

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Remote Meeting: Meeting ID 898-2095-6069 Meeting Password 921557

Present: Councillors: Gilmour (Chair), Bowden, Glover, 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.

C20/261 Apologies for Absence

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

C20/262 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

Cllr Taylor declared an interest in planning application HPK/2021/0015.

C20/263 Community Police

A report was received by the Police.

RESOLVED: The Clerk would contact the Police asking how the 12% increase in the precept several years ago for the Police was spent.

C20/264 Public Participation

Edwina Currie Jones came to the meeting to introduce herself as a prospective DCC candidate.

C20/265 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, he added that the Transport Working Group met to discuss the proposed change in train times and that they voted to retain the half hourly service.

DCC Cllr Ruth George reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner recently held a meeting focused on the High Peak. At this meeting she raised the issue of people coming from outside the area committing thefts, she was informed that the police are looking at putting number plate recognition cameras at the entrances to the parish. She also reported that the police recommend that trackers are installed on expensive bikes and that they should not be left on roof racks. She continued to state that DCC had created a budget for the repairs to the ground slippage on Long Hill and that the repairs are scheduled for Autumn. She commented that the repairs needed to be done before winter and that the current schedule would clash with the Fairfield roundabout works which would cause significant disruption. She confirmed that DCC have received 2.5 million of funding from the national safer roads budget to make Long Hill safer. She commented that she has requested that a cycle route also be considered from the safer road fund. She commented that a number of cycle

racks have been installed throughout the Parish and that more were expected at the Railway station but discussions were ongoing regarding funding.

She commented that there has been issues regarding the Barretts Homes development and that she has been informed that there now will always be a walkway for pedestrians. She continued to state that a tender has been put in to repair Coachman's Lane in Furness Vale. She commented that there has been issues regarding footpath 61 off Elnor Lane and that an application for its continued closure has apparently been sent in but no record can be found of this at this moment in time. She commented that she has been in discussion with High Peak buses regarding the reduced service of the number 60. Finally she commented that she has provided funding to a number of Community Groups in the Parish.

C20/266 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the last meetings of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 11 February 2021, are a true and correct record of the meeting, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C20/267 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report and that the Clerk will look into changing the Sports Association Bank Accounts to Unity Trust.

C20/268 Finance etc

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

	Mar-21	Payments	11/03/2021
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£3,432.34
	HMRC	PAYE	£354.38
	DCC	Pension Contribution	£634.62
	Various	Petty Cash	£21.66
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£32.72
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£125.36
	Andrew Fox	Reimburse for Zoom	£14.39
	Martin Thomas	Reimburse Wix subscription	£218.32
	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire February	£279.17
	Fran Frodsham	Purchase of additional grit	£60.00
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total	£5,172.96
Mechanics Institute			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£1,121.87
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity	£179.62
DD	United Utilities	Water	£51.29
	Mechanics Institute	Total	£1,352.78
Sports Association			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£21.60
668	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£498.99
DD	Water Plus	Water	£12.27

	Sports Association	Total	£532.86
	Total Expenditure	Total	£7,058.60

RESOLVED: note the Financial Reports for January 2021 which had been circulated to all members, and the bank balances at 28th February stood at:

Whaley Bridge Town Council	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	56,314.87
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	31,788.72
Petty Cash	44.76
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Mechanics Institute	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	10,494.43
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,251.39
	<hr/> 38,745.82
Sports Association	£
Current Account	7,185.72
Deposit Account	66,876.01
Petty Cash	0.00
	<hr/> 74,061.73

C20/269 Budget 2021-22

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

RESOLVED: To accept the Draft Budget in its current form and that the Clerk would correct the date on the draft budget.

C20/270 Town Council Reserves

Received a report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: To earmark the unspent Regeneration Budget over the 3 year period and to place the unspent Mechanics Institute budget into the earmarked reserve.

C20/271 Shallcross Incline

It was noted that the Clerk was unable to get quotes for this meeting to cut back vegetation on the incline and that he also has not received an update from DCC regarding the repairs.

