

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

In Attendance: 5 members of the public, Cllr Kath Thomson, Cllr Shannon-Kate Thomson and Andrew Fox, Town Clerk.

Newly co-opted Cllrs Ridgway and Smith took their seats after the Clerk confirmed they had signed their declaration of office.

C19/081 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from DCC Cllr Fox.

C19/082 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

None

C19/083 Community Police

A report was received from PCSO Amy McKeever; 6 Violent related incidents, 5 Anti-Social Behaviour, 4 Vehicle Crime, 2 Burglary's, 9 Domestic Incidents, 1 Theft, 7 Road Traffic Collisions, 2 Drug related Incidents, 3 Suspicious incidents.

C19/084 Public Participation

A member of the public spoke about the traffic issues in Furness Vale. The resident stated that unfortunately their friend who they were campaigning with had passed away. They continued to state that DCC have confirmed they are doing a survey on the A6 and will report back in a fortnight. He stated he has been finding it difficult to get into contact with the correct people to deal with this issue. Finally he stated that the 208 people given at the previous meeting was incorrect and that this was actually 408 people.

Another member of the public spoke about the Friends of Memorial Park. They asked for concessionary use of the Garage for a lantern making workshop on the 16th of November and the 23rd of November. They asked for £200.00 from the Council's Christmas budget for lantern making materials. They continued to state that they had received an email from New Mills lantern parade offering the lantern Chinook they made to Whaley Bridge. The lantern would cost £250.00 for the materials and to replace the lights in the lantern. The group continued to state that if there were any damage to the lantern that they would fix it, the Carnival Committee said they would help transport it and the fire service said they would help hang it somewhere.

RESOLVED: To agenda this item for a future meeting.

Another member of the public spoke about doing an anniversary event for the Toddbrook Dam Incident which would be organised by the Carnival Committee. The resident suggested that an event is held on the 1st of August to commemorate the one year anniversary of the dam incident. They suggested moving the date of the Carnival to the 1st of August rather than the usual time at the end of June. They would like to use the carnival as a big day of events to mark the anniversary, they stated they have already been speaking to various other organisations such as the friends of memorial park the plan would be to use the park as well and extend what normally is done on carnival day. They plan to extend the usual activities with a service in the morning similar to the one held few weeks ago. They plan to Invite same dignitaries who attend the thanksgiving event who would then partake in the parade after this they would then have the party in the park with music etc. Finally they suggested having a firework display to close the event off from the reservoir area. The resident accepted that they were just ideas and obviously a lot of work was required. They stated they will be partnering with all groups which were responsible for helping in the dam incident. They would also need to speak to HPBC and DCC as there could potentially be a lot of people attending. They finished by stating they are just trying to get the ball rolling as he needs to book the date soon so the local groups need to make a decision to do this or not as they need to start preparation for the event.

Another member of the public spoke about the ongoing planning applications relating to the Barratt Homes development. They provided a report to the Council which is attached to the minutes.

Finally a member of the public provided a letter to all Cllrs which is attached to the minutes.

C19/085 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council

Cllr Lomax, Cllr K Thomson and Cllr S.K Thomson had nothing to report.

C19/086 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the last meetings of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 12 September 2019 are a true and correct record of the meeting, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C19/087 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report.

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

| | Oct-19 | Payments | 10/10/2019 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cheque Number | Payee | Description | Amount £ |
| Whaley Bridge Town Council | | | |
| | Salaries | Net salaries | £4,650.75 |
| | HMRC | PAYE October | £537.54 |
| | Petty Cash | Office supplies & postage | £7.73 |
| | High Peak CVS | Hire of digital projector | £15.00 |
| DD | TalkTalk Business | Telephone/Broadband Jul | £32.52 |
| DD | Trusted IT | Backup/365 Lic/Website | £96.72 |
| | Survey Monkey EU | NP survey subscription | £384.00 |
| | JS Environmental | Asbestos removal | £3,780.00 |
| | PFK Little John | External Audit | £480.00 |
| | Kevin Mayhew LTD | Candles for Thanksgiving service | £71.74 |
| | M L Thomas | Reimburse for stamps for service | £67.20 |
| | Babka | Food for Thanksgiving service | £200.00 |
| | The Bridge Bakehouse | Food for Thanksgiving service | £190.00 |
| | On a Wick and a Prayer | Candles for Thanksgiving service | £72.00 |
| | Carol Cade | Np expenses postage | £19.89 |
| | Ann Sheehy | Reimburse service expenses | £208.12 |
| | WB Uniting Church shop | Shopfront scheme | £665.00 |
| | Shelter Maintenance Ltd | Bus shelter cleaning | £63.00 |
| | Mechanics Institute | Room hire | £624.17 |
| | Mechanics Institute | New Mills U3A wrongly received | £48.00 |
| | Whaley Bridge Town Council | Total | £12,213.38 |
| Mechanics Institute | | | |
| | Whaley Bridge Town Council | Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg | £1,340.80 |
| | Whaley Bridge Town Council | Reimbursement of Petty cash | £4.65 |
| DD | High Peak BC | Non-domestic rates | £55.00 |
| DD | Opus Energy | Electricity | £121.93 |
| DD | United Utilities | Water | £53.24 |
| 300042 | McColl's | Newspapers | £65.53 |
| | Mechanics Institute | Total | £1,641.15 |
| Sports Association | | | |
| DD | SAGE | Sage One Accounts | £21.60 |
| 624 | Whaley Bridge Town Council | Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg | £489.28 |
| 625 | Whaley Bridge Town Council | Reimbursement of Petty cash | £6.60 |
| 626 | SNS Trees | Hedge trimming and tree cutting | £744.00 |
| DD | HPBC | Non-domestic rates | £160.00 |
| DD | Water Plus | Water | £12.19 |
| | Sports Association | Total | £1,433.67 |
| | Total Expenditure | Total | £15,288.20 |

