

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th February 2020 in The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge

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

In Attendance: Ken O'Boyle, PC Simon Lomas and Andrew Fox, Town Clerk.

C19/171 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from HPBC Cllrs Kath and Shannon - Kate Thomson.

C19/172 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

Cllr Thomas declared an interest regarding planning application HPK/2020/0033 as he is a trustee of High Peak CVS who rent the building. Cllr Pritchard declared an interest regarding planning application HPK/2020/0036 as the applicant was his neighbour.

C19/173 Community Police

A report was received from PC Simon Lomas; 11 Violent against the person, 1 Public Disorder Offences, 1 Drug offences, 4 Criminal damage and arson, 7 Theft, 0 Sexual offences and 0 Crime against Society.

C19/174 Public Participation

No member of the public wished to speak.

C19/175 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council

No reports were received.

C19/176 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 to remove Cllr McCarthy from attending the meeting as he gave his apologies, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C19/177 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report.

C19/178 Finance etc

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

	Feb-20	Payments	13/02/2020
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£3,494.37
	HMRC	PAYE	£593.69
	Petty Cash	Office supplies	£8.60
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£32.34
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£96.72
DD	PEAC	Photocopier lease	£275.74
	Kingfisher Direct	New Grit bin and delivery	£99.95
	DALC	Climate emergency workshop x 2	£60.00
	WB Community Trust	Room hire for NP and W4W	£26.10
	Carol Cade	Reimburse NP website renewal	£14.39
	Fran Frodsham	Refilling of Grit bins 2019/20	£475.00
	Shelter Maintenance	Bus Shelter cleaning	£63.00
	Amazon Ltd	Litter picker W4W x 5	£69.00
	Mechanics Institute	Room hire	£598.17
	Mechanics Institute	Room hire Digital Derbyshire meet	£12.00
	Mechanics Institute	New Mills U3A wrongly received	£48.00
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total	£5,967.07
Mechanics Institute			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£1,115.80
DD	Gazprom	Gas	£334.27
DD	High Peak BC	Non-domestic rates	£55.00
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity	£117.72
DD	United Utilities	Water	£53.24
300047	McColl's	Newspapers	£55.05
	Mechanics Institute	Total	£1,731.08
Sports Association			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£21.60
644	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£525.28
645	Total Gas & Power	Electricity	£261.53
642	Steve Rampley	Reimburse for plan printing	£10.00
643	Mechanics Institute	Room hire SA meetings	£26.00
DD	HPBC	Non-domestic rates	£160.00
DD	Water Plus	Water	£12.19
	Sports Association	Total	£1,016.60
	Total Expenditure	Total	£8,714.75

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

Whaley Bridge Town Council	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	37,549.95
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	31,026.74
Petty Cash	66.42
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	156,643.11
Mechanics Institute	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	13,773.02
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,195.12
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	41,968.14
Sports Association	£
Current Account	3,087.54
Deposit Account	67,131.59
Petty Cash	0.00
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	70,219.13

C19/179 Budget 2020/21

A draft budget was received from the Clerk and comments were provided by Cllrs.
RESOLVED: To set the precept at £94,675.00 which equates to a 0% Band D charge.

The vote was taken as a recorded vote with the following results.

Cllr Bowden (for)
 Cllr Gilmour (for)
 Cllr Glover (for)
 Cllr Hall (abstained)
 Cllr Lomax (for)
 Cllr McCarthy (abstained)
 Cllr Pritchard (for)
 Cllr Ridgway (for)
 Cllr Smith (for)
 Cllr Swift (abstained)
 Cllr Taylor (for)
 Cllr Thomas (for)

RESOLVED: The budget would be decreased by £5,666.13 and would come back to the March meeting for final approval.

C19/180 Fireworks Display 2020

Cllr Lomax declared an interest as he is a member of the Cricket Club.

RESOLVED: To support that the Cricket Club conduct the fireworks display and to place an article in the next Newsletter to ask for comments about last year's display.

C19/181 Defibrillator for Furness Vale

RESOLVED: To consult with the caretaker and members of Furness Vale Social Club to assess where the best location for a defibrillator would be taking account of access and electricity supply.

C19/182 Report from Allotment meeting

RESOLVED: To keep the rents the same for this year.

RESOLVED: To agenda an time for the next meeting to acquire a skip for later on in the year and to consider providing funding from the budget to acquire raised beds.

RESOLVED: The Council after receiving advice from HPBC consider that Carr Field is not a suitable site for allotments.

C19/183 Report from Sports Association Meeting

Received a report from Cllr Gilmour who commented that a Project Steering Group meeting was being arranged.

C19/184 Art Work Brookfield Pond

RESOLVED: To agenda an item on the next agenda regarding this, to inspect the loose railings on the gate and to ask W4W if they would be willing to paint the railings.

C19/185 Shallcross Incline update

Received a report from Cllr Thomas.

RESOLVED: The Clerk would contact Gill Millward to state that the incline was passed over to WBTC in a poor state with known works which were not done at the time and therefore DCC needed to make repairs to the incline.