RESOLVED: To set a budget of £1,500.00 to employ a tree expert to provide a report on the condition of the trees and recommended actions.

C20/272 Toddbrook Reservoir Consultation

Received a report from Cllr Gilmour noting that an email to the Environment Agency was being drafted regarding our water abstraction licence.

C20/273 Covid-19 Risk Assessments

Received a report from the Clerk noting that they were preparing for the return of grass roots football.

C20/274 Grit Bin Policy

Received a draft policy from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: To accept policy numbers 2 and 4 from the draft policy.

C20/275 Commercial Waste Agreement

RESOLVED: To provide accept the waste agreement and to authorise the Clerk to complete and return the form to HPBC.

C20/276 Finger Post Modifications

Received a report from the Cllr Thomas.

RESOLVED: To accept the quote from Leander of £638.40 for the provision of additional fingers for the finger posts.

C20/277 Proposed Pandemic Commemoration Memorial

Received a report from the Cllr Thomas.

RESOLVED: The Council support the initiative and will continue contribute towards it when plans have been finalised.

C20/278 DALC Membership

RESOLVED: To accept the DALC membership quote at a cost of £1,190.53.

C20/279 Annual Town Meeting

RESOLVED: To schedule the Annual Town Meeting for the 23rd of April 2021.

C20/280 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress and expenditure

Received a report from Cllr Pritchard.

Noted that the unused Locality Grant will need to be repaid before the end of the financial year.

C20/281 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies

a) Regeneration Committee

Cllr Thomas reported that there is a meeting scheduled for Monday the 15th of March.

b) Personnel Committee

Cllr Glover reported that he had a meeting with the Clerk regarding Appraisals.

c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group

Nothing to report.

d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Cllr Pritchard had nothing further to report from the emails that have been circulated to Cllrs.

e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

The Clerk reported that the delivery for the raised beds materials has been completed and that he has spoken to the Roots and Shoots Taster Beds group regarding raised bed materials.

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Cllr Glover reported that a meeting for April was being planned.

g) Whaley Active

Cllr McCarthy reported that a meeting is scheduled for next week and that an idea of an art trail is beginning to take shape reporting that the idea is for a 2 mile trails along flattest route possible.

h) Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

Cllr Glover reported that we are still waiting for the meeting regarding disabled access. Cllr Lomax suggested that we explore other options for new facilities.

i) Acclimatise Whaley

Nothing to report.

C20/282 Correspondence

RESOLVED: To note correspondence received from 12 February:

1. Little Cherubs Clothing poster
2. Fernilee Methodist Chapel and Graveyard – Newsletter February 2021
3. HPBC – Tree works application to trees covered by tree preservation order at 184 Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge.
4. HPBC – Notification of Buxton Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum Designations.
5. New Mills, Marple & District Rotary Club – “Make a Difference Scheme” information and thanks.
6. Farming Life Centre – Support for farming communities in the Peak Park.
7. DCC – Community Newsletter 22 February 2021.
8. NALC – National Association of Local Councils Newsletter – February 2021
9. DALC - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Newsletter – March 2021

‘5 Ways to Well-being’ grants available
Census & Covid – FAQs and advice
New finance training course dates added
NACO protocol on death of senior public figure
Warmth warning for defibrillators
‘Design Code’ views sought from Derbyshire’s councils
Be ready for internal audit – DALC checklist now online
Activate your sports funding... with Active Derbyshire
Zoom in for grant advice
EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2021 – entries now open!
DALC Exec welcomes new police rep
See you at the Forum...
After Brexit – changes to procurement procedures
How to legally drone on...
Councillorzzzz caught napping
Canvassing during Covid – new guidelines released

