

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Remote Meeting: Meeting ID 863-6094-3171 Meeting Password 300707**

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

**In Attendance:** DCC Cllr Ruth George, HPBC Cllrs Kath and Shannon-Kate Thomson, 3 members of the public and Andrew Fox, Town Clerk.

### **C20/166 Apologies for Absence**

None.

### **C20/167 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications**

Cllr Lomax declared an interest in agenda item 9 C. Cllr Hall declared an interest in agenda item 9 E.

### **C20/168 Community Police**

A report was received by the Police.

**RESOLVED:** To reply to the Police thanking them for the report and asking for a comparison of previous figures.

### **C20/169 Public Participation**

A member of the public wished to speak about the proposed Community Arts Project being considered 9 E. She wished to ask for support for the Community Arts Project stating she knows that there have been several Community Arts Project in and around Whaley Bridge and that local artists have used the telephone kiosk as a art installation and that a mural had been done on the school. In Gorse Hill the Community have been given funding to paint several BT telephone cabinets in the area. Acclimatise Whaley are interested in the project and wish to paint BT telephone cabinets like they do in Gorse Hill and they plan to invite the local community to help with the project. They intend to ask the Schools to provide designs for the cabinets and then local artists will do a interpretation of the design. The cabinets cost £250 to paint and they are hoping to paint two cabinets a year. They are hoping to get support from the Council as well as local businesses to support the initiative. She stated they would need planning permission at a cost of £234 but this would be for all 18 cabinets in Whaley Bridge.

### **C20/170 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council**

HPBC Cllr's Kath and Shannon-Kate Thomson provided a report stating that HPBC are working on administrating the Covid-19 grants from central Government. They continued to state that they have been involved with the issue behind the White Hart

stating that the closing of the gate to prevent the use of the land behind is causing people to block the road and park in the fire station car park. This also included brewery deliveries which have been unable to access the White Hart. They finished by stating they have been in contact with DCC and the police to try and resolve the issue.

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

DCC Cllr Ruth George gave a report stating that DCC had finally got Zoom working on the DCC laptops so she is better able to attend the Town Council meetings. She continued stating that we have moved into a second lockdown which is harsh on some businesses that were operating very safely but are now unable to open. She stated she has been helping businesses by giving them advice when ever she can. She stated a lot of community activities had to be stopped due to the second lockdown such as the community speed watch sessions which unfortunately could not go ahead. She stated she has about a dozen volunteers, two speed guns and the signs and jackets required, she stated the speed watch will restart when they are able to.

She continued to state that she has used her Councillor Initiative Fund to help youth organisations such as the scouts and the girls and boys brigade. Some did manage to do activities before the lockdown however it has been difficult and she has helped them with a hardship fund. She continued to state she has provided funding to Acclimatise Whaley for an infra-red camera.

She continued to state that the bridge repair works have been a nightmare and that she was disappointed that Network Rail sent two letters with different closure times on. She continued to state on some occasions the road was closed with no notice and that she has written a letter of complaint suggesting that a website which documents the road closures and would be a quick way for residents to be updated.

She stated there has been issues with the height sign on the bridge and she has had confirmation that the bridge will be remeasured once complete to make sure the height is correct. She stated that Network Rail said they would send a letter of apology once the work is completed.

She stated that she has got more cycle lockers at the Station and that there have been issues with the Linglongs Road development with some residents complaining that the light from the new street lamps is shining into their homes. Finally, she stated she had retrieved the stone snake from the park.

#### **C20/171 Minutes of previous meeting**

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the last meetings of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 8 October 2020, subject to amendment of minute C20/163 as a report was missed from the Acclimatise Whaley report, are a true and correct record of the meeting, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

