

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge

**Present:** Councillors: Swift, Bowden, Gilmour, Hall, Lomax, McCarthy, Pritchard, Taylor and Thomas.

**In Attendance:** One member of the public, DCC Cllr Fox and Andrew Fox, Town Clerk.

Cllr Swift took the chair at the start of the meeting.

### **C19/001 Election, and acceptance of office, of Chair of the Town Council**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Thomas be elected Chairman of Whaley Bridge Town Council for the Civic Year 2019/2020.

### **C19/002 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies all Cllrs were present.

### **C19/003 Election of Vice-Chair of the Town Council**

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Gilmour be elected Vice-Chairman of Whaley Bridge Town Council for the Civic Year 2019/2020.

### **C19/004 Signing Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms**

Councillor Thomas signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman which was witnessed by the Town Clerk, the Proper Officer of the Council.

Councillor Gilmour signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Vice Chairman which was witnessed by the Town Clerk, the Proper Officer of the Council.

All other member Councillors signed Acceptance of Office forms which were witnessed by the Town Clerk, the proper Officer of the Council.

### **C19/005 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications**

There were no declarations of interest or applications for dispensation.

### **C19/006 Community Police**

No report was received.

### **C19/007 Public Participation**

A member of the public came to answer any questions relating to agenda item 22. The project evolved from a small air monitoring scheme for the NP into a project which has a large scope than this. He stated that many regimes do air monitoring across the country, when they were asked most replied it costs roughly £10,000, In comparison the suggested budget for this item is insignificant in comparison. The

member of the public stated with help from grants this project can be done now and that we should do this while people want to, he continued that the LSX charity in London also offered some serious monitoring equipment free of charge. He commented that it was a time extensive plan so a lot of help was needed from NP members as well as help being needed from outside people to apply for grants. He continued that the budget can be fine-tuned but stated you would lose the significance of the project as the point is to engage children with science and nature projects and show them how they can make a difference in the local community. Without equipment such as diffusion tubes this would be very difficult.

The resident commented he would like to thank Cllr Gilmour for his help with the lab at Buxton and for providing the map and report from DCC. The resident provided his opinion of how the map presented by DCC had many methodological issues with it and that the map was only an estimate which could not replace actual air monitoring.

**C19/008 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan and Schools air monitoring project**

**RESOLVED:** To move this item up the agenda to be considered now.

**RESOLVED:** to underwrite the cost of this project at £1,121.00 budget but to look for any available grant funding.

**C19/009 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council**

High Peak Borough Councillor Lomax commented that HPBC had transferred to labour control after the elections. He also commented that the planning enforcement team had been to the site from 90 Buxton Road Furness Vale and are investigating potential breaches of planning. He also commented that the trees in this area have recently been subject to a Tree Protection Order.

Derbyshire County Councillor Alison Fox commented: 1) she has got a black box to monitor speed on Elnor Lane as a lot of residents are concerned about the speed of traffic coming down the hill and sometimes up the hill. 2) Regarding the traffic in Furness Vale she commented she has spoken to Isobel mulligan in depth and has put forward the concerns of Cllr Bowden and others concerns about the pollution and the state of the A6. County Council are not proposing any real action on the A6 as before there are any issues it can allow 2000 more cars daily which is the threshold after this DCC will act. She has tried her best and will keep asking but does not believe she will get any further with this issue with DCC. When talking to Isobel about speeding, Isobel says that there is not excess speeding on the A6. Finally Cllr Fox asked if Cllr Bowden can email all his concerns to her and she will take them to DCC Cllr Simon Spencer who is the cabinet member for Highways.

**C19/010 Minutes of previous meeting**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the last meeting of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 11 April 2019 are a true and correct record of the meeting, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**C19/011 Calendar of Meetings 2019/20**

**RESOLVED:** That there will be Town Council meetings on (2019) Jun 13, Jul 11, Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12, (2020) Jan 16, Feb 13, Mar 12, Apr 9.

- C19/012 Chair's Allowance**  
**RESOLVED:** That the Chair's allowance for 2019/20 be set at £300.
- C19/013 Appointments to Cheque-signing/electronic payments authorisation panel**  
**RESOLVED:** That Cllrs Gilmour, Hall, Swift and Thomas be appointed to the cheque-signing/authorisation panel for 2019/20.
- C19/014 Appointments to committees 2019/20**  
**RESOLVED:** That Councillors will serve on the Council's Committees as follows:  
 Regeneration Committee: Cllrs Hall, Swift, Taylor, Thomas  
 Personnel Committee: Cllrs Gilmour, McCarthy, Swift, Thomas
- C19/015 Appointments to advisory panels**  
**RESOLVED:** That Councillors be appointed to advisory panels as follows:  
 Whaley4Wards: Cllrs Hall, Swift, Taylor, Thomas  
 Brookfield Pond: Cllrs Swift, Taylor  
 Sports Association Management Executive: Cllrs Gilmour, McCarthy, Swift, Thomas  
 Website: Cllrs Hall, Thomas  
 Neighbourhood planning: Cllrs Pritchard, Thomas  
 Local Area Forum: Cllrs Bowden, McCarthy  
 Allotments: Cllrs Hall, Swift, Thomas
- C19/016 Appointments to outside bodies**  
**RESOLVED:** That Councillors be appointed to outside bodies as follows:  
 Furness Vale COGS: Cllr Hall, Cllr McCarthy  
 High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership: Cllr Pritchard
- C19/017 Clerk's Report**  
**RESOLVED:** To note the Clerk's report.
- C19/018 Finance etc**  
**1) To consider the Annual Internal Audit Report**  
**RESOLVED:** To note the auditor's report and recommendations.  
**RESOLVED:** To incorporate the Sports Association within the Town Council and to display its income and expenditure in the Town Council accounts from this financial year.
- C19/019 Finance etc**  
**2) To consider the Year End Accounts for 2018/19**  
**RESOLVED:** To approve the Year End Accounts for 2018/19.
- C19/020 Finance etc**  
**3) To consider the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19**  
**RESOLVED:** To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19.
- C19/021 Finance etc**  
**4) To consider the Accounting Statement for 2018/19**  
**RESOLVED:** To approve the Accounting Statement for 2018/19.