10. Cllr Thomas – e-mail from WB Well Dressers 2021 member expressing concern about the future of the Well Dressing pictures display in the Mechanics Institute
RESOLVED: The Town Council asks the Mechanics Institute Trustee to reconsider its decision.
11. Peak Park Parishes Forum – Subscription 2012/22 request.
RESOLVED: To renew the Subscription at a cost of £6.00.
12. HPBC – Street Trading Draft Policy 2021 – 2023, notification of consultation. Closing date for comments 7th April 2021.
13. Fernilee Methodist Chapel and Graveyard – Newsletter March 2021
14. Peak District NPA – Planning decision notice for NP/HPK/0121/0010 Conversion of existing building for residential use, Near Fernilee Reservoir. (Hartington Upper Quarter Parish)

C20/283 Planning

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

Committee Decisions

HPK/2017/0257 Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 14 dwellings. Land off, Bingswood Road, Whaley Bridge. Alliance Living Limited FULL - Small-scale MAJOR apps	Appeal Dismissed
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Delegated Decisions

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	Refused
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	Approved
HPK/2020/0231 Application for variation of condition 1 relating to HPK/2017/0654 Shallcross Foundry, Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Chris Morris - F Morris & Son Ltd FULL/VARIATION OF CONDITION	Reserved Matters Approved

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	Approved
NMA/2021/0002 Non Material amendment in relation to HPK/2019/0559 312 Foxes Den, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Becky Stokes NON MATERIAL AMENDMENT	NMA Approved

Peak Park Planning Decisions – None

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

New Applications Received since 11th February 2021	
Application	Comments
HPK/2021/0048 Proposed reroof, erection of a dormer window and the erection of an open porch 9 Treetops, Eccles Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs Watts FULL	No Comment
HPK/2021/0034 Refurbishment of a two-bedroom bungalow with existing basement to create a four-bedroom house and separate double garage with green roof, associated hard and soft landscaping works. Wingfield, Bings Road, Whaley Bridge. Richard & Judith Henshaw HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
DOC/2021/0018 Discharge of conditions 3,4,6,17 and 21 relating to HPK/2020/0210 Land Adjacent To 20, Whaley Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Bevan DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS	No Comment
HNT/2021/0002 Single storey extension added to previous extension Extension to extend beyond the rear wall by 7.10m, maximum height of the extension to be 2.50m, height of the eaves to be 2.50m. 9, Meadow Close, Whaley Bridge. Mr Mark Howe HOUSEHOLDER NOTIFICATION APPLICATION	No Comment
HFP/2020/0002 Diversion of Footpath 61 Shallcross Foundry, Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Chris Morriss PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY DIVERSION	See Minute C20/284
HPK/2021/0103 Retrospective application for an Outdoor timber climbing wall 191, Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge. Mrs Mel Dyer HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	The Town Council support this scheme with a more muted colour scheme.

HPK/2021/0015 Proposed new dormer extension to roof space of an existing single storey residence. Application includes creation of two new bedrooms and a bathroom within the existing roof space and a new sliding/folding door. Kinmore, Linglongs Road, Whaley Bridge. Mrs Carol Taylor HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
DOC/2021/0017 Discharge of condition 3 relating to HPK/2020/0472 Longhurst Farm, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Mrs Sandra Hanson DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS	No Comment

C20/284 HFP/2020/0002

RESOLVED: That the Town Council has the following comments: WBTC discussed the continued unavailability of footpath 61 past the deadline of 13th December 2020; the clerk and councillors had received multiple complaints and felt it unacceptable the footpath was still closed. The suggestion was made that it should be possible, utilising temporary construction barriers, for the developer to create a temporary and safe route through the site to permit the community access along this popular route from Whaley Bridge to Tunstead Milton.

C20/285 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.

C20/286 Appraisals

Cllr Glover gave a report stating that the plan is to carry out the appraisals in April.
RESOLVED: To continue with the current plan regarding appraisals and that 2-3 Cllrs will be involved in the process.

C20/287 Holiday Entitlement

RESOLVED: To allow the staff to carry over their holiday allowance up to 9 days due to the special circumstances and that the holidays must be used by the end of the calendar year.

The meeting closed at 10:00 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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Date