

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th October 2020

Remote Meeting: Meeting ID 861-9940-1174 Meeting Password 955388

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

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

C20/140 Apologies for Absence

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

C20/141 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

None.

C20/142 Community Police

A report was received by the Police.

RESOLVED: To reply to the Police thanking them for the report and asking for clarity on the anti-social behaviour as the break down doesn't add up to the total figure.

C20/143 Public Participation

No member of the Public wished to speak.

C20/144 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council

HPBC Cllr's Kath and Shannon-Kate Thomson sent a written report which is attached to the minutes.

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

DCC Cllr Ruth George gave a report stating that she was doing speed watch training with the HPBC Cllrs Kath and Shannon-Kate Thomson. She stated they have volunteers for Whaley Bridge and Chinley and that she is going to use some of her Cllr funding to purchase two speed guns. She continued to state if anyone was interested in joining the speed watch to let her know.

Cllr George continued to state she had many reports regarding roads and that she went to Furness Vale with PCSO Karen Green. She is hoping that slow down signs on the road and flashing signs warning of speed are installed. There have been issues on Elnor Lane regarding the closure of Longhill and people using Elnor Lane as a cut through. She stated she is looking into other measures to make sure people understand that the road is closed. With the Railway bridge work and the road being

shut she fears cars will use Start Lane as a cut through. She commented that Mudhurst Lane is closed and therefore cannot be used.

She stated that work had begun converting A F Whiteley into a temporary car park however she had concerns about the muddy boggy nature of the land and its condition in a couple of weeks.

She continued to state there was an issue with the timing of the road closure which was originally 9:30am – 3:30pm as no buses would go up Whaley Lane. With the time changed to 9:00am – 3:00pm the 3:11 bus could get through. She stated that she had spoken to the schools to request that they would encourage parents who live on Whaley Lane to walk to school.

Network Rail have provided a number of bicycle racks and DCC have obtained a number through the Active fund and are working with Acclimatise Whaley to decide location.

Finally, she has been discussing concerns about the dam and that the CRT have too do several ground investigations before coming back with other locations for the by wash. The Environment Agency are to measure downstream flows on the River Goyt.

C20/145 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the last meetings of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 10 September 2020, subject to amendment of minute C20/115 as Cllr George is asking them to place a bid, are a true and correct record of the meeting, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C20/146 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report.

C20/147 Finance etc

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

	Oct-20	Payments	08/10/2020
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£3,762.68
	HMRC	PAYE	£491.17
	DCC	Pension Contribution	£390.71
	Various	Petty Cash including £20 wifi extender	£41.32
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£32.34
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£125.36
	Chronicle Accounts	Payroll	£36.00
	Andrew Fox	Reimburse for Zoom subscription	£14.39
	AK Products	Colour Newsletters	£240.00
	AK Products	Office Stationery	£22.80

	Flagmakers	New Union Jack Flag	£85.26
	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire October	£279.17
	Review Publishing	Newsletter Delivery	£134.40
	Carol Cade	NP Voucher Reimburse	£20.00
	Shelter Maintenance	Bus shelter Cleaning	£64.30
	SLCC	Clerk's Membership	£180.00
	Active Partners Ltd	Leaflets for Whaley Active	£135.00
	Acclimatise Whaley	Grant for TerraCycle	£250.00
	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire backdated	£837.51
	Gordon Hall	Reimburse Screwfix paint	£33.00
	Total Gas & Power	Paid on behalf of SA	£100.30
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total	£7,275.71
Mechanics Institute			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£1,158.26
	Various	Petty Cash Covid supplies	£5.50
DD	Gazprom	Gas Aug	£85.59
DD	Gazprom	Gas Sep	£113.60
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity	£78.38
DD	United Utilities	Water	£51.29
	Mechanics Institute	Total	£1,492.62
Sports Association			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£21.60
	Various	Petty Cash Tractor Fuel	£6.40
656	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£557.23
DD	Water Plus	Water	£12.27
	Sports Association	Total	£597.50
	Total Expenditure	Total	£9,365.83

RESOLVED: to note the Financial Reports for September 2020 which had been circulated to all members, and the bank balances at 30th September stood at:

Whaley Bridge Town Council	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	77,803.37
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	31,788.72
Petty Cash	13.20
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	197,605.29
Mechanics Institute	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	14,223.54
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,251.39
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	42,474.93
Sports Association	£
Current Account	9,744.63
Deposit Account	66,873.28
Petty Cash	0.00
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	76,617.91

C20/148 Small Christmas Tree Lights

Received a report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: To purchase 30 sets of Christmas tree lights from Halls Mica Hardware at a cost of £360.00 including VAT.

C20/149 Replacement of Town Council Planter

RESOLVED: To replace the planter at a cost of £200.00.

C20/150 Toddbrook Reservoir Consultation

RESOLVED: To write to CRT stating that the Council applauds the CRT for undertaking the consultation however some residents have said that they felt they were misled by the consultation. For example, there was no indication that the by-flow would be 20 metres wide consequently, consultees were unable to picture what the plans would look like. The Council requests that CRT come back with more refined proposals, with pictures and plans, so residents can better understand what the work will look like.

C20/151 Covid-19 Risk Assessments

Received a report from the Clerk.

Noted that most High Peak cases are in Glossopdale and that changing rooms should not be used unless necessary for disabled users.

