

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge**

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

**In Attendance:** 4 members of the public, Cllrs K Thomson and S K Thomson. PC Simon Lomas, PCSO Amy McKeever and Andrew Fox, Town Clerk.

### **C19/150 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs McCarthy and Ridgway.

### **C19/151 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications**

None.

### **C19/152 Community Police**

A report was received from PC Si Lomas and PCSO Amy McKeever; 6 Violent against the person, 0 Public Disorder Offences, 0 Drug offences, 8 Criminal damage, 10 Theft, 0 Sexual offences, 0 Drug related Incidents and 1 Crime against Society.

### **C19/153 Public Participation**

A member of the public came to object to planning application HPK/2019/0141. The resident commented that the application is for two 3 story detached houses and the demolition of a stable which actually has a horse in it at the moment. The resident continued to state that the 3 story houses will seriously affect the amount of light for the gardens of the houses on Buxton Road due to the height of the buildings. The area is in the conservation area and the land is next to a 200 year old listed building and therefore the application is completely out of character with the existing buildings. They continued to state that the development will increase the risk of flooding on Buxton Road and there will be serious negative impact of the trees and wildlife in the area. There are also issues with access as DCC Highways points out the visibility splays are substandard with no way to improve them and the access road is too narrow. The resident also raised concerns that there is a well-used public footpath across the site and there may be a risk to elderly residents and young people who use the footpath. Finally they stated that informal mining has been done in the past and the development would lead to a loss of much needed green space in Whaley Bridge.

Another resident came to talk about the Party in the Park event to take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August this year. They commented that they have been provided information by HPBC that there is money available from the dam incident and to apply to this fund through the Town Council. They estimate the cost of the event will come to roughly £5,000.00 and stated that any help raising the money would be much appreciated.

**RESOLVED:** To speak to HPBC about the possibility of getting funding for the Party in the Park event.

**C19/154 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council**

No reports were received.

**C19/155 Minutes of previous meeting**

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the last meetings of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 12 December 2019 are a true and correct record of the meeting, subject to the correction in minute C19/122 to include Cllr Lomax's apologies and correction minute C19/141 where it should say Chinley/Buxworth instead of Furness Vale, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**C19/156 Clerk's Report**

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

**C19/157 Finance etc**

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

	Jan-20	Payments	16/01/2020
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£3,862.70
	Petty Cash	Office supplies	£6.70
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£32.34
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£96.72
300046	Hall's Mica Hardware	Christmas tree lights	£140.00
	Andrew Fox	Money withdrawn for Petty Cash	£45.69
	Stanway & Hallows Electrical	Connection disconnect Xmas lights	£96.00
	Trusted IT	Domain name renewal	£116.40
	High Peak CVS	Projector and screen rental NP	£40.00
	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>£5,082.72</b>
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£1,340.80
	Alliance Fire Protection	2 Fire extinguishers and service	£236.95
	Chronicle Accountants	Independent Examination of accounts	£270.00
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Reimburse PC Key cutting + Towels	£38.99
DD	Gazprom	Gas	£315.17
DD	High Peak BC	Non-domestic rates	£55.00
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity	£148.65
DD	United Utilities	Water	£53.24
300045	McColl's	Newspapers	£47.51
300046	Margaret Weaver	Reimburse of overpaid room hire	£78.00
	<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,584.31</b>

<b>Sports Association</b>			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£21.60
639	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£489.28
638	Stanway and Hallows Electrical	Security lamp bulbs	£15.84
637	Total Gas & Power	Electricity	£252.34
641	Total Gas & Power	Electricity	£225.53
640	Keane Hyde	Reimburse 3G pitch booking	£33.00
DD	HPBC	Non-domestic rates	£160.00
DD	Water Plus	Water	£12.19
	<b>Sports Association</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,209.78</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,876.81</b>

**RESOLVED:** to note the Financial Reports for December 2019 which had been circulated to all members, and the bank balances at 31<sup>st</sup> December stood at:

<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	38,570.96
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	31,026.74
Petty Cash	75.02
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	157,672.72
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	14,212.16
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,166.72
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	42,378.88
<b>Sports Association</b>	£
Current Account	2,956.41
Deposit Account	67,120.19
Petty Cash	0.00
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	70,076.60

**C19/158 Budget 2020/21**

A draft budget was received from the Clerk and comments were provided by Cllrs.  
**RESOLVED:** To hold a small meeting to discuss the budget in more detail with Cllrs Thomas, Gilmour and Lomax to report to the February meeting.

**C19/159 Earth Day Celebrations 2020**

Received and noted a report from Cllr Hall.  
**RESOLVED:** To add an article in the next Town Council Newsletter to advertise Earth Day 2020.

**C19/160 Internal Audit 2019/20**

**RESOLVED:** To appoint Mr Barrie Woodcock as the Internal Auditor for the Financial Year 2019/20 at a cost of £37.50 per hour.

**C19/161 Report on Pavilion Extension Project**

Received and noted a report from Cllr Gilmour.

