

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge

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

**In Attendance:** 3 members of the public and Andrew Fox, Town Clerk.

### **C19/122 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs McCarthy and Ridgway and HPBC Cllrs K Thomson and S K Thomson.

### **C19/123 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications**

None.

### **C19/124 Community Police**

A report was received from PCSO Amy McKeever; 4 Violent related incidents, 1 Anti-Social Behaviour, 1 Vehicle Crime, 1 Burglary's, 3 Domestic Incidents, 1 Theft 2 incidents of Bilkings, 2 Road Traffic Collisions, 0 Drug related Incidents, 3 Suspicious incidents, 1 Public Order and 3 Criminal Damage.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk would graph the crime statistics over the past few months for the next meeting.

### **C19/125 Public Participation**

A member of the public came on behalf of Acclimatise Whaley. He commented that it was a privilege to be able to vote in a UK election after gaining citizenship in 2017. He continued to state that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 it is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth day which is celebrated in 173 countries worldwide. The celebration started in America in the 70s and since it has begun air pollution has been cut worldwide by 98% thanks to the Clean Air Act which much more to achieve in the future. In anticipation of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary communities over the world are wanting to do a Sunday to Sunday celebration which bookmarks the event. The main reason for attending the meeting it to raise awareness and promote any group which wants to do an event as part of the Earth day celebrations. On the Wednesday itself they are planning to do an early morning event. Finally the resident stated that they had booked the CEO of Music Magpie as a key note speaker.

**RESOLVED:** to add an item regarding the Earth day celebrations to the agenda of the next meeting and to advertise the event in the next Town Council newsletter.

Another member of the public attended the meeting to give a report about the Community Allotment Project which is attached to the minutes.

**C19/126 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council**

No HPBC Cllr was present at the meeting and no reports were received.

**C19/127 Minutes of previous meeting**

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

**C19/128 Clerk's Report**

**RESOLVED:** To note the Clerk's report.

**C19/129 Finance etc**

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

	Nov-19	Payments	14/11/2019
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£3,332.43
	Petty Cash	Office supplies & postage & Xmas	£67.26
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£32.77
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£96.72
	Chronicle Accountants	Payroll January-October	£120.00
	Andrew Fox	Money withdrawn for petty cash	£67.26
	Fran Frodsham	5 Saddle Planters Whaley Bridge	£425.00
	SLCC	CiLCA Fee Allison Lugg	£350.00
	Altodigital	Photocopier usage	£43.68
	Review Publishing	Whaley Bridge Christmas advert	£46.18
	Shelter Maintenance	Bus Shelter cleaning	£63.00
	Martin Thomas	Reimburse for bulb planters	£46.75
300040	WB Community Trust	Grant award	£430.00
300041	Fernilee Transformation Team	Grant award	£500.00
300042	Friends of Whaley Bridge Station	Grant award	£400.00
300043	Toddbrook Sailing Club	Grant award	£270.00
300044	1 <sup>st</sup> Taxal Scouts	Grant award	£400.00
300045	P.M. Robinson	Christmas trees outside MI	£70.00
	WB Community Trust	Room hire W4W meeting	£13.00
	WB Community Trust	Room hire NP meetings	£13.70
	Mechanics Institute	Room hire Regen	£26.00
	Mechanics Institute	Room hire	£598.17
	Mechanics Institute	New Mills U3A wrongly received	£48.00
	<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,459.92</b>
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£1,115.80
	Shorrock Trichem	Cleaning Materials	£49.95
DD	Gazprom	Gas	£246.58

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DD	High Peak BC	Non-domestic rates	£55.00
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity	£111.14
DD	United Utilities	Water	£53.24
300044	McColl's	Newspapers	£53.40
	<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,019.05</b>
<b>Sports Association</b>			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£21.60
635	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£525.28
634	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Fuel petty cash used	£7.25
636	Shorrock Trichem	Cleaning Materials	£68.21
DD	HPBC	Non-domestic rates	£160.00
DD	Water Plus	Water	£12.19
	<b>Sports Association</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£794.53</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,273.50</b>

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

<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	43,384.31
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	30,995.49
Petty Cash	7.76
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	162,387.56
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	15,399.04
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,166.72
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	43,565.76
<b>Sports Association</b>	£
Current Account	3,192.70
Deposit Account	67,108.42
Petty Cash	0.00
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	70,301.12

**C19/130 Budget 2020/21**

A report was received and noted from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** To hold a meeting as necessary to discuss the budget and that the Clerk will send a full budget proposal as soon as possible.