#### **C20/172 Clerk's Report**

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

#### **C20/173 Finance etc**

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

	Nov-20	Payments	12/11/2020
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£3,451.24
	HMRC	PAYE September	£397.04
	HMRC	PAYE	£528.14
	DCC	Pension Contribution	£677.64
	Various	Petty Cash	£23.42
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£32.34
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£125.36
	PEAC UK	Photocopier lease	£245.74
	Andrew Fox	Reimburse for Zoom subscription	£14.39
	Andrew Fox	Reimburse for eye test	£33.50
	Andrew Fox	Reimburse cable ties and extension lead	£36.52
	Andrew Fox	Money withdrawn for Petty Cash	£76.64
	Allison Lugg	Reimburse Hammerite paint and office equipment	£39.55
	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire November	£279.17
	2Commune	New website	£1,440.00
	Carol Cade	NP Voucher Reimburse	£30.00
	Fran Frodsham	Barrel Planter replacement	£200.00
	Total Gas & Power	Paid on behalf of SA	£126.23
	Hall's Mica Hardware	Christmas Tree Lights	£360.00
	Allison Lugg	Reimburse PPE and cleaning materials for the SA	£33.45
	ESI Ltd	Paid on behalf of SA gate control repairs	£66.00
	ESI Ltd	Paid on behalf of SA CCTV service	£72.00
	<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,288.37</b>
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£1,121.87
	ESI Ltd	CCTV Service	£72.00
DD	Gazprom	Gas	£86.87
DD	Gazprom	Gas	£161.72
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity	£102.08
DD	United Utilities	Water	£51.29
	<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,595.83</b>
<b>Sports Association</b>			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£21.60
661	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£534.99
662	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Reimburse expenditure	£264.23
DD	Water Plus	Water	£12.27
	<b>Sports Association</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£833.09</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,717.29</b>

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

<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	83,057.66
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	31,788.72
Petty Cash	-10.22
	<hr/> 202,836.16
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	14,591.20
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,251.39
	<hr/> 42,842.59
<b>Sports Association</b>	£
Current Account	6,086.68
Deposit Account	66,873.83
Petty Cash	0.00
	<hr/> 72,960.51

#### **C20/174 Grants and Donations**

a) Mr Martin Petch

**RESOLVED:** To not provide a grant to Mr Petch as his application falls outside the Grants and Donations Policy.

b) Toddbrook Sailing Club

**RESOLVED:** To not provide a grant to Toddbrook Sailing Club in this round of Grants and Donations.

c) Whaley Bridge Band

**RESOLVED:** To provide a grant of £500.00 to Whaley Bridge Band.

d) High Peak Badger Group

**RESOLVED:** To not provide a grant to the High Peak Badger Group.

e) Ann Sheehy Funding for a Community Arts Project - £500 per year for 5 years

**RESOLVED:** To not provide a grant to Acclimatise Whaley for the Community Arts Project.

f) Fernilee Chapel – up to £850

**RESOLVED:** To provide a grant of £250.00 to the Fernilee Chapel Group.

g) Taxal and Fernilee Out of School Club

**RESOLVED:** To not provide a grant to Taxal and Fernilee out of School Club in this round of Grants and Donations.

h) Whaley Hall

**RESOLVED:** To provide a grant of £200.00 and to officially thank Whaley Hall for their contribution during the dam crisis.

#### **C20/175 High Peak Review Editorial**

**RESOLVED:** Not to take out the editorial or the advert with the High Peak Review and to agenda the future of the newsletter for the next meeting.

#### **C20/176 Raised Beds for the Allotment Site**

**RESOLVED:** To spend £185 + VAT to provide raised beds on plot 30 and 28. To offer all plot holders materials for raised beds from the Tesco grant funding.

- C20/177      Toddbrook Reservoir Consultation**
- RESOLVED:** To contact the CRT asking for an update on progress regarding the dam repairs.
- C20/178      Covid-19 Risk Assessments**
- Received a report from the Clerk.  
Noted that due to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lockdown the Mechanics Institute and Sports Pavilion had to be closed.
- C20/179      Wharf Road**
- The Council noted that DCC had fixed the road and are delighted to see the road repaired.
- C20/180      Road Closures in Whaley Bridge**
- Received a report from Cllr Lomax.  
**RESOLVED:** To contact DCC and Cllr Ruth George pointing out the issues experienced with road works and to ask if this can be improved in the new year.
- C20/181      Derelict Land Behind the White Hart**
- Received a report from the Clerk.  
**RESOLVED:** To apply for the land to be recognised as Common Land and for it to be placed on the Common Land register.
- C20/182      Work on the Pavilion Compound**
- Received a report from the Cllr Swift.  
**RESOLVED:** To hire a digger to remove the concrete base of the shed with a budget of £250.00.
- C20/183      Brookfield Pond**
- It was noted that a scheduled litter pick was unable to go ahead due to the second lockdown, but the residents of Brookfield House had picked up some litter in their own time.  
**RESOLVED:** To temporarily remove the bench at the east end of the pond and place it at a safe place for the winter and that biodiversity can start their survey at the pond. A budget of £200 was set for the purchase of a wildlife camera for the pond.
- C20/184      Furness Vale**
- Received a report from Cllr McCarthy.  
**RESOLVED:** To distribute the news article about the defibrillator around Furness Vale and to write a letter of thanks to Mr Paul Allen thanking him for installing the defibrillator.

