

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th April 2021

Remote Meeting: Meeting ID 850-1326-1690 Meeting Password 748378

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.

C21/001 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bowden.

C21/002 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

None.

C21/003 Community Police

A report was received by the Police.

The Clerk noted that the Goal Post incident had been reported to the Police.

C21/004 Public Participation

No members of the Public were present.

C21/005 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council

HPBC Cllr Lomax commented that he had nothing to report due to election Purdah.

DCC Cllr Ruth George reported that the Capital budget for the next financial year had been set by DCC. She commented that one million had been allocated to the land slip on Long Hill, they have allocated funding for a section of the Chapel Bypass and for Diglee Road in Furness Vale. She commented that just over the boarder in Chinely funding as been allocated to resurface the Peak Forest Tramway. She commented that there did not seem to be any funding for the Shallcross Incline and Coachman's Lane in Furness Vale and that she has queried these two items with DCC. She commented that the Safter Roads fund would not be allocated until the next financial year.

She commented that the PCC visited chapel to look at the site next to the roundabout at the chapel end of the bypass where funding has been put aside from the Police capital budget for a Police hub point as this would give them the quickest response time for anywhere in the High Peak. They are planning to keep the stations at Buxton and Glossop with the safer neighbourhood team located in New Mills. She commented that central Government had put forward proposals for Bus franchises to be managed by private companies and Councils with negotiations starting in the summer. She also commented that there has been a request to install a bus shelter at the bus stop near the Shady Oak. She continued to state that the

patch work had been completed on Bridge 42 and that she was informed by the engineers that further work would be needed in the future. She stated that cycle racks had been placed outside the Railway Pub and that they had also been placed at Tom Brad Croft carpark with the completion of the resurfacing. She commented that the diversion on Footpath 61 was now going through HPBC planning and that Covid testing kits are available at the Pavilion Gardens and in New Mills Education Centre. She commented that she was informed by DCC and HPBC elections teams that doing a report to the local Parish Councils did not breach Purdah.

RESOLVED: The Council will write a short letter to Network Rail commenting that there has been reports during the recent refurbishment that bridge 42 did not have long and that the Council would appreciate an update regarding Network Rails plans for Bridge 42.

C21/006 Minutes of previous meeting

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

C21/007 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report.

C21/008 Finance etc

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

	Apr-21	Payments	08/04/2021
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£3,615.66
	HMRC	PAYE	£398.30
	DCC	Pension Contribution	£626.09
	Various	Petty Cash	£21.47
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£32.72
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£125.36
	Andrew Fox	Reimburse for Zoom	£14.39
	Andrew Fox	Money withdrawn for Petty Cash	£43.13
	HPBC	Allotment Rent	£10.00
	Groundwork UK	Repayment of unused Locality Grant	£1,960.56
	Martin Thomas	Reimburse leaflet holders	£29.10
	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire March	£279.17
	DALC	Subscription	£1,190.53
	Drinkwaters & Sons	Raised beds materials	£1,130.66
	Peak Park Parishes Forum	Subscription	£6.00
	AK Products	NP posters	£39.00
	Gordon Hall	Reimburse Bike Stands for Canal Car Park	£133.80
	Total Gas and Power	Electricity Jan, Feb & Mar paid on behalf of SA	£395.70

	Shelter Maintenance	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£64.30
	Sam Rodger	Additional digger work for the SA	£250.00
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total	£10,365.94
Mechanics Institute			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£1,346.87
	High Peak Borough Council	Waste Contract	£474.39
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity	£186.07
DD	Gazprom	Gas	£229.17
DD	United Utilities	Water	£51.29
	Mechanics Institute	Total	£2,287.79
Sports Association			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£21.60
669	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£534.99
670	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Reimburse expenditure	£645.70
DD	Water Plus	Water	£11.86
	Sports Association	Total	£1,214.15
	Total Expenditure	Total	£13,867.88

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk was unable to complete the Sports Association budget monitoring before the meeting due to an issue with RBS and that this would be rectified as soon as possible.

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

Whaley Bridge Town Council	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	53,399.30
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	31,788.72
Petty Cash	23.29
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	173,211.31
Mechanics Institute	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	21,331.25
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,251.39
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	49,582.64

C21/009 Request for Litter Pickers and Hooped Refuse Collection Bags

RESOLVED: To set a budget of £50.00 for the provision of litter pickers and hoops for bin bags.

C21/010 Shallcross Incline

RESOLVED: To get quotes regarding for a drainage pipe across the Shallcross Incline before presenting this to DCC. Cllr Ridgway will assist the Clerk with the specification.

RESOLVED: To accept Dean Longden's quote of £350.00 to remove the bramble and brash at the top of the Shallcross Incline.

