

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th June 2020

Remote Meeting: Meeting ID 824-4733-2613 Meeting Password 627427

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

In Attendance: Cllr Ruth George and Andrew Fox, Town Clerk.

C20/053 Apologies for Absence

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

C20/054 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

Cllr Gilmour declared an interest in agenda item 11 as he is a Trustee of the Clean Rivers Trust.

C20/055 Community Police

No report was received.

C20/056 Public Participation

No member of the public wished to speak.

C20/057 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council

A written report was received from DCC Cllr Ruth George. She stated the CVS was due to lose 44% of funding in High Peak and that she will be asking a question of the Council on Wednesday. Good result on care homes, though too late - put staff, residents and families through even more stress, Whitstones has not taken any covid patients so far and we hope the facility won't be needed as the same staff would be rotated with the care home.

Horwich End traffic lights - they were due to be switched back on but DCC have found that the pillar next to May's Parlour is also broken and may well need further power supply from NW Power which will delay further. Long Hill - footway has sunk a bit further but not so bad as in winter. DCC are awaiting a Geological Investigation later this year then works will need to be done next year. if it deteriorated further they will do what they can to prevent road closure but emphasise its major technical works and won't be possible to do speedily and probably not in winter.

Linglongs site - HPBC enforcement officers and DCC Rights of Way inspector have been on site to ensure Midshires Way is not blocked and the fencing there has been removed.

Fibre cabinets 11 and 13 at Fernilee and Tunstead Milton have been delayed by NW Power not doing the connection as hoped. DCC are chasing and hope to get

a date for these next week. I hope this will enable me to connect better by Zoom when they are done!

Well done to all schools and nurseries that have reopened to children in difficult circumstances.

Cllr Lomax sent a written report which is attached to the minutes.

C20/058 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the last meetings of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 14 May 2020 are a true and correct record of the meeting subject to the alteration of minute C20/025 removing Cllr Lomax had nothing to report, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C20/059 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report.

C20/060 Finance etc

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

	May-20	Payments	14/05/2020
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£3,409.21
	HMRC	PAYE	£431.74
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£32.34
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£125.36
	Total Gas and Power	Electric for Pavilion on behalf of the Sports Association	£137.03
	Andrew Fox	Reimburse for Zoom subscription	£14.39
	Trusted IT	New PCs and monitor plus install	£2,414.75
	Zurich Municipal	Insurance renewal	£2,162.15
	S Drinkwater	Materials for SA paid by TC	£7.61
	Mechanics Institute	New Mills U3A wrongly received	£48.00
	Environment Agency	Water abstraction licence	£25.00
	Peak Park Parishes Forum	Annual subscription	£6.00
	World of Power	Makita 75.6cc 4 stroke backpack leaf blower	£393.76
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total	£9,207.34
Mechanics Institute			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£1,115.80
DD	Gazprom	Gas	£240.49
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity	£55.26
DD	United Utilities	Water	£46.31
	Mechanics Institute	Total	£1,457.86
Sports Association			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£21.60
652	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£489.28
DD	Water Plus	Water	£12.27

	Sports Association	Total	£523.15
	Total Expenditure	Total	£11,188.35

RESOLVED: to note the Financial Reports for Mat 2020 which had been circulated to all members, and the bank balances at 31st May stood at:

Whaley Bridge Town Council	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	64,232.56
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	31,137.68
Petty Cash	66.42
	183,436.66
Mechanics Institute	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	11,134.93
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,223.24
	39,358.17
Sports Association	£
Current Account	4,752.67
Deposit Account	66,871.01
Petty Cash	0.00
	71,623.68

C20/061 Shallcross Incline Tree Removal Quotes

The Clerk reported that he had tried all reasonable efforts to get 3 quotes but was unable to do so.

RESOLVED: To accept Dean Longden's quote for the tree removal work on the Shallcross Incline at a cost of £1,650.00.

C20/062 The A6 in Furness Vale

Received a report from Cllr Lomax

RESOLVED: That the Clerk would write to DCC Highways cabinet member Cllr Simon Spencer to request that Cycle lanes are placed on both sides of the A6 in Furness Vale hopefully throughout the entire stretch also mentioning that there is tramlining on the tarmac so now would be the ideal time for the road work to be done.

C20/063 Mechanics Institute Covid-19 Risk Assessment

Received a report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: To constantly monitor the Risk Assessment and to update it as necessary.

RESOLVED: The Council would be happy to lend the Main Hall to Schools to run classes if requested.

C20/064 Signage and Fencing for the 3G Pitch

Received a report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: To accept the quote from Mark Harrods for a pair of replacement football nets at a cost of £75.00 excluding VAT.

RESOLVED: To reimburse the Administrator for the cost of the safety signs purchased from safetysignsforless at a total cost of £47.28 including VAT.

