

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Remote Meeting: Meeting ID 868-9999-0016 Meeting Password 331283

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

**In Attendance:** 1 members of the public, HPBC Cllrs Kath and Shannon-Kate Thomson, DCC Cllr Ruth George and Andrew Fox, Town Clerk.

### **C20/111 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Swift.

### **C20/112 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications**

Cllr Hall declared an interest in agenda item 10 as he is a director of the Acclimatise Whaley Charitable Incorporated Company.

### **C20/113 Community Police**

The Police informed the Clerk that they would be on leave at the time of the meeting and would provide a report on their return.

### **C20/114 Public Participation**

A member of the public wished to comment on a new initiative from the Acclimatise Whaley Transition Town Group. He commented that he is a board member of Acclimatise Whaley which aims to make the Town more sustainable. He continued that there was a sub-group which focuses on waste and recycling which is planning to relaunch the terracycling scheme. The scheme allows the recycling of items which cannot normally be recycled such as crisp packets and biscuit wrappers. Previously the scheme had several small bins throughout Whaley however due to the difficulty of this method the proposal is for one central location at the Uniting Church where residents can come and sort their own waste. He is here tonight to politely ask for £250.00 of funding for educational and promotional items such as a banner which will state what can and cannot be recycled via the scheme and 2500 leaflets which will display the same information. The funding would also go towards a big banner for outside the Uniting Church which will be displayed on the days the terracycling scheme is taking place, as well as items such as hand sanitizer. Whaley Bridge are the first Town in the High Peak to try this new model of terracycling and if it is successful it is hoped other towns in the High Peak will try this model. There has been issues with the previous model it is hoped this new approach will make terracycling work.

**RESOLVED:** To place an article in the newsletter about the terracycle scheme and to look at producing a full colour version of the newsletter.

**C20/115 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council**

HPBC Cllr’s Kath and Shannon-Kate Thomson gave a report stating that they are getting a lot of reports about speeding bikes and cars and commented that they have organised a meeting with the police to see if they can assist with this issue. They continued to report that the stone cross will not be ready for Remembrance Day this year as there was a delay with the stone delivery due to Covid-19. There is plans for a small service of no more than 30 people however this has been put in doubt due to new restrictions announced by the Government. Finally, they have stated they have received a lot of emails regarding house building especially regarding Bridgemont and Taxal Edge, they stated they are looking into it.

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

DCC Cllr Ruth George gave a report stating that DCC was going to place a bid for the Active Travel Funds to create a longer distance bike trail from Buxton using Peak Forest Tram way the route would pass through Whaley Bridge. She spoke on care homes stating that a sub-committee has been set up to investigate the 7 care homes which were being closed. She commented that the schools have returned and that everything seemed to be going well so far. She commented that she had heard a lot about buses and mentioned that an additional service would be going through Chinley and down Jodrell Road and that she was having a meeting with residents to discuss the issues. She stated she had responded to the network rail consultation as well as the CRT dam consultation. Finally, she mentioned she had received many emails regarding planning applications and that she was doing a walk round Whaley and Furness with Chief Constable Rachel Swann regarding speeding in the area.

**C20/116 Minutes of previous meeting**

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the last meetings of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 13 August 2020 are a true and correct record of the meeting, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**C20/117 Clerk’s Report**

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

**C20/118 Finance etc**

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

	Sep-20	Payments	10/09/2020
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£3,703.89
	HMRC	PAYE	£397.04
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£32.72
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£125.36
	Peveril Windows	Window repairs on behalf of the Mechanics Institute	£702.00
	Andrew Fox	Reimburse for Zoom subscription	£14.39

	Andrew Fox	Reimburse money withdrawn for PC	£57.14
DD	Altdigital	Photocopier usage	£117.48
	Royal British Legion	Wreaths for Remembrance Day	£75.00
	Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator for Furness Vale	£2,502.00
	Survey Monkey	Annual subscription for NP	£384.00
	Carol Cade	NP expenses	£19.87
	Alex Swift	Reimburse NP Facebook ads	£17.00
DD	PEAC UK	Photocopier lease	£245.74
	<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,393.63</b>
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£1,340.80
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Reimburse incorrectly paid	£48.00
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Reimburse incorrectly paid	£702.00
DD	Gazprom	Gas	£47.42
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity	£76.88
DD	United Utilities	Water	£51.29
	<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,266.39</b>
<b>Sports Association</b>			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£21.60
655	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£525.28
DD	Water Plus	Water	£12.27
	<b>Sports Association</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£559.15</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,219.17</b>

**RESOLVED:** to note the Financial Reports for July and August 2020 which had been circulated to all members, and the bank balances at 31<sup>st</sup> August stood at:

<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	29,239.73
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	31,728.72
Petty Cash	66.42
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	149,034.87
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	17,688.21
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,251.39
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	45,939.60
<b>Sports Association</b>	£
Current Account	6,771.31
Deposit Account	66,872.68
Petty Cash	0.00
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	73,643.99

**C20/119 Japanese Knotweed in Whaley Bridge**

Received a report from Cllr Pritchard.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the report and thank Cllr Pritchard for his hard work.

