

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Remote Meeting: Meeting ID 875-4468-4883 Meeting Password 063774

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

**In Attendance:** Andrew Fox, Town Clerk.

### **C20/193 Apologies for Absence**

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

### **C20/194 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications**

None.

### **C20/195 Community Police**

A report was received by the Police and they informed the Council that they are working on an analysis of the yearly figures.

### **C20/196 Public Participation**

No member of the public wished to speak.

### **C20/197 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council**

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

### **C20/198 Minutes of previous meeting**

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the last meetings of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 12 November 2020, are a true and correct record of the meeting, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

### **C20/199 Clerk's Report**

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

### **C20/200 Finance etc**

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

	Dec-20	Payments	10/12/2020
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £

<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£3,655.16
	HMRC	PAYE	£418.38
	DCC	Pension Contribution	£634.62
	Various	Petty Cash + 1 <sup>st</sup> class stamps	£71.07
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£32.34
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£125.36
	Andrew Fox	Money withdrawn for Petty Cash	£71.07
DD	Altodigital	Photocopier usage	£41.80
	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire December	£279.17
	Kingfisher Direct Ltd	3 Grit Bins	£150.12
	Whaley Hall	Grant Payment	£200.00
	Fernilee Methodist Church	Grant Payment	£250.00
	Stanway & Hallows	6ft tube paid on behalf of SA	£15.00
	Goyt Valley Produce	Christmas Trees around Whaley	£1,470.00
	Sam Rodger	Digger work at the Allotments	£225.00
	Sam Rodger	Digger work at the Pavilion on behalf of SA	£225.00
	Shelter Maintenance	Bus shelter cleaning	£64.30
	Mark Harrod Ltd	Nets for the Pitch	£90.00
	<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,018.39</b>
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£1,346.87
	Fran Frodsham	Window Box planting	£120.00
DD	Gazprom	Gas	£162.78
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity	£166.04
DD	United Utilities	Water	£51.29
	<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,846.98</b>
<b>Sports Association</b>			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£21.60
663	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£498.99
664	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Reimburse expenditure	£330.00
DD	Water Plus	Water	£12.27
	<b>Sports Association</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£862.86</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,728.23</b>

**RESOLVED:** to note the Financial Reports for November 2020 which had been circulated to all members, and the bank balances at 30<sup>th</sup> November stood at:

<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	76,771.85
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	31,788.72
Petty Cash	-4.65
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	196,555.92

<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	14,419.71
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,251.39
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<b>Sports Association</b>	£
Current Account	6,810.31
Deposit Account	66,874.40
Petty Cash	0.00
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**C20/201 Budget 2021-22**

Received a report from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** To amend the draft budget in line with Cllr's comments.

**C20/202 Brookfield Pond**

Received a report from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Clerk's expenditure of £100.00 to remove a dangerous tree branch at Brookfield Pond.

**C20/203 Community Allotment Plot**

Received a report from Cllr Glover.

**RESOLVED:** To send a letter to Dave Dugate thanking him for his years of service as Chair of the Allotment Management Group.

**C20/204 Toddbrook Reservoir Consultation**

The Council noted that there has been no updates regarding the Dam.

**C20/205 Covid-19 Risk Assessments**

Received a report from the Clerk.

Noted that due to tier 3 restrictions the Mechanics Institute had to remain closed however, the 3G pitch can be used while following the FA guidelines.

**C20/206 Census Meeting**

Received a report from the Clerk.

The Council agreed it would be willing to help publicise the census.

**C20/207 Future of the Town Council Newsletter**

Received a report from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will investigate whether it is possible to send out a financial information document with the HPBC Council tax notices in a similar way DCC does.

**C20/208 Christmas Office Opening Times**

Received a report from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** To close the office on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December and to reopen on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of January.

**C20/209      Saddle Planters in Whaley Bridge**

Received a report from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the invoice of £550.00 from Fran Frodsham for the Saddle Planters.

**C20/210      Grit Update and Quote for Grit Delivery**

Received a report from the Clerk noting that the forms for the Snow Warden Scheme have been completed and sent to DCC.

**RESOLVED:** To accept Fran Frodsham's quote of £475.00 to fill all of the Council's grit bins.

**C20/211      Furness Vale**

Received a report from Cllr McCarthy stating that information leaflets regarding the new defibrillator and CPR have been distributed around Furness Vale.

**RESOLVED:** To spend a letter to Julie Thomas thanking her for her work and assistance delivering and purchasing the leaflets.

**C20/212      Replacement CCTV Camera for the Sports Pavilion**

Received a report from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** To set a budget of £250.00 to replace CCTV Camera.

**C20/213      Pavilion Compound Work**

Received a report from Cllr Swift stating he hoped the work will be done in the coming weeks.

**C20/214      Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress and expenditure**

Cllr Pritchard reported there had been no meeting since the last Town Council meeting and the next meeting is scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> of December.

**C20/215      Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies**

a) Regeneration Committee

Cllr Thomas reported that the walking leaflets had been completed and delivered to the Mechanics Institute.