- C21/011 Toddbrook Reservoir Consultation**
- RESOLVED:** The Chair and Clerk would write an email to CRT incorporating comments made by Cllrs.
- C21/012 Covid-19 Risk Assessments**
- Received a report from the Clerk noting that it is still possible to hold Mechanics Institute Trustee meeting via Zoom.
- C21/013 Playground in the Memorial Park**
- Received a report from Cllr Ridgway.
RESOLVED: To incorporate comments regarding the positioning of the playground with the emphasis on safety into the letter in response to the Toddbrook Reservoir consultation.
- C21/014 WBFC Junior Football pitch**
- Received a report from Cllr Ridgway and it was noted that the whole dam project should be kept on the agenda so the CRT can be reminded of ongoing issues if necessary.
- C21/015 Wharf Road Resident's Concerns**
- It was noted that the issues arising in this item had been discussed when considering the Reservoir consultation and that concerns would be incorporated into the Council's response to the consultation.
- C21/016 The Return to In Person Meetings**
- Received a report from the Clerk.
RESOLVED: To move the Annual Town Council meeting to the 20th of May 2021 so it takes place after the easing of lockdown expected on the 17th of May as per the Government guidance.
- C21/017 Provision of Materials to Build a New Compost Bay on the Allotment Site**
- Received a report from the Clerk noting that unfortunately the information required from HPBC had not been received before the meeting and that it would be brought back once costs could be established.
- C21/018 Footpath 61, Elnor Lane to Tunstead Milton**
- RESOLVED:** The Council support the diversion to footpath 61.
- C21/019 Planters Outside the Mechanics Institute**
- RESOLVED:** To accept the quote from Fran Frodsham of £200.00 to replace and replant both of the barrel planters outside the Mechanics.
- C21/020 Insurance Provision**
- RESOLVED:** The Clerk will gather quotes for the insurance of the Welcome to Whaley Signs and the increased insurance provision of the information boards.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will also get alternative quotes for the insurance provision with the same lines of cover.

C21/021 20s Plenty for Derbyshire Campaign

Received a report from Cllr Thomas and it was noted that the Clerk would keep the Council informed regarding the campaign.

C21/022 Sports Pavilion Front doors

Received a report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will explore if there is any way to repair the doors.

C21/023 Memorial Park Ranger's Use of the Pavilion

Noted that the issue was in hand now and that the situation will be monitored.

C21/024 Recommendations From the Sports Association

Received a report from Cllr Glover, reporting that the issues regarding people breaking into the pitch has been referred to the police. He also reported that the grant applications are ongoing. Finally, It was reported that WBFC was in need of a welfare officer.

C21/025 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress and expenditure

Received a report from Cllr Pritchard.

Cllr Thomas commented that they have spoken to the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust about providing a quote for the provision of a wildlife study and map for plan evidence.

C21/026 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies

a) Regeneration Committee

Cllr Thomas requested 15 more leaflet holders.

RESOLVED: to set a budget of £45.00 to purchase the additional leaflet holders.

b) Personnel Committee

Cllr Glover reported that my Appraisal will be carried out next week.

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 allotment rent requests had been sent out.

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Nothing further to report.

g) Whaley Active

Cllr McCarthy reported that 3 members went for a walk around a 2 mile route in Whaley Bridge to try and identify an art trail. He commented that he had found 21 locations which are mostly on HPBC land, these sites now need to be trimmed down.

h) Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

Cllr Glover reported that we have a meeting scheduled for the 27th of April at the Mechanics Institute.

i) Acclimatise Whaley

Cllr Hall reported that they were progressing with the Linar Park rewilding and that a hedgehog watch has been established. He commented that he was working towards a green business rewards scheme. Finally he stated that they are looking at clean energy initiatives such as heat pumps and solar panels.

C21/027 Correspondence

RESOLVED: To note correspondence received from 12 March:

1. Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP – Highlighting measures in place to support safe reopening of hospitality businesses for easing the lockdown restriction, no earlier than 12th April 2021.
2. Cllr Swift – forwarding request from residents of Linglongs Avenue for provision of equipment to help them clear litter from the local area.
3. High Peak Borough Council – link for submission of nominations for the Derbyshire Beacons of Hope awards. Closing date 14th May.
4. Derbyshire County Council – Community News 23rd March 2021.
5. Luke Hall MP – information regarding Local Authority Meetings Regulations requiring primary legislation for extension beyond 7th May 2021.
6. 20's Plenty for Derbyshire – seeking Parish Council to pledge support.
7. Whaley Bridge Resident – requesting investigation, by one of the local councillors, of parking on the corner of Canal Street and Bridge Street.
RESOLVED: The Clerk will contact DCC regarding the potential for disabled parking bays and that the illegal parking will be notified to parking enforcement.
8. Derbyshire County Council- Community News 31st March 2021.
9. Whaley Bridge Resident – online submission of request for action to rectify drainage issues to stop further damage to Shallcross Incline.
10. WB Cricket Club – requesting confirmation that Whaley Bridge Town Council are able to support the Bonfire & Firework display in 2021 which the Cricket Club are happy to host.
RESOLVED: To support the Cricket Club with the fireworks display this year.
11. WB Resident – requesting investigation of removal of bench at Brookfield Pond to be progressed as discussed by BP Management Committee.
RESOLVED: To leave the bench where it is for now and to investigate placing a fixed bin next to the bench.
12. DALC - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Newsletter – April 2021
 - 1 – Going green after Covid
 - 2 – Don't forget your defibrillator cabinets!
 - 3 – Introducing DALC's new CiLCA trainer
 - 4 - Energy savings add up
 - 5 – Phase 2 of Salix PSDS grants now launched
 - 6 – External Audit – documents now available
 - 7 – Congratulations to two DALC councils!

- 8 – Dealing with speeding...
- 9 – Top 10 funding tips
- 10 – DALC monthly forums – please note NEW timings
- 11 – ‘Beacon of Hope’ awards now open
- 12 – End of ‘shielding’ – HR guide
- 13 – CCLA sponsors DALC Excellence Awards

C21/028 Planning

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

Committee Decisions – None

Delegated Decisions

DOC/2021/0017 Discharge of condition 3 relating to HPK/2020/0472 Longhurst Farm, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Mrs Sandra Hanson DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS	Approved
HPK/2021/0021 Proposed Rear Extension 1, Taxal Mews, Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Jake Mason HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	Approved

Peak Park Planning Decisions – None

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

New Applications Received since 11th March 2021	
Application	Comments
HPK/2021/0079 Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed 2 Storey Rear Extension 156, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs Wood CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULLNESS	No Comment

The meeting closed at 9:47 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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Date