**RESOLVED:** To place an article in the quarterly newsletter to inform people about Japanese Knotweed and to introduce a timetable to check all Town Council owned sites for Japanese Knotweed.

**C20/120 Acclimatise Whaley request for Funding**

**RESOLVED:** To provide a grant of £250.00 under the Grants and Donations Policy subject to due diligence.

**C20/121 Covid-19 Risk Assessments**

**RESOLVED:** That all coffee morning bookings are simply rolled onto next year given the current climate.

**RESOLVED:** To add the “rule of 6” to the risk assessments.

**C20/122 Footpaths through Farmland**

Received a report from Cllr Lomax.

**RESOLVED:** To place an article in the newsletter asking people to stick to the paths and be wary of wildlife when walking through farmland.

**RESOLVED:** To write to the NFU in Chapel and the issue.

**C20/123 3G Pitch and Pavilion Hire rates**

The Council noted that there will be a full financial review of the Sports Association and then the decision will be brought back to a later meeting.

**C20/124 Brookfield Pond**

Received and noted a report from Cllr Gilmour and the Clerk

**C20/125 Grants and Donations 2020/21**

**RESOLVED:** To consider Grant applications at the November meeting and to place an article in the newsletter advertising that the Council are inviting applications.

**C20/126 Remembrance Day**

**RESOLVED:** To contact HPBC as the landowner to try and work out who is organising the event this year.

**C20/127 Christmas Light Switch On**

**RESOLVED:** To purchase the Christmas Trees for this year but to not do a light switch on event.

**RESOLVED:** The Council will advertise any other events going on around Christmas time.

**C20/128 Sunnybank Allotments Compost bins**

Received a written report from the Assistant Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** To keep liaising with HPBC about the clearing of the Compost bins, to request clear signage outlining the usage and restrictions and to appoint a Compost bin liaison person.

**C20/129 Over the Road Shopfront Scheme Application**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Shopfront Scheme Application for the Over the Road Shopfront for a total of £250.00

**C20/130 Website Accessibility Regulations and New Website**

Received a report from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the Website Accessibility Statement and to place this on the website.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the quote from 2Commune to provide a new accessible website for the Town Council.

**C20/131 Recommendations from the Regeneration Meeting**

Received a report from Cllr Thomas.

**RESOLVED:** To fix the bus shelter on Buxton Road in partnership with HPBC at a discounted price of £502.55.

**C20/132 SLCC Membership**

**RESOLVED:** To renew the Clerk's membership of the SLCC at a cost of £180.00.

**C20/133 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress and expenditure**

Received and noted a report from Cllr Pritchard and Cllr Thomas.

**C20/134 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies**

a) Regeneration Committee

The Council noted the work of W4W volunteers in these difficult times and would like to thank all members for their dedication.

**RESOLVED:** To place a short article of thanks in the newsletter about the work of W4W volunteers.

b) Personnel Committee

The Clerk commented that he would schedule a Personnel Committee meeting after the Pension situation has been confirmed.

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

It was commented that plot 30 was very overgrown and the Clerk commented that letters have been sent. He also commented he would gather more information regarding progress with the Community Allotment Plot.

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Cllr Glover stating there was nothing major to announce the meeting mainly discussed operational things over Friday night bookings and discussion around

cleaning and risk assessments. Another meeting planned for the end of October to discuss finances and capital projects.

g) Whaley Active

Cllr McCarthy commented there was a rearranged meeting when he was away, the group were mainly moving outwards to establish contact with social prescribers to try and get more isolated people involved. There was a thought of developing an art trail around Whaley using local artist this idea is very much in the initial status and the group are looking at getting national funding for this, however there are many issues and this is a plan for the future to encourage future activity.

h) Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

The Clerk gave an update about the refurbishment project.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Glover will assist the Clerk in contacting the owner of Blythe House Hospice to discuss disabled access to the Mechanics Institute.

