

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th January 2021

Remote Meeting: Meeting ID 880-8899-4421 Meeting Password 165611

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

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

C20/218 Apologies for Absence

It was noted Cllr Bowden had an issue connecting to the meeting.

C20/219 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

None.

C20/220 Community Police

A report was received by the Police.

RESOLVED: To contact the police thanking them for the graphs analysing figures and to ask for clarification on the new reporting method.

C20/221 Public Participation

No member of the public wished to speak.

C20/222 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.

DCC Cllr Ruth George reported that the schools in Derbyshire were operating at roughly half capacity with some doing virtual work with others attending the school. She commented that DCC have been delivering the food parcels to families that are eligible for free school meals and provided thanks to Whaley Bridge Covid Mutual Aid Group for providing assistance delivering the parcels. She continued to state that DCC are considering providing food vouchers rather than the food parcels that they are currently providing which she has been pressing for as they are more convenient for families. She commented that Nurseries across Derbyshire are open and are doing their best although members of staff are worried. As many nurseries receive Government funding they are currently unable to furlough staff which is a worry as not all staff are needed due to the lower numbers. She reported that the Government are currently looking into making this guidance more flexible allowing the Government to further support nurseries.

She continued to state that she had been dealing with a number of flooding issues in the division with numerous blocked drains and gullies reported. She stated she had been addressing a flooding issue on Coachmans Lane in Furness Vale however it is an unadopted road which is causing an issue. She stated that there

had been flooding down the road which has caused gouging in the road, DCC have been out to remove debris from the drains on the road. She stated that there have also been flooding issues on Dolly lane and that DCC are considering placing reflective posts on the edge of the road to help drivers avoid the ditch. She continued to state there have been flooding issues on Eccles Road because a drain or gully has collapsed on the road. She stated residents on Wharf Road were concerned about the height of the river and that she had spoken to the Environment Agency to see if the water levels in the river can be lowered.

She continued to state that she was scheduled to meet representatives from HPBC regarding the Wharf Road park entrance to make it a better route into the park. She stated that cycle racks had been placed outside the Cock pub and in the Town Centre and that they were looking to place some more in Tom Brad's Croft car park once it has been resurfaced. She stated she had been working with local groups to establish a cycle route along the Peak Forest Tramway asking for funding from the DCC active travel fund.

Finally she stated that fibre broadband installation had been delayed at Tunstead Milton and Fernilee and that she had received assurances from BT Openreach this would be completed by the end of January.

C20/223 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the last meetings of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 10 December 2020, are a true and correct record of the meeting, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C20/224 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report.

C20/225 Finance etc

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

	Jan-21	Payments	14/01/2021
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£3,426.94
	HMRC	PAYE	£419.15
	DCC	Pension Contribution	£630.63
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£32.34
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£125.36
	Andrew Fox	Reimburse for Zoom December and January	£28.78
	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire December	£279.17
	Martin Thomas	Reimburse leaflet holders	£40.81
	S Drinkwaters	Raised bed materials and screws for W4W	£228.31
	Chronicle Accountants Ltd	Payroll April to December	£135.00
	Dean Longden	Dangerous branch removal at Brookfield Pond	£150.00
	Fran Frodsham	Saddle Planters replanting	£550.00

	Fran Frodsham	Grit Bin filling	£475.00
	PFK Littlejohn	External Audit	£720.00
	Total Gas & Power	Electric Dec and Nov paid on behalf of SA	£292.73
	ESI Ltd	Replacement CCTV camera on behalf of SA	£183.60
	Urban Vision	Policy drafting, plan, and preparation for the NP	£6,300.00
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total	£14,017.82
Mechanics Institute			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£1,121.87
	Chronicle Accountants	MI Accounts review 2019/20	£270.00
	Stanway & Hallows	15-Watt LED fitting for bathroom	£21.60
	Allison Lugg	Reimburse Kettle for MI	£24.97
	Alliance Fire	Fire Extinguisher service and 2 new ones.	£252.55
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity	£185.98
DD	United Utilities	Water	£51.29
	Mechanics Institute	Total	£1,928.26
Sports Association			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£21.60
665	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£498.99
666	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Reimburse expenditure	£476.33
DD	Water Plus	Water	£12.27
	Sports Association	Total	£1,009.19
	Total Expenditure	Total	£16,955.27

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

Whaley Bridge Town Council	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	72,250.88
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	31,788.72
Petty Cash	64.44
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	192,106.02
Mechanics Institute	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	13,327.70
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,251.39
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	41,579.09
Sports Association	£
Current Account	6,911.96
Deposit Account	66,874.97
Petty Cash	0.00
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	73,786.93

C20/226 Budget 2021-22

Received a report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: To amend the draft budget in line with Cllr's comments and to bring precept calculations back for the next meeting.