RESOLVED: To purchase fencing panels and rolls to repair the broken fencing on the 3G pitch and to hopefully prevent people climbing into the 3G pitch at a total cost of £466.32 including VAT.

C20/065 Brookfield Pond

Due to Cllr Gilmour's personal interest the Vice-Chair Cllr Glover Chaired this item after Cllr Gilmour had given a short report.

RESOLVED: To contact local stakeholders and interested parties to try and gather as much information as possible regarding the Pond before instructing an professionals to do a report.

RESOLVED: To appoint Kingfisher to do a report on the pond at £600.00 plus VAT after more information has been gathered.

C20/066 Defibrillator for Furness Vale

RESOLVED: That the Town Council would support the provision of a defibrillator to the budget of £2,500.00 but delay until July as the VAT may come down and in the meantime if grant schemes come available then the Council will apply for a grant.

C20/067 Overgrown Footpath Vegetation

The Clerk reported they had sent all the necessary forms to DCC for the Minor Maintenance scheme for rights of way but had not had official confirmation that the Council are part of the scheme. The Clerk will contact DCC for confirmation and will then seek to provide maintenance on footpaths previously identified as needing work.

C20/068 Updates regarding Leaflets and Interpretation Panels

Received a report from Lindsay Wetton supplemented by Cllr Thomas.

RESOLVED: To schedule a Regeneration meeting to consider locations for finger signs in Whaley Bridge and locations where current signage needs replacing or is inadequate.

RESOLVED: To schedule a meeting with Lindsay Wetton and the appointed graphic designer regarding the Interpretation panels for next week.

C20/069 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress and expenditure

Received a report from Cllr Pritchard and Cllr Thomas.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will discuss with the staff so that the office phone line will be manned in normal working hours.

C20/070 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies

a) Regeneration Committee

Nothing to report.

b) Personnel Committee

The Clerk commented that he has received the cost of the pension payments in arrears and was working on completing the relevant forms before payment is made.

c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group

Nothing to report.

d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Cllr Pritchard reported that he has sent the latest newsletter through the Clerk.

e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

Cllr Ridgway raised the point that the water had run dry on the allotment plot due to a spell of very dry weather, he suggested that it might be time for mains water on the site. It was agreed this would be discussed at a future allotment meeting.

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Cllr Glover commented that a meeting of the Sports Association needed to be called.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Ridgway would leave the Pavilion Project Steering Group to be a representative to the Whaley Bridge Canal Group.

g) Whaley Active

Nothing to report.

h) Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

It was reported that this project is currently on hold and found be considered again when progress had been made.

C20/071 HPK/2018/0426

Cllr Gilmour reported that there had ben numerous correspondence from the applicant regarding this application and that the Clerk has sent some guidance regarding replying to constituents.

The Council would comment if the application went to appeal.

C20/072 Planning

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

Committee Decisions – None

Delegated Decisions

DET/2020/0008 A small shed for storing tools, wood and equipment needed to restore and manage the ancient woodland along the Toddbrook. Essential to stop the collapse of the habitat and protect the region from flooding Tom Wood, Start Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Tom Williams AGRICULTURAL/FORESTRY	Refused
HPK/2020/0081 Change of use of lower ground floor of Fernilee Methodist chapel into a holiday let and ground floor to extend its use to be multi purpose for community	Approved

and church use. New external store and accessible WC. Fernilee Methodist Church, Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Reverend Sandow FULL	
HPK/2020/0036 Construction of four detached houses Land Adjacent To Shallcross Mill House, Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Chris And Barbera Morris FULL	Approved

Peak Park Planning Decisions – None

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

Application	Comments
HPK/2020/0165 Application for Permission in Principle for demolition of existing single storey detached garage and replacement dwelling. Land Adjacent To 30, Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Michael Ridgway PERMISSION IN PRINCIPLE	No Comment
HPK/2020/0163 Lawful development certificate for a proposed hard standing to provide off street car parking space. 10, Canal Street, Whaley Bridge. Mr Thomas Gouldburn CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS	No Comment
HPK/2020/0157 Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed outbuilding at the bottom of our garden for storage and a workbench. 3, Lake View, Unnamed Road From Calico Lane To Lakeview, Furness Vale. Mr Jim Medway CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS	No Comment
HPK/2020/0153 Subdivision of one 2 bed flat into two 1 bed flats utilising the roof space over each to create additional usable floorspace. 5A, Market Street, Whaley Bridge. Mr Roddie MacLean – Sella PropertiesLtd FULL	No Comment
HNT/2020/0014 Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new kitchen and dining room. The extension will extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling house by 5.88m, maximum height of the extension will be 3.75m and the height of the eaves will be 2.68m 42, Hockerley Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr And Mrs Crunkhorn HOUSEHOLDER NOTIFICATION	No Comment

The meeting closed at 9:06 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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Date