

7th May 2020

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the Annual meeting of the Town Council to be held on

Thursday 14th May at 7.30 pm
Remote Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID 834-7924-5438 Meeting Password 119166.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Fox, CiLCA, LLM
Town Clerk

Meetings open to the Public may be recorded by representatives of the media and members of the public; any persons intending to record this meeting are requested to do so in accordance with the protocol published by the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils in May 2014. The Chairman may ask anyone to stop recording and leave the meeting if they act in a disruptive manner.

AGENDA, 14th May 2020

1. **Election, and acceptance of office, of Chair of the Town Council**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
To receive apologies and reasons for absence
3. **Election of Vice Chair of the Town Council**
4. **Signing Declaration of Acceptance of Office Forms**
5. **Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications**
 - a. Update of the Register of Members' Interests
 - b. To enable members to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in any agenda items in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct.
 - c. To receive and approve requests for dispensation from members in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.
6. **Community Police**
To receive reports from the Safer Neighbourhood Team for Whaley Bridge.
7. **Open Forum – Public Participation**
A period of not more than 15 minutes will be available for members of the public to address members of the Town Council. A member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes or the 15 minutes divided equally between the number of persons wishing to speak at the meeting. (Standing Orders 3f & 3g)
8. **Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council members**
Councillors representing Whaley Bridge at High Peak Borough Council or Derbyshire County Council to update members on matters of concern to the Town Council.
9. **Minutes of previous meetings**
To receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23 April 2020.
10. **Calendar of Meetings 2020-2021**

11. **Chair's Allowance**
To set the allowance for 2020-21
12. **Appointments to cheque-signing/electronic payments authorisation panel**
13. **Appointments to Committees**
14. **Appointments to advisory Panels:**
 - Whaley4Wards
 - Whaley Bridge Canal Group
 - Brookfield Pond
 - Sports Association Management Executive
 - Website
 - Neighbourhood Planning Group
 - Local Area Forum
 - Allotments working group
15. **Appointments to outside bodies:**
 - Furness Vale COGS
 - High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership
16. **Clerk's Report**
To receive and consider the written report submitted by the Town Clerk.
17. **Finance etc**
 1. To consider the Year-end Accounts for 2019/20
 2. To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2019/20
 3. To approve the Accounting Statement for 2019/20
 4. To consider and approve the Accounts for Payment
 5. To consider the financial reports for the month ended 30 April 2020
18. **Approval of Financial Risk Assessment 2020/21**
To approve the Financial Risk Assessment prepared by the Clerk
19. **Community Allotment Project**
To consider agreeing to allow a plot to be used for the Community Allotment Project.
20. **Closure of Brookfield Pond**
To consider the closing of Brookfield Pond due to the Coronavirus outbreak.
21. **Whaley Bridge Christmas light switch on 2019**
To consider agreeing the date for the Christmas light switch on 2019.
22. **Shallcross Incline Path and Trees**
To consider the state of the trees and the path on the Incline and to consider quotes for repairs.
23. **Purchase of Security Camera and signs for Brookfield Pond**
To consider purchasing a security camera and signs for Brookfield Pond.
24. **Whaley Bridge Town Council Insurance Provision**
To consider agreeing the insurance Premium and provider for 2020/21.
25. **Mechanics Institute Window Boxes**
To confirm the Clerk's decision to acquire new window boxes for the Mechanics Institute.
26. **Overgrown Footpaths**
To consider allocation funds for overgrown footpaths.

- 27. Grit bin for Toddbrook Close**
To consider replacing a broken Town Council grit bin on Toddbrook Close.
- 28. General Power of Competence**
To consider and adopt the General Power of Competence under the Localism Act 2011 and to reaffirm the Council's eligibility.
- 29. Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress, Expenditure**
To receive and consider a report regarding progress and expenditure.
- 30. Reports from representatives on outside bodies and Committees**
To receive and consider reports from outside bodies and Committees.
- a) Regeneration Committee
 - b) Personnel Committee
 - c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group
 - d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership
 - e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group
 - f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association
 - g) Whaley Active
 - h) Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project
- 31. Planning**
To consider planning decisions and new applications received.