

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th February 2021

Remote Meeting: Meeting ID 875-2775-8350 Meeting Password 759692

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

In Attendance: 1 member of the public, DCC Cllr Ruth George and Andrew Fox, Town Clerk.

C20/239 Apologies for Absence

None.

C20/240 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

None.

C20/241 Community Police

A report was received by the Police.

C20/242 Public Participation

A member of the public wished to speak regarding the grit bin on New Horwich Road. He asked for an update to when the grit bin on New Horwich Road was going to be filled and he was informed that it would be tomorrow. He continued to state that he is one of the DCC flood wardens and that there is an issue with water running onto the road then freezing make the road dangerous. Finally he stated that the website was not very accessible and that it was difficult to find the Council's contact details. He was informed that the Council are in the process of getting a new website to address these issues.

C20/243 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 issues with New Horwich road has been referred to DCC but DCC have had a lot of reports of flooding and at the moment the flood team were not looking at it but a highways officer is coming to look at the road. She continued stating that she has made a referral to DCC about water coming down Canal Street into the Transhipment warehouse. She stated that she hoped the blocked drainage gullies issue on Eccles Road will be done by the 26th of February. She continued to state there will be a closure of Start lane for a replacement of a gas main starting on Monday, she has received lots of concern from residents that the road will have to be fully closed for a time leaving no suitable access. The contractors have spoken to residents and have assured them they will attempt to keep the road passable as much as possible. She stated she has been notified of issues about lorries on Linglongs Road coming into the Barratts site unloading on the road rather than in the designated area. She has spoken to the

clerk of works to assess the situation and make sure that they can actually drop their load in the designated area.

She continued to state that the Bridge Bakehouse issue was raised to HPBC who sent round COVID-19 support officers. There was an agreement that there would be extra staff to make sure the pavement wasn't being blocked at busier times.

She stated she had a meeting regarding the care homes stating White Stones had been proposed for a COVID-19 recovery unit however the home will be used for a recovery unit for people coming out of hospital instead. She has been working with the Buxton Town Team, Acclimatise Whaley and the Chapel Walkers group about the high peak tram way which would link all of the major areas in the High Peak. She stated DCC are going to make a bid to create the cycle route.

Finally she stated BT Openreach have connected the fibre cabinets at Tunstead Milton and Fernilee.

C20/244 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the last meetings of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 14 January 2021, are a true and correct record of the meeting, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C20/245 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report.

C20/246 Finance etc

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

	Feb-21	Payments	11/02/2021
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£3,515.24
	HMRC	PAYE	£403.70
	DCC	Pension Contribution	£626.09
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£32.34
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£125.36
DD	PEAC	Photocopier lease	£275.74
	Andrew Fox	Reimburse for Zoom	£14.39
	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire January	£279.17
	DALC	Training Course	£50.00
	Stanway & Hallows Electrical	Connection and disconnection of Christmas tree lights	£120.00
	Carol Cade	Reimburse V4W domain renewal	£14.39
	Peak & Northern Footpaths	Renewal of membership	£22.50
	Shelter Maintenance	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£64.30
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total	£5,543.22
Mechanics Institute			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£1,121.87
DD	Gazprom	Gas Dec	£279.00
DD	Gazprom	Gas Jan	£300.23
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity	£204.76

DD	United Utilities	Water	£51.29
	Mechanics Institute	Total	£1,957.15
Sports Association			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£21.60
667	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£534.99
DD	Water Plus	Water	£12.27
	Sports Association	Total	£568.86
	Total Expenditure	Total	£8,069.23

RESOLVED: to correct the issue with the WBTC budget monitoring document and then to reissue it, the Clerk commented that the bank balances were accurate.

RESOLVED: note the Financial Reports for January 2021 which had been circulated to all members, and the bank balances at 31st January stood at:

Whaley Bridge Town Council	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	60,457.77
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	31,788.72
Petty Cash	64.44
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	180,321.91
Mechanics Institute	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	11,399.61
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,251.39
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	39,651.00
Sports Association	£
Current Account	7,037.59
Deposit Account	66,875.50
Petty Cash	0.00
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	73,913.09

C20/247 Budget 2021-22

A draft budget was received from the Clerk and comments were provided by Cllrs.

RESOLVED: To set the precept at £96,944.00 which equates to a 2% increase in the Band D charge.

The vote was taken as a recorded vote with the following results.

Cllr Bowden (abstained, unable to cast vote in the meeting)

Cllr Gilmour (for)

Cllr Glover (for)

Cllr Hall (for)

Cllr Lomax (for)

Cllr McCarthy (for)

Cllr Pritchard (for)

Cllr Ridgway (for)

Cllr Smith (for)

Cllr Swift (for)

Cllr Taylor (for)

Cllr Thomas (for)

RESOLVED: The budget would be come back to the March meeting for final approval.

C20/248 Shallcross Incline

Received a report from the Clerk noting that an update had been requested from DCC but not received.

It was also noted that there is a significant amount of vegetation on the Incline.

C20/249 Toddbrook Reservoir Consultation

It was noted that an update is expected by the end of the month.

C20/250 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.

C20/251 Raised Beds for the Allotment Site

Received a report from the Clerk

RESOLVED: To accept S Drinkwater's & Sons quote of £1130.66 Including VAT for the provision of the raised beds materials.

C20/252 Electricity Contract for the Mechanics Institute

Received a report from the Clerk noting that several quotes were requests but none received.