C20/152 Remembrance Day Events

The Council noted that the road will be closed due to the Reservoir Road bridge works on Remembrance weekend so a small Covid secure service will be carried out at the Memorial in Memorial park.

C20/153 Lamppost Poppies

Noted that the Council will place the Silent Soldiers and lamppost poppies up as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: To purchase 24 Lamppost poppies and cable ties with a maximum expenditure of £240.00.

C20/154 Nativity Scene

RESOLVED: To provide a grant of £250.00 to Churches together for the Nativity scene.

RESOLVED: To contact DCC to request if the scene can be attached to the bridge near the White Heart so as many people as possible can see it.

C20/155 Wall Lights in The Mechanics Institute Main Hall

Received a report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: To purchase 10 Sorrento lamps at a cost of £34.99 each.

C20/156 New Mills Football Club use of 3G Pitch

RESOLVED: The Council accepts New Mills Football Club subject to the Clerk reviewing the rates, risk assessment and calendar so doesn't raise any conflict with WBFC or any other user.

C20/157 Brookfield Pond

Received a report from Cllr Gilmour, it was noted a meeting of the Brookfield Pond Management Committee was being arranged.

C20/158 New Grit Bin for Church Bank

RESOLVED: To purchase a new grit bin for Church Bank and Elnor Lane at a cost of £42.84 plus VAT each.

C20/159 Shallcross Incline

Received an update from Derbyshire County Council regarding the Incline which the Council noted.

C20/160 Skip Hire for Sunnybank Allotments

RESOLVED: To contact HPBC requesting that they provide a woodchipper to clear the large parts of wood out of the bays and that with HPBC's permission to rent a digger to turn over the compost in the bays. A budget of £200.00 has been set for this purpose.

RESOLVED: To contact the allotment holders to inform them of the usage of the compost bays.

C20/161 Recommendations from the Regeneration Meeting

Received a report from Cllr Thomas.

RESOLVED: To pay for the yearly emptying of a bin at the Canal Basin at a cost of £226.59.

RESOLVED: To send a thank you card to the retiring Park Ranger for his service.

C20/162 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress and expenditure

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

C20/163 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies

a) Regeneration Committee

Nothing more to report.

b) Personnel Committee

It was decided that the Clerk and Cllr Glover will discuss appraisals.

c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group

Nothing to report.

d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Cllr Pritchard reported that he has asked Andrew walker for information about Rail replacement bus services. It was agreed that Cllr Pritchard will contact Andrew Walker for an update regarding Bridge 42.

e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

It was noted that there is a meeting organised for the 19th of October to discuss the lease agreement for the Community Allotment Plot.

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Cllr Glover that there had been no formal meeting and that he had spoken to the Football Club about cleaning the Pavilion.

Cllr Swift said he has asked for an agenda item for the next meeting to agree finances to do work on the compound.

g) Whaley Active

Cllr McCarthy commented that things were ticking over quietly and that the walking leaflets being produced would be a useful tool to promote activity.

h) Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

RESOLVED: To wait till the end of the year and if there is no response to try another approach for disabled access.

i) Acclimatise Whaley

Cllr Hall reported that Acclimatise Whaley would like to get involved with the Incline when work is completed and that they were planning to restart the Terracycle scheme on the 13th of November.

C20/164 Correspondence

RESOLVED: To note correspondence received from 10 July:

1. DCC – Community News 22nd September 2020.
2. DCC – Royal British Legion – Derbyshire Lamp Post Poppy Campaign 2020.
3. Network Rail – Reservoir Road follow up letter re bridge upgrade work following feedback from recent information sessions.
4. National Farmer's Union – Livestock & Footpaths guidance information.
5. DCC – Message to Town/Parish Councils regarding government plans for council re-organisation.
6. HPBC – Tree Preservation (Taxal Edge Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge) Order 2020 No 294.
7. The Air Ambulance Derbyshire – funding consideration request.
8. DALC –
Public Governor elections at Derbyshire Community Health Service NHS Foundation Trust.
9. PDNPA – News regarding temporary closures on Monsal Trail for conservation and essential safety work.
10. Chris Drews – Concerns about issues on Market Street, Whaley Bridge,
RESOLVED: To contact Chris Drews stating that the issues raised are not the Council's responsibility however building control at HPBC may be able to assist with the issue.
11. DCC – Community News 6th October 2020.

C20/165 Planning

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

Committee Decisions – None

Delegated Decisions

HPK/2020/0132 Construction of detached house with carport. 6, Paddock Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr M Blackwell FULL HPK/2020/0265	Approved
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Peak Park Planning Decisions – None

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

New Applications Received since 10th September 2020	
Application	Comments
HPK/2020/0358 Retrospective application for an Outdoor timber climbing wall 191, Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge. HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2020/0411 Proposed signage Land Off, Linglongs Road. Whaley Bridge. Fiona Dootson - Barratt Homes (Manchester) ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT	No Comment
HPK/2020/0080 Retrospective Full Planning Application for for an additional 10 static caravans (taking the total from 44 to 54) Ringstones Caravan Park, Yeardsley Lane, Furness Vale. Messrs Riley & Smith - Peak District Leisure Ltd RETROSPECTIVE/FULL	No Comment

The meeting closed at 9:48 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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Date