C20/227 Brookfield Pond

Received a report from the Clerk noting that £150.00 had been paid to Dean Longden to remove two dangerous branches. .

RESOLVED: To send a letter to the CRT reminding them of the need to provide water to Brookfield Pond.

C20/228 Community Allotment Plot

Received a report from the Clerk

RESOLVED: To give the Clerk delegated authority to sign the lease agreement on behalf on the Council.

C20/229 Toddbrook Reservoir Consultation

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

C20/230 Covid-19 Risk Assessments

Received a report from the Clerk.

Noted that due to the 3 lockdown the Mechanics Institute and 3G pitch have to be closed.

C20/231 Raised Beds for the Allotment Site

Received a report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: For the Clerk to gather full quotes for the materials to bring back to the next meeting.

C20/232 Air Quality at Whaley Bridge School

Received a report from Cllr Ridgway.

RESOLVED: To keep an eye on the situation and to support the CRT if they plan to build a bridge from Forge Road and to contact relevant parties to gauge the feasibility of a bridge.

C20/233 Placement of Spare Grit Bin

Received a report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: To write to the resident of Goyt Road to assess whether they would want a Grit Bin.

C20/234 Whaley Bridge Sports Pavilion Usage

Received a report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: To not place a filing cabinet in the Common Room of the Sports Pavilion.

C20/235 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress and expenditure

Received a report from Cllr Pritchard.

Cllr Thomas commented that they are hoping to have the first draft policies and questionnaire ready soon with the final design codes report to be made available in due course.

C20/236 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies

a) Regeneration Committee

Cllr Thomas reported that he had purchased leaflet holders and that there was £30.00 left in the budget. He continued to state installing the leaflet holders had been put on hold due to the lockdown. He also stated that there was a delay on DCC's end for the approval of the finger posts.

b) Personnel Committee

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing further to report.

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Nothing to report.

g) Whaley Active

Cllr McCarthy commented that they had a meeting just before Christmas to discuss what can be done in the current situation. They are focusing on walking for health and that unfortunately the leaflets had not been distributed yet due to the lockdown. The next meeting is scheduled for the start of February.

h) Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

The Clerk reported that the scheduled meeting with Daniel Cunningham had been postponed due to the current lockdown.

i) Acclimatise Whaley

Cllr Hall reported that things had been very quiet and that they were trying to push forward the idea of a Community Garden where people can meet and grow things together. It was noted that the Council does not own any suitable land.

C20/237 Correspondence

RESOLVED: To note correspondence received from 10 December:

1. DCC – Community News 18th December 2020
2. Peak & Northern Footpath Society - membership renewal
RESOLVED: To renew the membership at an annual cost of £22.50.
3. Peak District NPA – Management Restructure.
4. DCC Traffic & Safety – information regarding permanent Traffic Signals, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge.
5. DALC - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Newsletter – January 2021

Latest lockdown impact
 The 'who, what, where, when, why?' of being a councillor!
 'Covid relief' vouchers and Section 137.
 Brexit implications for local councils
 Precept referendum principles likely to continue for third year
 Survey into traffic issues in Derbyshire
 Date for Zoom get together in January
 Holding of Annual Parish Meeting
 Happy New Year from DALC

C20/238 Planning

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

Committee Decisions – None

Delegated Decisions

<p>HPK/2020/0321 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 FULL</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>HPK/2020/0322 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 LISTED BUILDING CONSENT – ALTERATIONS</p>	<p>Approved</p>

Peak Park Planning Decisions – None

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

New Applications Received since 10th December 2020	
Application	Comments
HPK/2020/0517 Outline Planning Permission with all Matters Reserved for the Erection of 2 no. detached dwellings 26 Land adj to 25, Bings Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Philip Alsop OUTLINE	The Town Council believes Bings Road is unsuitable for further traffic.
HPK/2020/0479 Temporary construction compound (retrospective), to be occupied from 3 December 2020 to 21 February 2021, required to facilitate nearby railway maintenance works Land To The North Of, Station Road,, Furness Vale. Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd FULL	No Comment
HPK/2020/0556 Loft conversion incorporating new roof increasing building height by 0.6m. Dormer window to loft conversion to rear elevation. Single storey side kitchen extension, decking to rear garden. 27 New Cottage, Old Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr and Mrs A Took HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
CON/2021/0001 Regulation 5 application to install 1 x 9m wooden pole (7.2m above ground) 91, Chapel Road, Whaley Bridge. Openreach CONSULTATION BY OTHER AUTHORITITES	No Comment
HPK/2020/0505 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 FULL	No Comment

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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Date