

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 20th May 2021

The Main Hall, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge
Available online: Meeting ID 853-2239-2518 Meeting Password 303088

Present: Councillors: Bowden, Gilmour, Hall, Lomax, Pritchard, Ridgway, Smith, Swift and Taylor, Thomas.

In Attendance: Cllr Ruth George (arrived at 7:35pm) and Andrew Fox, Town Clerk.

Cllr Swift took the Chair at the start of the meeting.

C21/029 Election, and acceptance of office, of Chair of the Town Council

RESOLVED: Cllr Glover be elected Chairman of Whaley Bridge Town Council for the Civic Year 2021/22.

C21/030 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Glover, Cllr McCarthy and HPBC Cllrs Kath Thomson and Shannon-Kate Thomson.

C21/031 Election of Vice-Chair of the Town Council

RESOLVED: Cllr Swift be elected Vice-Chairman of Whaley Bridge Town Council for the Civic Year 2021/22.

C21/032 Signing Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms

The Clerk commented that due to the guidance regarding the return to face-to-face meetings he could not provide paper copies of the Acceptance of Office forms for the meeting and that he would arrange for them to be signed before the next meeting while complying with the Risk Assessment and Guidance.

C21/033 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

None.

C21/034 Community Police

A report was received from the Community Police team.

C21/035 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

C21/036 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council

A report was received from HPBC Cllr Lomax.

A report was received from Cllr Ruth George later in the meeting.

C21/037 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the last meetings of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 8 April 2021 are a true and correct record of the meeting, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C21/038 Calendar of Meetings 2021-22

RESOLVED: That there will be Town Council meetings on (2021) Jun 24, Jul 8, Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9, (2022) Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14.

RESOLVED: To move the June Council meeting to the 24th of June so it takes place after the easing of lockdown on the 21st. If the lifting of lockdown is delayed the Clerk will seek an accessible venue to host the meeting. The Chair in consultation with the Clerk will assess whether the July meeting would be necessary given the proximity to the June meeting.

C21/039 Chair's Allowance

RESOLVED: That the Chair's allowance for 2021/22 be set at £300.

C21/040 Appointments to Cheque-signing/electronic payments authorisation panel

RESOLVED: That Cllrs Gilmour, Hall, Swift and Thomas be appointed to the cheque-signing/authorisation panel for 2021/22.

C21/041 Appointments to committees 2021/22

RESOLVED: That Councillors will serve on the Council's Committees as follows:
Regeneration Committee: Cllrs Hall, Smith, Swift, Taylor, Thomas.
Personnel Committee: Cllrs Gilmour, Glover, McCarthy, Swift.

C21/042 Appointments to Advisory Panels 2021/22

RESOLVED: That Councillors be appointed to advisory panels as follows:
Whaley4Wards: Cllrs Hall, Smith, Taylor, Thomas.
Whaley Bridge Canal Group: Cllrs McCarthy.
Brookfield Pond: Cllrs Gilmour, Smith, Taylor, Thomas.
Sports Association Management Executive: Cllrs Glover, McCarthy.
Website: Cllrs Hall, Thomas.
Neighbourhood planning: Cllrs Pritchard, Thomas.
Local Area Forum: Cllrs Bowden, McCarthy.
Allotments: Cllrs Ridgway, Thomas.

C21/043 Appointments to Outside Bodies 2021/22

RESOLVED: That Councillors be appointed to outside bodies as follows:
Furness Vale COGS: Cllr Bowden, Cllr Hall, Cllr McCarthy
High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership: Cllr Lomax

C21/044 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report.