**RESOLVED:** To set a budget of £70.00 for the purchase of leaflet holders.

b) Personnel Committee

Nothing to report.

c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group

Nothing to report.

d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Cllr Pritchard reported that the first meeting had taken place since March via Microsoft Teams. He commented that the Chair will continue to be Cllr George Wharmby and that the Vice Chair is currently vacant. Network Rail asked Cllr Pritchard to apologise to the community as the bridge works over ran for 7hs and 42 mins. Cllr Pritchard reported that Network Rail were consulting with Historic England over repairs to Bridge 42. Finally he reported that Andrew Walker has

stepped down from his role as officer for the group, Catherine Crony is taking over from 2021. **RESOLVED:** To send a thank you letter to Andrew Walker for his work over the years and to wish him the best with his future endeavours.

**RESOLVED:** To send a letter to Network Rail and their contractor Murphy's for listening to the community and their excellent work regarding the bridge replacement.

e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

Nothing more to report.

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Cllr Glover reported that we had a meeting with Phil Lomas and that the Council was looking at a total spend of £75,000.00 to £85,000.00. He stated that a concrete proposal will be brought back to the Council at a later date.

g) Whaley Active

Cllr McCarthy commented that they hoped to have a meeting as soon as possible.

h) Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

The Clerk reported that the Mechanics needed two new fire extinguishers at a cost of £49.00 each. He also commented that the Mechanics Institute Accounts needed to be assessed.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the expenditure for the fire extinguishers and to set a budget of £250.00 for the independent Examination of the Mechanics Institute accounts.

i) Acclimatise Whaley

Cllr Hall reported that there are two High Peak review articles relating to Acclimatise.

Terracycle – returns in Jan at Holy Trinity church operating 10-12 every 2nd and 4th Saturday, appropriate Covid restrictions will apply.

Travel & Transport group – Cycle stands have been secured from DCC, negotiations continue with Network rail for bike storage in the station.

Energy – Home energy audits, Infrared camera acquired next step to develop reports using directors houses before offering the service when Covid allows next year

## **C20/216 Correspondence**

**RESOLVED:** To note correspondence received from 12 November:

1. Irama Pte Ltd – Potential purchase of football grounds/playing fields for continued local community use.
2. Highways England – A57 Link Road Statutory Consultation.  
**RESOLVED:** To reply stating WBTC notes the proposals that are being put forward and regret the original plans for the a265 around Holworth and Tintwistle are not in the plans and the current plans will not reduce the use of the a6 and the 623 to Chesterfield and it would be best if it was kept along the Woodhead by pass.
3. Pharmacy and Pet Shop Customer – expressing concerns regarding unsafe practice at Whaley Bridge Bakehouse.  
**RESOLVED:** To contact the local PCSO regarding the issue saying it is particularly bad on the weekends.
4. DCC – reply regarding 82006735 Road Works in and around Whaley Bridge.
5. DCC – Community News 26th with Coronovirus Tier 3 information.

6. Well Pharmacy - Press Release regarding launch of private Covid-19 testing.
7. WB Resident – requesting link from Whaley Bridge website to <https://whaleybridge-weather.com>  
**RESOLVED:** To place a link on the Council's website.
8. Shelter Maintenance – sharing an alert from Derby City Council regarding a Times Newspaper 'poster warning' article.
9. HPBC – Draft Licensing Policy consultation.
10. DALC

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Newsletter – December 2020

Subscription fees 2021/22

Consultation Round 2: Ethical Standards in Public Life

£1 billion grant deadline approaches

'Lobby Day' date announced

Gigabit voucher scheme topped up

The post-Covid future of play...

HR matters: Covid crisis redundancies &

Matlock agrees to 'go slow'

Local Government Ethical Standards Consultation extended deadline document.

## **C20/217 Planning**

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

### **Committee Decisions – None**

### **Delegated Decisions**

<b>HPK/2020/0358</b> Retrospective application for an Outdoor timber climbing wall 191, Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge. <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	<b>Refused</b>
<b>HPK/2020/0287</b> Erection of side extension and formation of garage/store 1, Cotton Close, Whaley Bridge, Mr & Mrs Keeling <b>NO DESCRIPTION</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 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b>	
<b>Application</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>HPK/2020/0435</b> The installation of 2no. luxury camping pods Horwich Farm, Eccles Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr C Hinchcliffe - R.F & H.E Hinchcliffe <b>FULL</b>	<b>No Comment</b>
<b>DOC/2020/0084</b> Discharge of condition 3 in relation to HPK/2020/0081 Fernilee Methodist Church, Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Rev Sandow <b>DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS</b>	<b>No Comment</b>
<b>HPK/2020/0472</b> Conversion of annex to form a separate dwelling Longhurst Farm, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Mrs Sandra Hanson <b>FULL</b>	<b>No Comment</b>
<b>HPK/2020/0505</b> Proposed change of use from 1 dwelling into 1 dwelling and 1 holiday let, with 2 no rear facing dormers, 2 no rear facing balconies, 2 no front porches, various alterations to the front and rear elevations 4, Lake View, Unnamed Road From Calico Lane To Lakeview, Furness Vale. Mrs Tine Daniels <b>FULL</b>	<b>No Comment</b>

**C20/218 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.

**C20/219 Nest Pension Scheme**

**RESOLVED:** To backdate the pension contributions to March with a total cost of £34.93.

The meeting closed at 9:26 pm

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

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Chairman

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Date