**C19/131 Community Allotment Project**

**RESOLVED:** To move this agenda item forward to be discussed at agenda item 5.

**RESOLVED:** To investigate a different site for the Community Allotment with High Peak Borough Council and to agenda the item at a later meeting after investigations have been carried out.

- C19/132 Code of Conduct**
- Received a report from the Clerk.  
**RESOLVED:** To update the Code of Conduct to reflect the changes made by High Peak Borough Council.
- C19/133 Request for a Storage Container on the 3G pitch**
- Received a report from Cllr Gilmour.  
**RESOLVED:** To defer the decision to a sports Association meeting to be held in January.
- C19/134 New PC quote**
- RESOLVED:** To accept TrustedIT's quote for £2,414.75 and to contact Wolverton & Greenleys Town Council to enquire about their PC systems which run on Microsoft Office 365.
- C19/135 Update on Road Flooding near Tesco**
- Received and noted a report from Cllr Hall which provided an update regarding the situation. Cllr Hall commented he would have further updates after a meeting which is scheduled.
- C19/136 Update on Whole System Physical Activity Project**
- Received a report from Cllr McCarthy stating a further update would come after the meeting on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December.
- C19/137 Whaley Bridge Town Council Domain Name Renewal**
- RESOLVED:** To renew the Domain name of Whaley Bridge Town Council at a total cost of £116.40 including VAT.
- C19/138 Whaley 4 Wards**
- Received a report from Cllrs Thomas and Hall.  
**RESOLVED:** To keep Whaley 4 Wards as an excellent volunteer group and to expand the Regeneration Committee to included other stakeholders in Whaley Bridge who are interested in regeneration.
- C19/139 Grit Bins**
- Received a report from the Clerk.  
**RESOLVED:** To get a similar Grit Bin to the spare one that has now been installed. A total budget of £100.00 was set to purchase the grit bin.
- C19/140 Grounds Maintenance 2020/2021**
- Received a report from the Clerk who commented he had attempted to get 5 quotes.  
**RESOLVED:** To accept Piranha County Gardens quote for grounds maintenance at a total cost of £7,989.00

**C19/141 Bus Shelter Market Street**

Received a report from Cllr Thomas

**RESOLVED:** To investigate the following 3 options with the Conservation officer at High Peak Borough Council; To remove the stone front like the bus shelter opposite and place a RSJ across the roof for support, to demolish the shelter and replace it with a modern one and finally to demolish the bus shelter and rebuild it from the stone work.

**RESOLVED:** To contact Mike Whelan about the stone work.

**RESOLVED:** To investigate the possibility of a new bus stop being installed on the way to Furness Vale for the 190. To investigate a replacement panel at the Hollins View bus shelter.

**C19/142 Town Council Phone Box**

Received a report from Cllr Thomas.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk would investigate getting the bellows which slow the door down repaired by Hi-Press Hydraulics Ltd.

**C19/143 Mechanics Institute Meeting**

Received and noted a report from the Clerk detailing he has been unable to acquire outstanding quotes which were not received for the Mechanics Institute meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December.

**C19/144 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress, Expenditure**

Received a report from Cllr Pritchard and Cllr Thomas which was circulated to all Cllrs.

**C19/145 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies**

a) Regeneration Committee

A report was provided from the Regeneration meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To purchase 5 litter pickers at a cost of £69.50 plus VAT.

b) Personnel Committee

This update would be provided at the end of the meeting.

c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group

At a recent meeting the main item was the consideration of repair works to the Transhipment Warehouse. The CRT commented that they have sort quotes for work from their approved contractors and these were unfortunately too expensive therefore the work would not be done by one of their approved contractors. Cllr Swift commented that he had provided contact details of 3 other contractors to the CRT and they had not contacted any of them.

d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Nothing to report.

e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

Nothing to report.

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Cllr Gilmour provided a report which stipulated there is a meeting with HPBC on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December to discuss the Pavilion Lease and other aspects of the project. There would then be a Sports Association meeting scheduled for early January where more details could be acquired regarding the Pavilion extension with the idea of a full written report being provided to the next Town Council meeting.

**C19/146 Correspondence**

**RESOLVED:** To note correspondence received from 15 November:

1. DCC – Record Office Consultation
2. Whaley Bridge Resident – expressing concerns regarding drainage problems linked to new housing developments.
3. Peak Park Parishes Forum - Parish Assessments update (some responses not yet received)
4. DCC – reply regarding the blocked culvert at Hockerley Lane.

