED: To approve the £179.75 expenditure on maps, banners and a website subscription.

C18/258 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan and Schools air monitoring project

A report was received and noted from Cllr Thomas

RESOLVED: To agenda this item for the next Town Council meeting after further investigation has been carried out.

C18/259 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies

a) Regeneration Committee

The minutes of the Committee's meeting of 27 March were noted.

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

1) To earmark £110.00 from the unspent regeneration budget for the previously agreed purchase of two new planters by Furness Vale War Memorial.

b) Personnel Committee

This would be dealt with in exempt items.

c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group

Cllr Swift reported that he and Cllr Hall attended the Transhipment warehouse where the doors were opened and the boat was finally removed after many years.

d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Cllr Pritchard deputised for Cllr Winter at the last meeting of the Community Rail Partnership. He reported that there were over 30 people in attendance but unfortunately Andrew Walker was still unwell. That Chinley Station were unsuccessful in their attempt to get funding for a lift which would provide disabled access. There was a total grant pot available of £20m and the station works were estimated at £250,000, the friends group are pursuing the local MP for further support. Penny Greenwood from Glossop friends group has been doing work promoting women in all areas of community rail. There was also an event by the Community Rail Partnership at Glossop station to promote their new book The Importance of Community Rail. A director from Northern Rail ensured the meeting that there will not be further issues of strike action. That Vicky Cropper was going to do a report on the gradients at the station for disabled access. Finally he reported that all friends groups would have to go through an accreditation scheme once introduced.

e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

Cllr Swift reported that a meeting has been arranged with Monica Gillespie about Trees on the allotment site. He also reported that there is a keen interest for more allotments around Whaley Bridge.

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

That outstanding payments were expected very soon.

C18/260 Correspondence

RESOLVED: To note correspondence received from 15 March:

1. Open Spaces Society – notice of non-payment of subscription (due 01/11/2018) and final contact to ensure renewal was received, before lapsing membership.
2. Jon Goldfinch – expressing concerns regarding closure of Buxton custody suite and apparent lack of consultation.
3. DCC – Community Libraries notification of Whaley Bridge Library Open Day on Wednesday 17th April 2019 from 12 noon to 6.00pm. - relating to community management.

- Cllr Pritchard confirmed he plans to attend this meeting.
4. DCC Cllr Alison Fox – pollution and traffic information for Furness Vale.
 5. Peak Park Parishes’ Forum – Subscription 2019/20 payment notification.
 6. **DALC/NALC**
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circular 04/2019
 - VAT making Tax Digital Update,
 - Purdah Guidance,
 - External Audit News,
 - Report from Committee on Standards in Public Life,
 - BREXIT: Government Guidance on Community Engagement,
 - Rural England’s State of Rural Services 2018 Report,
 - Persimmon Homes, giving away £1M
- Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circular 05/2019
- DALC Excellence Awards – Year 2 – launch today
 - Internal Audit Check List
 - External Audit
 - Data Protection – clarification of Councillor exemption to paying a separate Data Protection fee
 - Adverse Publicity for Parish and Town Councils
 - Training courses
7. WB Cricket Club – confirmation that the club’s Executive Committee have agreed to run the 2019 Firework Event on terms in e-mail dated 10th March 2019. Cllr Thomas commented he had spoken to the Committee, Cllr Swift confirmed he had seen the report and that Nemesis approved the location. **RESOLVED:** To pay the deposit of £500.00 to Nemesis for the firework display this year.
 8. Welldressing Group – résumé regarding the 2019 “Noddy” welldressing situation. **RESOLVED:** To place the display outside the Mechanics Institute subject to a risk assessment which will be prepared for the next meeting.

C18/261 Planning

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

Committee Decisions – None

Delegated Decisions

Application	Decision
HPK/2018/0591 Proposed single storey extensions to the east and south Smithyfield, Whaley Lane, Whaley Bridge. Carol Hawkins HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	Approved
HPK/2018/0552 Listed Building Consent for proposed change of use to A3 Restaurant and for replacement windows. Outram House, Canal Street, Whaley Bridge. Mr Nick Stott LISTED BUILDING CONSENT – ALTERATION	Withdrawn
HPK/2018/0548 Proposed change of use to A3 Restaurant and Listed building consent for replacement windows. Outram House, Canal Street, Whaley Bridge. Mr Nick Stott FULL	Withdrawn

<p>HPK/2018/0497 Partial demolition of existing commercial property. Conversion of warehouse space to offices (B1a). Construction of 8 no. flats (in 2 no.buildings) with 6 no.flats served by carer accomodation (C3). Detached garage and associated works. Kuranda House, Forge Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Brett McLellan - Kuranda UK Ltd FULL</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>HPK/2019/0035 Demolition of existing pre-fabricated garage and construction of replacement garage. Lochaber, Start Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr J M Marchington HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</p>	<p>Refused</p>

Peak Park Planning Decisions – None

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

Application	Comments
<p>HPK/0218/0426 Retention of engineering operations and proposed building for woodland management Tom Wood, Start Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Tom Williams FULL</p>	<p>The Council supports the woodland Management but believes that the amount of equipment and buildings requested for the works is disproportionate to the amount of rhododendron that needs clearing.</p>
<p>HPK/2019/0101 New B1 unit The Marina, Station Road, Furness Vale. Mr Richard Purcell FULL</p>	<p>No comment</p>
<p>HPK/2019/0119 Certificate of lawfulness for existng use of Caravan Park containing 54 static caravans,10 touring caravans, storage for 20 touring caravans, camping site for tents and associated uses without complying with condition attached to planning permission HPK/0003/6644 limiting capacity to 44 static caravans and 10 touring caravans. Ringstones Caravan Park, Yeadsley Lane, Furness Vale. C/O Agent Mr Paul Dowd CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS</p>	<p>No comment</p>
<p>HPK/2019/0052 Renovated the conservatory, changed the materials of the old conservatory from wood to hard plastic. 6, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Huaxing Chen FULL</p>	<p>The Council requests that the views of the conservation officer Gillian Bayliss be sought.</p>

HPK/2018/0506 Internal & External Alterations and roof extension Crown House, Units 1 to 6 and 9 to 11, Bingswood Trading Estate, Whaley Bridge. Mr Harry Carter The Big Shippon FULL	No comment
HPK/2019/0042 Proposed change of use from Class B to Sui Generis (Dog Daycare Centre) Unit 1, The Marina, Station Road, Furness Vale. Miss Grace Price FULL	No comment
HPK/2019/0135 The addition of a pitched roof to a flat-roofed section of a bungalow 12, Rock Bank, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs Crompton HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No comment

C18/262 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

C18/263 Discussion of staff salaries and hours
RESOLVED: To approve the changes to the SCP scales, to increase the caretaker's hourly rate to £9.00 using SCP 1 as guidance, to increase the caretaker's hours per week by 10. To agree the £110.50 expenditure for wallpaper, to accept Ashley McKiernon's quote of £947.00 to wallpaper the main hall and his quote to fix 2 windows at a price of £40.00 per window.

The meeting closed at 8:59 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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 Chairman

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 Date