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

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| Whaley Bridge Town Council | £ |
| CCLA Deposit Fund | 88,000.00 |
| Unity Trust - Current Account | 62,558.02 |
| Unity Trust - Deposit Account | 30,995.49 |
| Petty Cash | 56.04 |
| | 181,609.55 |
| Mechanics Institute | £ |
| Unity Trust - Current Account | 12,334.76 |
| Unity Trust - Deposit Account | 28,166.72 |
| | 40,501.48 |
| Sports Association | £ |
| Current Account | 6,397.89 |
| Deposit Account | 67,086.36 |
| Petty Cash | 0.00 |
| | 73,484.25 |

RESOLVED: The Clerk would investigate whether the amount paid from the Xmas Trees budget was for this year's trees or last year's.

C19/089 Co-option of Town Council Vacancies

RESOLVED: That the assistant Clerk Mrs Brenda Wise Clerk this item due to a potential conflict with the Town Clerk as a member of his family was an applicant.

RESOLVED: To accept the actions taken by the Town Clerk to rectify the issue and to accept the advice given from the SLCC.

The three candidates were all proposed and seconded and two Cllrs requested a secret ballot.

RESOLVED: That Mr Mike Glover was co-opted on to the Town Council. He signed his declaration of office in front of the Clerk and joined the meeting.

Mrs Brenda Wise left the meeting after this item and the Clerk continued clerking the meeting.

C19/090 Toddbrook Dam

Received and noted a report from Cllr Thomas

RESOLVED: To write to Ruth George MP and the current Environment Minister to request that a independent public inquiry is carried out into the Toddbrook dam incident.

RESOLVED: To write to Mr Aldred to thank him for his report.

C19/091 A6 in Furness Vale

RESOLVED: To reply to the community speed watch to inform them the Council would like to send 5 Cllrs on the training for the speed watch, Cllrs Bowden, Hall, Lomax, McCarthy and Taylor.

RESOLVED: To agenda an item regarding the A6 at a future meeting to receive an update on progress.

C19/092 Flooding near Tesco

Received a report from Cllr Bowden

RESOLVED: To write to the environmental officer at HPBC to inform them of the sewage we observed flowing through Hockerly tunnel 29th sep 13:30 straight across the road and into the canal also to copy the CRT into the email.

RESOLVED: To ask HPBC for regular cleaning of the culvert now that a large piece of wood has become stuck in the culvert. To send a request to the officer in charge and the executive officer asking for barriers to be installed up stream to prevent large pieces of wood and debris getting stuck in the culvert.

C19/093 Lamppost Poppies

RESOLVED: Cllrs Bowden, Glover and Swift are willing to assist with the Lamppost Poppies and silent soldier campaigns, to allow for the purchase of cable ties for fixing the Lamppost Poppies.

C19/094 Christmas Fair

RESOLVED: To allow concessionary use of the Garage for lantern making workshops on the 16th of November and the 23rd of November and to agree £200.00 for materials.

RESOLVED: To agenda the Mechanics Institute refurbishment at a future meeting once an update has been received.

C19/095 Shallcross Incline

Received a report from Cllr Thomas and Swift

RESOLVED: To close the Incline until the necessary repairs have been carried out.

RESOLVED: To delegate authority to the Chair and Clerk to accept an offer from DCC to turn the Incline into an official bridleway if the offer is presented.

C19/096 Service of Thanksgiving summary of expenditure

Received a report from Cllr Thomas and the Clerk. Thanks were given to all Cllrs who were involved in organising the event.