RESOLVED: To provide the Clerk delegated responsibility to accept a new electricity contract in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair for less than £1,400.00 a year estimated cost. It was noted the Council would prefer a green energy supplier if possible.

C20/253 Storage at the Pavilion

Received a report from the Cllr Swift.

RESOLVED: To set a budget of £900.00 to install a new base and shed in the compound area.

C20/254 High Peak Cycle Route Update

Received a report from the Cllr Hall.

RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Orders to hear from Cllr Ruth George.

RESOLVED: To resume Standing Orders.

RESOLVED: That the Council support the cycle route in principle and requests that future updates are brought to the Council.

C20/255 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress and expenditure

Received a report from Cllr Pritchard.

Commenting that they are meeting soon to discuss further the draft policy document and that questionnaire results are available in PDF format on the website.

C20/256 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies

a) Regeneration Committee

Cllr Thomas reported that 4 of the finger posts had been installed and that a further 5 were waiting on approval from DCC.

b) Personnel Committee

The Clerk reported that the Caretaker had repaid his loan from the Council for the pension contribution. The Clerk would ask DALC for an appraisals form.

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 to report.

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Cllr Glover had circulated a report providing a summary of the position in regards to the Pavilion extension.

g) Whaley Active

Cllr McCarthy reported they had a meeting last Friday, lots of different groups are trying to promote activity but it was hard to coordinate it all. There was discussion about how to communicate with people including social media, they discussed about social prescribing but were unable to pursue this during the lockdown. Finally they talked about the Community Art Trail there are all different types of trails that can be done such as veteran trees the idea is to get people active. Another meeting is scheduled for next month.

h) Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

Cllr Glover reported that we are still waiting for the meeting regarding disabled access. The Clerk would apply for the latest round of Covid-19 support.

i) Acclimatise Whaley

Cllr Hall reported that the cycle racks are now installed and that they are starting a solar panel club however this cannot go ahead during lockdown.

C20/257 Correspondence

RESOLVED: To note correspondence received from 14 January:

1. Fernilee Chapel Newsletter January 2021
2. Peak District NPA – Parishes Bulletin 38 - 15th January 2021.
3. Peak Park Parishes Forum – Derbyshire Archaeology Day
4. HPBC – draft Public Space Protection Order (Wildfires 2021)
5. DCC – Community News 2nd February 2021.
6. DCC – Derbyshire Rural Safety and Crime Prevention Guide.

7. Derbyshire Police – DCC Hardyal Dhindsa’s Vulnerability Grant, Launch of Round 2 January 2021.
8. DCC – Covid Campaign - Get Covid Facts not Covid Fiction.
9. Office for National Statistics – Census Information self-help and support.
10. DALC - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Newsletter – February 2021

May 6th – on or off?;
 New ‘Climate Action’ info hub now LIVE!;
 Your County Association needs You!;
 Mapping your local area;
 A winter checklist from BHIB;
 Unused leave – how it can be carried over;
 Section 137 allowance increase;
 New code of conduct – responses sought;
 Legal updates on policing and charity law;
 Angling for a grant? – applications invited;
 Flood ‘resilience’ – local councils’ views wanted;
 DALC Clerks Forum – agenda items FYI;
 DALC Chairs Forum – agenda items FYI.

RESOLVED: The Clerk would look at the option of the angling grant.

11. 20’s Plenty – request for support, as policy, 20’sPlenty for Derbyshire and to persuade County and District Councillors to support 20mph

RESOLVED: The Council do not support a blanket 20mph on all residential roads.

12. Sally dePee – request for a drop off facility in Whaley Bridge at the Mechanics for her recently set up Chapel-en-le-Frith clothes bank.

RESOLVED: to review this at a later meeting.

13. Mereside Gardens residents – request for a container of salt.

RESOLVED: to review this at a later meeting.

C20/258 Planning

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

Committee Decisions

Cllr Lomax informed the Council that application for 39 houses in Furness Vale was approved.

Delegated Decisions

HPK/2020/0210 Construction of a new two storey dwelling with detached garage Land Adjacent To 20, Whaley Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Garie Bevan FULL	Approved
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HPK/2020/0472 Conversion of annex to form a separate dwelling Longhurst Farm, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Mrs Sandra Hanson FULL	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 11th January 2021	
Application	Comments
HPK/2021/0022 Variation of Condition 2 in relation to HPK/2020/0036 Land Adjacent To Shallcross Mill House, Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs Chris Morris VARITION OF CONDITIONS	
NMA/2021/0002 Non Material amendment in relation to HPK/2019/0559 312 Foxes Den, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Becky Stokes NON MATERIAL AMENDMENT	
HPK/2019/0186 New and retrospective permission for single storey storage and commercial units with use B1 and B8. The Yard, Gisbourne Works, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge. Zanie Nolan - Whaley Bridge Developments FULL	The Council support applications that encourage local employment.
HPK/2021/0021 Proposed Rear Extension 1, Taxal Mews, Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Jake Mason HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	
HPK/2021/0053 Proposed signs & flag poles Barratt Homes, Midshires Meadow, Land Off Linglongs Road, Whaley Bridge Ms Fiona Dootson - Barratt Homes Manchester ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT	The Town Council strongly oppose this application as an intrusion into open countryside.

C20/259 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.

C20/260 Grounds Maintenance Contract

RESOLVED: To accept Piranha Country Gardens quote of £8.609.00 for the 2021/22 Ground Maintenance Contract.
It was noted the Clerk has attempted to get 5 quotes.

The meeting closed at 9:43 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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Date