C19/186 Cleaner Air Project

RESOLVED: To consider this item before the Clerk's report at agenda item 7
Received a report from Mr Ken O'Boyle regarding the results of the Cleaner Air Project.

RESOLVED: The Clerk would send a copy of Mr O'Boyle's report to Cllr Jean Todd at HPBC stressing that it is appreciated that the experiments were not an exact science however the results are alarming.

C19/187 Purchase of Leaflet Holders

RESOLVED: To purchase two leaflet holders at a total cost of £15.00 including VAT.

C19/188 Consideration of Garage use

RESOLVED: The Clerk will get a quote for the fixing of the Fire alarm issue in the garage.

RESOLVED: To offer Synergy Performance Fitness Ltd use of the garage on a £120.00 a month basis. That a legal agreement needs to be drawn up between the two parties.

C19/189 Purchase of a leaf blower for the 3G pitch

RESOLVED: To purchase a Mikita 75.6cc back pack leaf blower from World of Power at a cost of £393.76 including VAT.

C19/190 Snow Dog Trail

Received a report from Cllr Hall.

RESOLVED: Cllr Hall would pursue the Snow Dog Trail with Wild in Art.

C19/191 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress, Expenditure

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

RESOLVED: To renew the Wix subscription at a cost of £122.40

C19/192 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies

a) Regeneration Committee

At the last W4W meeting it was decided that the body would continue suggesting ideas as well as being a group of volunteers. The next W4W meeting was scheduled for the 18th February 2020.

b) Personnel Committee

This item will be covered under exempt items.

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.

RESOLVED: To consider the final agenda item at this point.

c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group

Cllr Thomas commented there was a meeting next Tuesday with the Canal Group which he would be attending. He also commented that the CRT are planning to dredge the Canal however due to heavy metals the silt needed to be safely disposed of so it is a slow process.

d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Cllr Pritchard gave a report since last meeting since 1st March franchise holder Aviva and train operator will be removed a government run train operator is going to take it on board. Catherine Croney been appointed as another officer to support Andrew Walker who has now returned from his long illness. There are ongoing issues on Hope Valley Line with Rail replacement buses running between Chinley and Sheffield will continue on a Sunday and soon whole line will have replacement bus services.

e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

This has already been covered.

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Cllr Swift commented that members of the public had been campaigning for a 3rd football pitch to be installed once the dam work is complete if there is room.

g) Whaley Active

Cllr McCarthy commented that when first suggested to the Council it was assumed it came from Sports England but this is not the case. The idea was to get the people of Whaley more active after the dam incident and although they may work for Sports England they are offering their time as a volunteer for this project. He continued to state there had been a couple of meetings so far and the ideas are being formulated into plans and key stakeholders have been identified. They managed to get into Goyt Valley Medical Practice on a training day to ask their thoughts on Whaley active. The practice were very keen to support residents getting more active. There were further meetings scheduled, Cllr McCarthy stressed the goal was to get inactive people active.

h) Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

The Clerk commented that a letter had been sent to the landowner of Blythe House Hospice to attempt to arrange a meeting to discuss disabled access.

C19/193 Correspondence

RESOLVED: To note correspondence received from 17 January:

1. London Hearts Charity – Defibrillator Initiative Drive introduction.
2. Chapel Mobile Physio – sharing news of their success at winning the Crompton & Woodcock Award for outstanding service to the community and thanking everyone who has supported them.
3. Chapel Mobile Physio – 2019 Annual Report and 2020 leaflet plus request for best time to contact WBTC for financial support.
RESOLVED: To contact Chapel Mobile Physio to inform them about the grants and donations applications next financial year when applications open.
4. Friends of Furness Vale Station – requesting information including advice on available guidance and funding availability on acquiring a defibrillator for public use in Furness Vale.
5. Whaley Bridge Cricket Club – requesting confirmation that WBTC are happy for the club to host the 2020 Bonfire & Fireworks event and are prepared to provide the same support as agreed last year and detailed in e-mail dated 10th March 2019. Also that event and feedback details will be included in the next Town Council Newsletter.
6. DCC – Cllr Carol Hart invitation to TC members for Next Liaison Forum on Monday 30th March 2020 at County Hall Matlock 6pm – 8pm.
Deadline for agenda item suggestions and attendance confirmation by Monday 16th March 2020.
7. **DALC/NALC**
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Newsletter January 2020
Climate Emergency Derbyshire – book your workshop place now!;
Be heard in Parliament Lobby Day;
Opportunity to join DALC's Executive Committee and shape our future;
Help save our 'lost' footpaths...;
New funds available for village halls;
Have Your Say – on Derbyshire Fire & Rescue;
National Living Wage goes up;
Clerk Salary Award goes...?;
Help protect the principle of 'affordable homes';
Councillor Essentials training dates announced;
And finally, DALC's Spring Seminar line-up revealed...
Invitation to Derbyshire Constabulary Town & Parish Councils' Evening on Monday 16th March 2020 at 7.00pm Butterley Hall Ripley. Online confirmation of attendance required.
Request for information and interest in dealing with DCC regarding imposing speed limits and potentially become involved with an action group.
8. Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre – request for financial support.
9. The Fire Fighters Charity – requesting consideration of this charity as the Chairperson/Mayor's chosen charity.
10. Friends of Whaley Bridge Station – thanks for grant received from the Town Council.
11. High Peak Community Arts – Artwork for Brookfield Pond information.