C19/022

## Finance etc

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

	May-19	Payments	09/05/2019
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£2,981.03
	HMRC	PAYE	£350.28
	Petty Cash	Office supplies	£7.71
DD	PEAC Finance	Photocopier lease	£245.74
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£37.20
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£96.72
	S Drinkwater	Materials for W4W Shed base	£108.08
	Environment Agency	Water Abstraction Licences	£25.00
	Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance	£2,116.43
	Barrie Woodcock	Internal Audit	£191.92
	Whaley Bridge Community Trust	Room hire for NP meetings	£10.00
	Mechanics Institute	Room hire	£646.17
	Mechanics Institute	New Mills U3A wrongly received	£48.00
	<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,864.28</b>
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£890.80
	Stanway & Hallow's	6ft tube	£5.04
	Stanway & Hallow's	Fire alarm test	£60.00
	S Drinkwater	Materials for cupboards	£30.87
DD	High Peak BC	Non-domestic rates	£54.00
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity	£90.95
DD	United Utilities	Water	£53.24
300038	McColl's	Newspapers	£47.48
	<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,232.38</b>
<b>Sports Association</b>			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£18.00
607	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£525.28
608	Total Gas & Power	Electricity	£196.64
DD	HPBC	Non-domestic rates	£156.00
DD	Water Plus	Water	£12.29
	<b>Sports Association</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£908.21</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,004.87</b>

**RESOLVED:** to note the Financial Reports for April 2019 which had been circulated to all members, and the bank balances at 30th April stood at:

<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	56,508.94
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	10,867.98
Petty Cash	67.31
	155,444.23
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	11,946.40
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,110.32
	40,056.72
<b>Sports Association</b>	£
Current Account	6,001.23
Deposit Account	67,030.15
Petty Cash	0.00
	73,031.38

**C19/023 Approval of Financial Risk Assessment 2019/20**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Financial Risk Assessment for 2019/20.

**C19/024 Review and adoption of Standing Orders**

**RESOLVED:** that the Standing Orders for Whaley Bridge Town Council dated 14th June 2018 continue to be adopted and to note that the Model Standing Orders published by NALC are unchanged.

**C19/025 Review and adoption of Financial Regulations**

**RESOLVED:** that the Financial Regulations for Whaley Bridge Town Council dated 11th May 2017 continue to be adopted and to note that the Model Standing Orders published by NALC are unchanged.

**C19/026 Progress on Buxton Road Flooding**

Noted a report received by Cllr Hall **RESOLVED:** that the Clerk would write to Debbie McMyler at HPBC regarding the blocked culvert above the A5004. That the Clerk would write to DCC regarding blocked drains near 322 Buxton Road.

**C19/027 Whaley Bridge Christmas Light Switch on 2019**

**RESOLVED:** To defer this decision to the next meeting as responses have not been received.

**C19/028 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress and expenditure**

A report was received and noted from Cllr Pritchard

## C19/029 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies

### a) Regeneration Committee

There has been no meeting since the last Town Council meeting.

### b) Personnel Committee

Nothing to report.

### c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group

There has been no meeting since the last Town Council meeting.

### d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

There has been no meeting since the last Town Council meeting.

### e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

Cllr Swift reported that a meeting has taken place with Monica Gillespie about Trees on the allotment site. He reported that HPBC have agreed to cut trees that are further up the bank off the allotment site.

### f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

That the AGM of the Sports Association needed to be arranged as soon as possible.