**C20/135 Correspondence**

**RESOLVED:** To note correspondence received from 10 July:

1. DCC – Community News 18th August 2020.
2. Peak Park Parishes Forum- PDNP Management Plan – Annual Monitoring Report 2019-20
3. Rural Action Derbyshire – Updated ACRE Information Sheet.
4. Peak Parishes Forum – Minutes of PPPF Management Committee.
5. SLCC – Membership Renewal Date extension.
6. Charity Commision – Annual Public Meeting Invitation.
7. DALC –
  - a. Climate Energy Survey.
  - b. HR Advice from Chris Moses our HR Consultant.
  - c. Coronavirus Impact Report (August 2020) from Citizens Advice Derbyshire Districts.
8. Peak District NPA – Revised Parish Statements
9. Toddbrook Reservoir CRT Consultation  
**RESOLVED:** The Council would reply stating the Town Council are keen to hear what the community has to say and would encourage all people to take part in the consultation at this stage. The Council does not have a strong preference for A or B but would like to see any final solution to be aesthetically pleasing and a community asset.

**C20/136 Planning**

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

**Committee Decisions – None**

**Delegated Decisions**

**HPK/2020/0265**

First Floor extension to form bedroom and ensuite  
11, Meadowside, Whaley Bridge.

**Approved**

Mr Alistair Bradley <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	
<b>HPK/2020/0217</b> Construction of a second storey to link the existing dwelling to the existing annex and provide disabled lift access to the first floor of both the dwelling and the annex 28, Whaley Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr And Mrs Jones <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	<b>Approved</b>

### Peak Park Planning Decisions – None

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

<b>New Applications Received since 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020</b>	
<b>Application</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>NMA/2020/0018</b> No material amendment relating to HPK/2019/0035 to reduce floor level of the proposed garage by 80mm; to lower eaves level by 120mm; and to raise ridge level by 200mm Lochaber, Start Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr M Marchington <b>NON MATERIAL AMMENDMENT</b>	<b>No Comment</b>
<b>HPK/2020/0318</b> Demolition of the existing rear extension and construction of a new link between the house and outbuilding. Existing garage / workshop outbuilding to be converted into habitable space. 95, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge. Ms Howes <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	<b>No Comment</b>
<b>HPK/2020/0297</b> Proposed vehicle parking and access to front of house, private use only, drop kerb 30, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Harold Lomas <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	<b>No Comment</b>
<b>HPK/2020/0321</b> The proposed works include the repair and conservation of the Jodrell Arms Hotel. The internal layout will be adapted to suit modern needs, but retain the function with a public bar to the ground floor and suites to the first and second floor. There is some localised demolition to improve the visual appearance of the structure and facilitate the proposed layout. Some emergency repair has been carried out to protect the structure. The Jodrell Arms Hotel, 39 Market Street, Whaley Bridge. Mr J Middleton - The Jodrell Arms Limited <b>FULL</b>	<b>The Town Council Fully supports this application</b>
<b>HPK/2020/0322</b> Listed building consent for proposed works including the repair and conservation of the Jodrell Arms Hotel. The internal layout will be adapted to suit modern needs, but retain the function with a public bar to the ground floor and suites to the first and second floor. There is some localised demolition to improve the visual appearance of the structure and facilitate the proposed layout. Some emergency repair has been carried out to protect the structure. The Jodrell Arms Hotel, 39 Market Street, Whaley Bridge. Mr J Middleton - The Jodrell Arms Limited <b>LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - ALTERATIONS</b>	<b>The Town Council Fully supports this application</b>

<p><b>HPK/2020/0329</b>  Outline Permission with details of access (all other matters reserved) for a new agricultural workers dwelling.  Lower Cadster Farm, Chapel Road, Whaley Bridge. Ray Jason Butler  <b>OUTLINE</b></p>	<p><b>No  Comment</b></p>
<p><b>DOC/2020/0051</b>  Discharge of Condition 4,7,11,17 and 21 in relation to HPK/2020/0036  Construction of four detached houses, Land adjacent to  Shallcross Mill House, Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Chris Morris  <b>DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS</b></p>	<p><b>No  Comment</b></p>

**C20/137 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.

**C20/138 National Salary Awards**

**RESOLVED:** To accept the National Salary Award.

**C20/139 Land off the Shallcross Incline**

**RESOLVED:** To talk to the estate agent clarify the situation with the estate agent make a written statement to the vendor and ask to confirm that the land is not being sold as part of the property.

**RESOLVED:** The Council would be willing to sign a licence with the new occupier unless there is an unforeseen reason not to do so.

The meeting closed at 10:04 pm

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

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Chairman

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Date