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

	May-21	Payments	20/05/2021
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£3,432.74
	HMRC	PAYE	£496.25
	DCC	Pension Contribution	£687.95
	DCC	Pension Contribution 2020/21	£48.81
	Various	Petty Cash	£21.47
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£32.34
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£125.36
	Andrew Fox	Reimburse for Zoom	£14.39
	Dean Longden	Bramble removal on Shallcross Incline	£350.00
	Leander Architectural	Additional fingers for posts	£638.40
	Allison Lugg	Reimburse paint for W4W	£16.19
	Allison Lugg	Reimburse wheelbarrow for SA	£34.99
	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire April	£279.17
	Drinkwaters & Sons	W4W paint materials	£60.74
	PEAC	Photocopier Lease	£245.74
	Shorrock Trichem	Cleaning supplies for the SA	£65.64
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total	£6,550.18
Mechanics Institute			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£1,121.87
	T Peel Roofing LTD	Guttering Cleaning	£216.00
	Shorrock Trichem	Cleaning supplies	£55.13
	Stanway & Hallows Electrical	PAT testing MI and SA	£129.60
	Allison Lugg	2 Flasks for Coffee Mornings	£46.81
	Allison Lugg	Kick plates and finger plates for doors	£36.96
DD	Gazprom	Gas	£175.39
DD	United Utilities	Water	£46.51
	Mechanics Institute	Total	£1,828.27
Sports Association			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£21.60
671	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£498.99
672	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Reimburse expenditure	£100.63
DD	Water Plus	Water	£11.86
	Sports Association	Total	£633.08
	Total Expenditure	Total	£9,011.53

RESOLVED: to note the Financial Reports for April 2021 which had been circulated to all members, and the bank balances at 30th April stood at:

Whaley Bridge Town Council	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	102,458.78
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	32,538.72
Petty Cash	40.24
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	223,037.74
Mechanics Institute	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	20,049.58
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,251.39
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	48,300.97
Sports Association	£
Current Account	5,990.68
Deposit Account	66,877.16
Petty Cash	0.00
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	72,867.84

C21/046 Approval of Financial Risk Assessment 2021/22

RESOLVED: To approve the Financial Risk Assessment for 2021/22.

C21/047 Review of Financial Regulations

RESOLVED: that the Financial Regulations for Whaley Bridge Town Council dated 20th May 2021 continue to be adopted and to note that the Model Standing Orders published by NALC are unchanged.

C21/048 Covid-19 Risk Assessments

Received a report from the Clerk noting that we are planning to trial coffee mornings outside the Mechanics Institute on a takeaway basis.

C21/049 Internal Auditor

RESOLVED: To appoint Mr Barrie Woodcock as the internal auditor for the 2020/21 financial year at a cost of £37.50 an hour with mileage at 40p per mile.

C21/050 Finger Post

RESOLVED: To write a letter with the approval of Lindsay Wetton from HPBC giving an undertaking that the Finger post will be moved if a planning application for a driveway is received and passed.

C21/051 Shallcross Incline

Received a report from Cllr Ridgway.

RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Orders.

DCC Cllr Ruth George apologised for arriving slightly late to the meeting and for missing the item for her report. First, she commented that she had received an email confirming that the monies had been set aside to fix all of the issues with the Incline including the surface and the drainage and that plans would be sent to the Town Council once they are ready. She also commented that she had set up a community speed watch caught several drivers speeding on Chapel Road. She

commented she is working with the local PCSO to establish more sites for the speed watch. She continued to state that the safer road fund can be used to provide an off-road cycle route which runs alongside Long Hill. She commented that one of the trees fell near the Long Hill road works and she has been assured by DCC that the other trees in the area will be checked. She commented that DCC are willing to pay 50% of a bus shelter in Fernilee but they would want another body to maintain it. She commented that they will send the full plans to the Town Council once known. Finally, she commented that the bridge next to the Cock Pub was still unusable and has not yet been repaired and that the CRT had confirmed ownership.

RESOLVED: To resume Standing Orders.

RESOLVED: The Council will write to the CRT suggesting that the path by the side of the Cock Pub is their responsibility and ask them to fix it as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: To not pursue work on the Shallcross Incline after the assurances given that DCC will fund and repair the incline.

C21/052 Movement and Repositioning of Playground Equipment in the Memorial Park

Received a report from Cllr Ridgway.

RESOLVED: To write to HPBC stating that there are concerns that the playground will be next to the skate park and that there may well be heavy machinery. The Council also requests that HPBC discuss all options before they place the playground in its new place.

C21/053 Provision of Designated Disabled Parking on the Eastern Side of Market Street

RESOLVED: To write to the appropriate authority asking them to enforce the parking restrictions and send DCC's response to the lady who originally made the complaint regarding the disabled parking.