RESOLVED: To endorse that the carnival is moved to the 1st of August to commemorate the anniversary of evacuation and that the clerk will write to Tim Mourné to tell him this. To encourage Mr Mourné to make early advice to the schools so can build it into their schedule when writing to him.

RESOLVED: To thank Allison Lugg for her work in organising the event.

C19/097 CiLCA Course and training

RESOLVED: To put the administrator through the CiLCA course and training at a cost of £700.00.

C19/098 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress, Expenditure

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

Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodiesa) Regeneration Committee

Received a report from Cllr Hall and noted he was the new chair of Whaley 4 Wards.

RESOLVED: To approve the following proposals.

- 1) To purchase two long handled bulb planters.
- 2) To contact Sally Curley and Dai Lerner at HPBC to enquire about the Elnor Lane play area.
- 3) To contact HPBC regarding the bus shelter on Market Street on the Canal Street side.

b) Personnel Committee

A meeting was arranged for Wednesday the 16th October.

c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group

There had not been another meeting since the last Town Council meeting with a further meeting coming up. The FAB market for August had to be cancelled due to repairs to the Transshipment Warehouse roof.

d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Cllr Pritchard commented the next public meeting was at Glossop Adult Education Centre 10.00am Wednesday 20th November.

e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

Nothing to report.

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

It was reported that the fence work and tree work had been done at the Pavilion and that the container had been delivered and installed. The draft planning application had been completed by the Football Club. Cllr Gilmour stated that the plans might need amending but did need proper scrutiny.

RESOLVED: To amend the plans as necessary and then to proceed with submitting the planning application.

Correspondence

RESOLVED: To note correspondence received from 13 September:

1. Derbyshire County Council – Snow Warden Scheme 2019-20 information and interest registration request – deadline 30th September 2019
2. Peak & Northern Footpaths Society – Affiliation renewal reminder.
RESOLVED: To approve the renewal at a cost of £22.50.
3. Cllr McCarthy – Fwd: Community Speed Watch from neighbourhood alert.
4. Chapel-en-le-Frith High School – enquiring if there is any funding they could apply for to assist with purchase of equipment needed by the technology department.
5. Rural Services Network – seeking to establish a group of Rural/Market Towns the arguments as seen by towns in countryside areas.
6. Peak District Rural Housing Association – copy of ‘Homes for Local People’.
7. **DALC/NALC**
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circular 11/2019
AGM & Excellence Awards
GDPR Additional Guidance
Public Participation
Grievance & Disciplinary New Guidance
Training courses
Quick Tip
8. Taxal & Fernilee School – Thanks for use of Sport Pavilion car park by teachers in September whilst only part of their own car park was usable.

C19/101 Planning**RESOLVED:** To note the following decisions of High Peak Borough Council:**Committee Decisions – None**

| Application | Decision |
|---|-----------------|
| HPK/2019/0180 The repair of a collapsed riverbank wall through the use of earth reinforcement, provision of scour protection and reconstruction of the dry stone wall as a fascias. Land Fronting 84, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Steve Proffitt FULL | Approved |

Delegated Decisions

| Application | Decision |
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| HPK/2019/0129 Proposed side extension to create new kitchen, utility at ground and bedroom at first floor. 30, Park Crescent, Furness Vale. Mr Christopher Baxter HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL | Approved |

Peak Park Planning Decisions – None**RESOLVED:** That the Council had the following comments on the new applications:

| Application | Comments |
|---|-------------------|
| HPK/2019/0418 Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new single storey side extension. Stanswood House, Station Road, Furness Vale. Mr Mark Williams - Rob Westbrook Architects HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL | No Comment |
| FLEX/2019/0001 Notification of proposed flexible change of use from retail and residential to cafe with community space to hire 3 Canal Street, Whaley Bridge. Mrs Fiona Douglas-Mullett - Little Fika Ltd FLEXIBLE NOTIFICATIONS | No Comment |
| HNT/2019/0012 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 HOUSEHOLDER NOTIFICATION APPLICATION | No Comment |
| NP/HPK/0919/0975 Proposed open plan agricultural building to house and feed livestock Overton Hall Farm Whiteleas Road Taxal. Mr P Slack | No Comment |
| HPK/2019/0437 Single storey rear extension to form day room/office 22, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Mr David Smith HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL | No Comment |

C19/102 Planning Issue Notification

| Application | Issue |
|---|--|
| DET/2017/0006 Proposed agricultural building Land At Cadster Croft, Chapel Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Jason Butler AGRICULTURAL/FORESTRY DETERMINATION Deligated Decision - Prior Approval Granted - 05/05/2017 | Concerns about development creep have been raised and two solar panels on the roof noted |

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write to HPBC planning enforcement team to say the Council believes development appears to be going on which look to be beyond the extent of the original planning permission.

The meeting closed at 10:06 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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Date