## C19/030 Correspondence

**RESOLVED:** To note correspondence received from 12 April:

1. Peak District NPA – High Peak & Metropolitan area Parish Ballot 2019 nomination paper for Whaley Bridge Town Council. Deadline for completed form return 5pm Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019.
2. HPBC – e-mail notification of making of a Tree Preservation Order regarding trees on land off Buxton Road Furness Vale between The Haulage Yard and property No 99.
3. **DALC/NALC**  
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circular 06/2019  
DALC Spring Seminar  
Precept increases across the country  
Community Infrastructure Levy Legal Briefing  
Plunkett trusteeships  
Police & Crime Comm. Newsletter  
Funding Streams  
Changes to pension credit  
Lamp Post Poppy 2019
4. SGS Qualifor (Forest Management Certification Body for United Utilities) auditor – seeking views on the forest management of United Utilities regarding the following woods & forests: Macclesfield, Longdendale and Dovestones, Goyt and Lamaload, Lyme Park.
5. Chapel-en-le-Frith Mobile Physiotherapy Service – introduction of new Hon. Secretary, Sandra Higgins; request for funding consideration; latest annual report; and invitation to their AGM on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June in the Thornsett.  
**RESOLVED:** The Clerk would establish a grant application process and invite groups to apply for available funding. The Clerk would write to Chapel-en-le-Frith Mobile Physiotherapy to relay this decision and to inform them they will be included in the official grant process.

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

**Committee Decisions**

<b>Application</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<p><b>HPK/2018/0187</b>                      Retrospective application for garden engineering works and raised levels                      9, The Coppice, Whaley Bridge. Mr Rory Porch  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<p>Approved</p>

**Delegated Decisions**

<b>Application</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<p><b>HPK/2019/0053</b>                      Two storey rear extension to a dwellinghouse                      37, Reddish Avenue, Whaley Bridge. Mr Jackson  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<p>Refused</p>
<p><b>HPK/2019/0035</b>                      Demolition of existing pre-fabricated garage and construction of replacement garage.                      Lochaber, Start Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr J M Marchington  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<p>Refused</p>
<p><b>HPK/2019/0044</b>                      Proposed erection of timber garden room                      Throstledale, New Horwich Road,                      Whaley Bridge. Mr D Lord &amp; Ms F Worsley  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p><b>HPK/2019/0033</b>                      Proposed two storey extension to the side and above the existing single storey side extension.                      31 Theogil House, Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr &amp; Mrs J Thompson  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p><b>DOC/2018/0100</b>                      Discharge of conditions 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 15 relating to HPK/2015/0525                      Land Adjacent 87, Chapel Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Alan Sidebotham  <b>DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS</b></p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p><b>HPK/2019/0055</b>                      Listed building consent to remove the modern and non historic internal partition stud wall, and alterations to electric cabling and sockets.                      Whaley Bridge Transhipment Warehouse, Peak Forest Canal, Canal Street, Whaley Bridge. Ms Judy Jones - Canal &amp; River Trust  <b>LISTED BUILDING CONSENT – ALTERATION</b></p>	<p>Approved</p>

<p><b>HPK/2019/0041</b>  Single storey rear extension and internal alterations including associated works.  1, Paddock Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr &amp; Mrs Hodgson  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	Approved
<p><b>HPK/2019/0099</b>  Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of a replacement single storey extension.  Cotelands, Reservoir Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr And Mrs Graham  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	Approved

**Peak Park Planning Decisions – None**

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

<b>New Applications Received since 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>	
<b>Application</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<p><b>NP/HPK/0419/0371</b>  Proposed demolition of existing buildings and proposed open plan agricultural building and re-positioning of leanto building to house and feed young livestock.  Overton Hall Farm Taxal, Whaley Bridge. Mr P Slack  <b>FULL</b></p>	<b>No Comment</b>
<p><b>HPK/2019/0129</b>  Proposed side extension to create new kitchen, utility at ground and bedroom at first floor.  30, Park Crescent, Furness Vale. Mr Christopher Baxter  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<b>No comment</b>
<p><b>HPK/2019/0096</b>  Single storey garage extension  21, Meadow Close, Whaley Bridge. Mr Daniel Derbyshire  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<b>No comment</b>
<p><b>HPK/2019/0152</b>  Two storey side extension and single storey porch extension  1, The Coppice, Whaley Bridge. Mr &amp; Mrs Wesley &amp; Val Vernon  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<b>No comment</b>
<p><b>HPK/2019/0151</b>  Application for Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed loft conversion with rear dormer and opaque glazed side window.  108, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Mr Graham Bennett  <b>CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULLNESS</b></p>	<b>No comment</b>
<p><b>DOC/2019/0034</b>  Discharge of Condition 3 of HPK/2018/0450  Spire House, Bings Road, Whaley Bridge. Dr Sean Tenant  <b>DISCHARGE OF CONDITION</b></p>	<b>No comment</b>
<p><b>HPK/2019/0105</b>  Proposed conservatory to side elevation  The Cottage, Whaley Hall, Reservoir Road, Whaley Bridge. Mrs McCloud  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<b>No comment</b>

<p><b>HPK/2019/0122</b>  Proposed Two Storey front extension with new side entrance, Juliet balcony to side elevation, 2 no roof lights. Rear timber canopy with 2 no roof lights to rear elevation and yard area. Extension to front driveway with change of use of attached land edged blue to dwelling curtilage.  8, Stoneheads Rise, Whaley Bridge. Mr &amp; Mrs Cutts  <b>FULL</b></p>	<p><b>No comment</b></p>
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The meeting closed at 9:35 pm

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

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Chairman

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Date