C21/054 Whaley Bridge Town Council Insurance Provision

RESOLVED: To accept the quote from BHIB insurance company on a 3-year term at a cost of £1,997.77 per year and to reconfirm everything in our current insurance schedule is covered.

C21/055 Brookfield Pond

It was noted that the Clerk would look for grants to fix the fishing platforms at the pond as well as getting quotes to do the work. It was noted that the current fishing licence lease had not been renewed.

C21/056 Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement 2021-22

RESOLVED: The Council will take part in the Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement 2021-22 with the Council considering footpath 105 as a footpath which needs maintenance.

C21/057 General Power of Competence

RESOLVED: That 2 thirds of the Councillors are elected and the Clerk has passed one of the relevant qualifications and is eligible to use the Power under the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.

C21/058 42 Elnor Lane

RESOLVED: The Clerk will contact the estate agents for an update regarding number 42 Elnor Lane.

C21/059 Use of the Changing Rooms at the Pavilion

RESOLVED: The Clerk and Chair will investigate this matter and bring it back to the next Town Council meeting.

C21/060 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress and expenditure

A report was received and noted from Cllr Pritchard and Thomas.

C21/061 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies

a) Regeneration Committee

Nothing to report.

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 he has been sending the weekly newsletters and it was noted that the Clerk would contact the partnership to inform them Cllr Lomax was taking over.

e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

Cllr Ridgway raised the point that the water had run dry on the allotment plot due to a spell of very dry weather, he suggested that it might be time for mains water on the site. It was agreed this would be discussed at a future allotment meeting.

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Nothing to report.

g) Whaley Active

Nothing to report.

h) Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

The Clerk will look into the possibility of solar panels with assistance from local groups such as Acclimatise Whaley. The Council wanted to pass on its thanks to the Caretaker for his excellent work decorating the building during lockdown.

i) Acclimatise Whaley

Nothing to report.

C21/062 Correspondence

RESOLVED: To note correspondence received from 9 April:

1. Buxworth Pre-school – request for funding to enable provision of some free 2 hour stay and play sessions to alleviate anxiety resulting from Covid restrictions.
2. DCC – Community News e-mail.

3. Fernilee Resident – requesting guidance on how to request a bus shelter for the bus stop opposite the Shady Oak Inn.
4. DCC – Emergency Temporary Closure of Public Footpath 47 57 Whaley Bridge for 50 metres to allow for construction of roads and sewers.
5. DCC – Temporary Closure of Public Footpath 61 Whaley Bridge for 150 metres in an Easterly direction from Elnor Lane to allow for construction works.
6. HPBC – request for additional information regarding eligibility for a Restart Grant.
7. HPBC – Confirmation of successful application for a Restart Grant.
8. Six letters of apology from young people connected with trespass and damage at the 3G AGP with contributions to damage cost as appropriate.
9. Information Commissioner's Office – notice of collection of Data Protection Renewal Fee - £40
10. Furness Films – information about future contact and new organiser.
11. ETE PROW – 2021-22 Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement (MMA) information and request for confirmation of intention to submit a claim before 1st June 2021.
12. DALC – High Court ruling on the continuation of remote meetings.
13. DALC - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Newsletter – May 2021
 - 1 – Remote meetings – DALC update May 5th
 - 2 – Toilets Bill gets Royal Assent
 - 3 – New funds for neighbourhood planning
 - 4 – Chair & Clerk forum invites
14. DALC – Training Courses – final reminder.
15. LDF High Peak – requesting feedback regarding Public Consultation – Water in Buxton Supplementary Planning Document.
Deadline 6pm Friday 18th June 2010
16. Whaley Bridge Resident – raising concerns regarding planning application HPK/2021/0103.
17. DCC – Community News – 17th May 2021
18. DCC – Emergency Temporary Closure of Public Footpath 47 57 Whaley Bridge for 50 metres to allow for construction of roads and sewers. From 21st may to 10th June 2021 – following on from previous closure (Item 4).
19. DCC – Reply to enquiry regarding installation of disabled parking bay in the vicinity of the Pharmacy.
20. Derbyshirecore – information about Derbyshire Victim Services supporting Victims of Crime.
21. Fernilee Methodist Chapel and Graveyard – Newsletter April 2021.
22. HPBC - proposals for use of their Welcome Back fund allocation.
RESOLVED: The Council will contact HPBC suggesting the FAB markets and the Party in the Park as events which could make use of this funding.
23. Keep Britain Tidy - follow up on Parish Council registration as partner for the Great British Spring Clen this year.
24. WB resident – request for Town Council assistance with HPBC reluctance to deal with Barrett Homes' contravention of planning regulations in erecting 3 flag poles by their sales office. [Cllr Lomax left the meeting due to the item considering planning and Cllr Taylor declared an interest as the site is visible from his home.]