5. **DALC/NALC**

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circular 12/2019  
 AGM & Excellence Awards update  
 Children's Funeral Fund  
 National Audit Office consultation  
 NALC respond to deployment of 5G  
 Security of Data  
 HR Advice  
 Stores from the county  
 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circular 13/2019  
 Subs 20-21  
 Spring Seminar  
 Grant Funding  
 Website Access Regs  
 Good Cllr Guide Transport  
 Councils Tackling Loneliness  
 Speed Signs Guidance  
 Pre-election publicity brief  
 New Employment Regs  
 Confiden Minutes  
 Code of Conduct

6. Canal & River Trust – poster inviting residents to join them at the Palace Hotel on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at either 6pm or 7.30pm for a short briefing on the temporary works due to start on the Toddbrook Reservoir site after Christmas.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk would contact CRT asking the purpose of the meeting and why the Town Council was not informed sooner. Also to question why the meeting was not held in Whaley Bridge.

7. HPBC – request for town council opinion on its new Corporate Plan, through an online feedback form by 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
8. WB Junior Parkrun – request from the Event Director for concessionary use of the Sports Pavilion.

**RESOLVED:** To allow concessionary use of the Sports Pavilion for the Parkrun.

**C19/147 Planning**

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

**Committee Decisions**

Application	Decision
<p><b>HPK/2019/0221</b>                      Application for Variation or Removal of Condition 2 in regards to HPK/2017/0536                      Land Adjacent And To The Rear Of No 54 To 64, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Mr Chris Draper - Peaks And Plains Housing Trust  <b>FULL</b></p>	<p>Approved</p>

### Delegated Decisions

Application	Decision
<b>HNT/2019/0012</b> Rear Conservatory measuring 1.5 metres beyond the rear wall of the dwelling, maximum height 5.1 metres and height to eaves 5.1 metres 43, Bridgemont, Whaley Bridge. Dr James Robertson <b>HOUSEHOLDER NOTIFICATION APPLICATION</b>	Prior Approval Refused
<b>DOC/2019/0042</b> Discharge of conditions 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 25, 32, 33, 34 relating to HPK/2017/0536 Land Adjacent And To The Rear Of No 54 To 64, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Mr Chris Draper - Peaks And Plains Housing Trust <b>DISCHARGE OF CONDITION</b>	Split Decision Approved/Refused
<b>HPK/2019/0437</b> Single storey rear extension to form day room/office 22, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Mr David Smith <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	Withdrawn

### Peak Park Planning Decisions – None

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

Application	Comments
<b>HPK/2019/0512</b> Extension and conversion of existing garage into an annex. Construction of a new garage Chestnut Lodge, Yeadsley Lane, Furness Vale Mr & Mrs A Nevett <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	<b>No comment</b>
<b>FHPK/2019/0510</b> Extension to enclose stair access (approved under HPK/2016/0477) 1, Ivybank House, Chapel Road Whaley Bridge. Mr Tim O'brien and Mrs Teresa Anderson <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	<b>No comment</b>
<b>HPK/2019/0505</b> Variation of condition 2 relating to HPK/2018/0591 Smithyfield, Whaley Lane, Whaley Bridge. Carol Hawkins <b>FULL</b>	<b>No comment</b>
<b>DOC/2019/0098</b> Discharge of condition 5 relating to HPK/2015/0634 Land At 10-12, Bridgemont, Whaley Bridge, Whaley Bridge. Treville Properties <b>DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS</b>	<b>No comment</b>

<b>HNT/2019/0013</b> Single storey rear extension measuring 6 metres beyond the rear wall of the dwelling, maximum height 3.4 metres and height to eaves 3 metres 2, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Mr David Smith <b>HOUSEHOLDERS NOTIFICATION APPLICATION</b>	<b>No comment</b>
<b>HPK/2019/0536</b> Two Storey Side Extension 30, Hill Drive, Whaley Bridge. Mr Philip Goulding <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	<b>No comment</b>
<b>HPK/2019/0141</b> Erection of two detached three storey houses and demolition of a stable Land Adjacent And To The Rear Of 54 To 64, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Gordon Bruce <b>FULL</b>	<b>To agenda this item at a later meeting.</b>

**C19/148 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

**C19/149 Personnel Committee Recommendations**

**RESOLVED:** That upon the completion of the CiLCA Qualification the Clerk's salary is increased by one to SCP scale 26 and that this is backdated to the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2019.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk's hours are increased by 3 each week which will be flexible hours for the Clerk to use mainly to attend meetings.

**RESOLVED:** The personnel Committee will hold another meeting at least every 6 months.

The meeting closed at 9:50 pm

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

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 Chairman

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 Date