**C20/185 Recommendations from the Regeneration Meeting**

Received a report from Cllr Thomas. Cllr Swift declared an interest as his son was providing the Christmas Trees.

**RESOLVED:** To offer the traders the Christmas Trees for free this year stressing that it is a one-off contribution from WBTC and HPBC due to Covid-19 and to write to the Buxton Advertiser asking them to place an article about the donation.

**RESOLVED:** To promote ShopAppy at the same time encouraging local businesses to use it as requested by HPBC.

**C20/186 Recommendations from the Sports Association Meeting**

Received a report from Cllr Glover which stated that meetings have been arranged and that he would report back after these meetings.

**C20/187 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress and expenditure**

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

**C20/188 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies**

a) Regeneration Committee

Nothing more to report.

b) Personnel Committee

It was reported that the Clerk and Cllr Glover have been unable to discuss appraisals and were hoping to do this as soon as possible.

c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group

Nothing to report.

d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Nothing to report.

e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

It was noted that the Clerk has a meeting on Monday with HPBC to discuss the Compost Bays.

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 they hoped to have a meeting by the end of the month.

h) Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

A meeting for January had been arranged to discuss the disabled access with the land owner.

i) Acclimatise Whaley

Cllr Hall reported that Acclimatise Whaley have started a eco Christmas gift campaign with the Covid-19 Mutual Aid Group and that they have been promoting local shops. They have been working with Network Rail in terms of the cycle racks and that the Uniting Church has agreed that they can carry out their teracycle scheme on the premises. They are hoping to be operating as soon as Covid allows. Finally they are planning a home insulation audit with their new infrared camera to show where heat is escaping from homes and to hopefully save people some money.

## **C20/189      Correspondence**

**RESOLVED:** To note correspondence received from 8 October:

1. Whaley Bridge Resident – raising issues with a variety of un-neighbourly and dangerous activities of a resident of Meadowfield and requesting assistance to rectify the situation.

**RESOLVED:** To pass on the complaint to Mark Trillo at HPBC.

2. Acclimatise Whaley representative – request to make representation at the next council meeting to request funding for a Community Art Project.
3. Citizens Advice Bureau – Research and Campaigns October 2020.
4. New Mills, Marple & District Rotary Club – Christmas Sleigh information.
5. DCC – Community News 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020.
6. Over the Road – Thanks for Shop front scheme funding.
7. DALC –

Consultation document in respect of Standards Matter 2: Public Consultation and Public Sector Surveys.

DALC (continued)

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Newsletter – November 2020

DALC's Zoom AGM

Excellence Awards – winners announced

Lockdown 2.0 – a six-point plan for engaging with your community

Dementia-Friendly Communities guide now available

Latest edition Arnold-Baker now available at 20% discount

Devolution update...

Covid-19 latest

NALC campaign to attract new councillors

Furlough update from our HR expert

8. HPBC – consultation on change of name application regarding a small lane from Elnor lane to Foundry Lane Whaley Bridge.

**RESOLVED:** The Council are in favour of the road name.

9. DCC – Community News 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

## **C20/190      Planning**

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

**Committee Decisions – None**

**Delegated Decisions**

<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>Refused</b>
<b>HPK/2020/0275</b> Proposed reposition of agricultural building to house and feed livestock Ringstones Farm, Yeardsley Lane, Furness Vale Mrs S Oliver <b>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 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>	
<b>Application</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>HPK/2020/0441</b> Outline application with some matters reserved for new dwelling in the grounds of 68 Yeardsley Lane seeking approval for access, layout and scale. 68 Brookside, Yeardsley Lane, Furness Vale. Mr & Mrs M Swift <b>OUTLINE</b>	<b>No Comment</b>

### **C20/191 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.

### **C20/192 Land off the Shallcross Incline**

**RESOLVED:** In principle the council would agree to sell the land subject to the correct legal structures and covenants being in place to ensure the Shallcross Incline can still be used as it currently is.

The meeting closed at 10:16 pm

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

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Chairman

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Date