C19/194 Planning

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

Committee Decisions – None

Application	Decision
<p>HPK/2019/0478 Development of the existing sports pavilion to include side and front extension and installation of external canopy. Further external groundworks to provide additional seating/sociable area. Internal work to develop an improved meeting/function room and catering/refreshment facilities. Whaley Bridge Sports Pavilion, Park Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Andrew Fox – Town Clerk – Whaley Bridge Town Council FULL</p>	Approved
<p>HPK/2019/0141 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 FULL</p>	Withdrawn

Delegated Decisions

Application	Decision
<p>HNT/2019/0013 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 HOUSEHOLDERS NOTIFICATION APPLICATION</p>	Refused
<p>HPK/2019/0512 Extension and conversion of existing garage into an annex. Construction of a new garage Chestnut Lodge, Yeadsley Lane, Furness Vale Mr & Mrs A Nevett HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</p>	Approved
<p>HPK/2019/0505 Variation of condition 2 relating to HPK/2018/0591 Smithyfield, Whaley Lane, Whaley Bridge. Carol Hawkins FULL</p>	Approved
<p>HNT/2019/0015 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 & Mrs Longson HOUSEHOLDERS NOTIFICATION APPLICATION</p>	Not Required
<p>HPK/2019/0536 Two Storey Side Extension 30, Hill Drive, Whaley Bridge. Mr Philip Goulding HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</p>	Approved
<p>HPK/2019/0475 Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension 148, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs Johnson HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</p>	Approved

<p>HPK/2019/0510 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 HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</p>	Approved
<p>HPK/2019/0545 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 FULL</p>	Approved
<p>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</p>	Approved
<p>HPK/2019/0559 Proposed two storey rear extension 312, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Becky Stokes HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</p>	Approved

Peak Park Planning Decisions – None

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

Application	Comments
<p>HNT/2020/0002 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. 22, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Mr David Smith HOUSEHOLDERS NOTIFICATION APPLICATION</p>	No comment
<p>HPK/2020/0019 Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed single storey rear extension 2, Paddock Lane, Whaley Bridge. Jenny Williams CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULLNESS</p>	No comment
<p>HPK/2020/0009 Erection of a timber frame, single storey garage in location of previous garage. Shallcross Hall Farm, Shallcross Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Alan Sidebotham HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</p>	No comment
<p>NMA/2020/0001 Non material amendment relating to HPK/2018/0261, Description of development to be amended to "demolition of existing rear outbuilding and replacement with new single storey rear extension to provide new kitchen accommodation" Raise the height of the extension roof by 180mm Minor elevational change to proposed rear (south west) elevation. 4, Bank End Cottages, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Mrs Linda Brady NON MATERIAL AMENDMENT</p>	No comment

HPK/2020/0036 Construction of four detached houses. Land Adjacent To Shallcross Mill House, Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Chris And Barbara Morris FULL	Cllr Pritchard left the meeting, No comment
HPK/2020/0027 Rear 1st floor extension consisting of a bedroom, built over the existing single storey section of ground floor living room 16 Eastfield, Whaley Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Jolyon Lacey HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No comment
HPK/2020/0033 First floor extensions into existing pitched roof space and over existing flat roof. Dunbar Packaging, 105, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Will Sugden FULL	Cllr Thomas left the meeting, no comment

C19/195 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.

C19/196 Recommendations from Personnel Committee

Received a report from Cllr Gilmour.

RESOLVED: To file the re-declaration document for the Mechanics Institute stating there are no staff to put into the pension scheme.

RESOLVED: To enrol the Clerk into the Derbyshire Pension Fund in arrears from the start of his employment.

RESOLVED: To contact the Derbyshire Pension Fund to assess whether any payments in arrears would have to be paid as a lump sum or could be paid in instalments.

RESOLVED: To enrol the Caretaker into the Derbyshire Pension Fund in arrears from the date he reached the automatic enrolment threshold which was May 2019 subject to discussions about any existing pension.

RESOLVED: In conjunction with the Derbyshire Pension Fund the Clerk would prepare a new Designation Document for the Town Council allowing members of staff who are over a certain salary threshold to enter the scheme.

RESOLVED: To write a letter setting out her legal position and offering the Administrator enrolment in a NEST pension scheme to start from the 1st of May 2020. The letter will detail the pros and cons of being in a pension scheme as well as the financial requirements of the minimum contribution rates for herself and the employer.

RESOLVED: That these resolutions would be subject to final approval at the March meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:54 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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Date