**C19/162 Allocation of Fund for the Pavilion Project**

**RESOLVED:** To set a budget of £800.00 for the acquisition of Building Regulations.

**C19/163 Pavilion Extension Project Steering Group**

**RESOLVED:** To create the Pavilion Extension Project Steering Group with the Terms of Reference that are attached to the minutes.

**C19/164 Independent Assessment of the MUGA pitch**

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk would look into this and bring quotes back to a later meeting.

**C19/165 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress, Expenditure**

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

**C19/167 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies**

a) Regeneration Committee

There has been no meeting since the last Town Council meeting however it was noted that there was a meeting taking place with HPBC's new Regeneration Officer on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January.

b) Personnel Committee

**RESOLVED:** To schedule a meeting before the next Town Council meeting in February.

c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group

Cllr Swift at the last meeting commented that he had provided contact details of 3 other contractors to the CRT to ask to tender. As of today the CRT had still not contacted any of them. He also requested a copy of the Tender being sent out from Sue Ball and has not received a response. Finally he concluded stating they can only wait now and that the Tenders were supposed to go out in October.

d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Cllr Pritchard commented that there had not been another meeting since the last meeting. He continued to comment that people will be aware that Northern Rail are under review and that the service in some areas has been unacceptable.

e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

A meeting is being arranged.

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Already covered.

**C19/168 Correspondence**

**RESOLVED:** To note correspondence received from 13 December:

1. Footsteps – Letter of thanks for grant towards renewal of their alarm system and a proposal regarding building the shed and being able to store the overwhelming number of books that have been donated.

**RESOLVED:** To reply saying thank you but unfortunately we cannot offer any of the shed as storage.

2. DCC – notification of policy on Parish/Town Councils Salt purchase and collections for Winter 2019-2020. Does not include salt currently provided for snow wardens.
3. Barrie Woodcock – notification of Internal Audit hourly fee and mileage rate charge increases.
4. DCC – TPO 175 Tree felling notification.
5. High Peak Arts – progress report on Artwork Project for Brookfield Pond and link to internet to view some of the work being prepared for installation.

**RESOLVED:** To allow the art work to be displayed subject to confirmation it will not effect the sluice. To ask W4W to paint the railings before the art installation.

6. Synergy Performance Fitness Ltd – Intended use of garage information.  
**RESOLVED:** To progress this matter with Marc and to set a meeting Cllrs Glover and Swift are interested in attending.

**C19/169 Planning**

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

**Committee Decisions - None**

**Delegated Decisions**

<b>Application</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>HPK/2019/0410</b> Proposed two storey rear extension and single storey front porch 8, Stoneheads Rise, Whaley Bridge. Mr And Mrs Cutts <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	Approved
<b>HPK/2019/0323</b> Proposed two storey side extension, infill above single storey lean to, relocation of the garage with associated external works. 180 Brewood, Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr And Mrs Chadwick <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	Approved

**Peak Park Planning Decisions – None**

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

<b>Application</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>HPK/2019/0545</b> Retrospective application for the change of use of Cafe (A3) & Retail (A1) to create 2 two bedroom dwellings 10, Canal Street, Whaley Bridge. Mr T Goldburn Buildiko Limited <b>FULL</b>	<b>No comment</b>
<b>HPK/2019/0573</b> Variation of condition 2 relating to HPK/2015/0525 87 Merlewood, Chapel Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Alan Sidebotham <b>FULL</b>	<b>No comment</b>

<p><b>HNT/2019/0015</b>  The erection of a single-storey flat roofed rear extension to extend 4.2m beyond the rear wall or the original dwelling house, 3.30m maximum height and 3.00m to height of the eaves.  12, Reddish Avenue, Whaley Bridge. Mr &amp; Mrs Longson  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS NOTIFICATION APPLICATION</b></p>	<p><b>No comment</b></p>
<p><b>HPK/2019/0559</b>  Proposed two storey rear extension  312, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Becky Stokes  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<p><b>No comment</b></p>
<p><b>AAP/H1033/W/19/3241442 (Planning Appeal)</b>  Appeal against refusal of Application HPK/2018/0426  <b>HPK/0218/0426</b>  Retention of engineering operations and proposed building for woodland management  Tom Wood, Start Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Tom Williams  <b>FULL</b></p>	<p><b>The Town Council repeats its previous comments</b></p>
<p><b>HPK/2019/0141 (Deferred from December meeting)</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></p>	<p><b>See Minute C19/170</b></p>
<p><b>HPK/2019/0418</b>  Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new single storey side extension with retention of engineering works to form new patio area.  Stanswood House. The Stables, Station Road, Furness Vale.  Mr Mark Williams  <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b></p>	<p><b>No comment</b></p>

**C19/170**

**HPK/2019/0141**

**RESOLVED:** That Whaley Bridge Town Council object to this planning application for the following reasons; the access to the site is clearly inadequate as demonstrated by DCC Highways and the access is across another person's land without their permission. The Council do not believe this is a valid application due to two designs being submitted which do not account for elevations and are completely out of character with the existing buildings in the area. There also a number of drainage issues which the Council believes the applicant has not considered properly.

The meeting closed at 9:40 pm

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

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Chairman

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Date