C21/063 Planning

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

Committee Decisions

HPK/2020/0301 Demolition of the existing building known as “Taxal Edge” and the detached garage building and the erection of 7 no. dwellings 184 Taxal Edge, Macclesfield Road Whaley Lane, Whaley Bridge. Treville Properties Ltd FULL	Refused
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Delegated Decisions

HPK/2020/0080 Retrospective Full Planning Application for for an additional 10 static caravans (taking the total from 44 to 54) Ringstones Caravan Park, Yeardsley Lane, Furness Vale. Messrs Riley & Smith - Peak District Leisure Ltd RETROSPECTIVE/FULL	Refused
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	Prior approval not required
HPK/2021/0079 Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed 2 Storey Rear Extension 156, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs Wood CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULLNESS	Approved
DOC/2020/0051 Discharge of Condition 4,7,11,17 and 21 in relation to HPK/2020/0036 Construction of four detached houses, Land adjacent to Shallcross Mill House, Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Chris Morris DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS	Approved
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	Approved
HPK/2020/0435 The installation of 2no. luxury camping pods Horwich Farm, Eccles Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr C Hinchcliffe - R.F & H.E Hinchcliffe FULL	Refused
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	Approved

Peak Park Planning Decisions – None

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

New Applications Received since 8th April 2021	
Application	Comments
HPK/2021/0177 First Floor Rear & Side Extension and Single Storey Side Extension 65, Whaley Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr And Mrs Heyworth HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2021/0193 Proposed open plan agricultural building to store fodder and implements Ringstones Farm, Yeadersley Lane, Furness Vale. Mr M Oliver FULL	No Comment
HPK/2021/0204 Retrospective application for a single storey shed 3, Lake View, Furness Vale. Mr Jim Medway HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL RETROSPECTIVE	No Comment
HPK/2021/0168 Single storey extension to the rear of the property. Throstle Barn, New Horwich Road, Whaley Bridge. Mrs Heather Green HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2021/0208 Single storey rear and side extension and widened driveway. 4, Hill Top Rise, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs McDaniel HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2021/0187 Demolition of existing conservatory and base, construction of lower ground floor extension with kitchen extension and terrace at ground floor. Kinrara, Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Hesketh HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2021/0220 3 Storey side extension, single storey rear extension and loft conversion. 22, Shallcross Avenue, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs P Walker HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2021/0224 First floor extension over existing garage to create additional bedroom and en suite and also extend one of the existing bedrooms. 23, Mereside Gardens, Whaley Bridge. Mrs Laura Hartley HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2021/0149 Removal of the existing internal concrete steps and replace with timber, replace the existing lounge floor structure, replace the existing utility floor structure, internal alterations and new lower ground window. 61, Old Road, Whaley Bridge. Fiona Kilburn HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2021/0150 Listed Building Consent to remove the existing internal concrete steps and replace with timber, replace the existing lounge floor structure, replace the existing utility floor structure, internal alterations and new lower ground window. 61, Old Road, Whaley Bridge. Fiona Kilburn LISTED BUILDING CONSENT	No Comment
HPK/2021/0391 Change of use from commercial to residential use. 102 The Royal Bank Of Scotland Plc, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Ian Campbell FULL	No Comment

HPK/2021/0262 Demolition of the existing rear extension and construction of a new link between the house and outbuilding. Existing rear garage / workshop outbuilding to be converted into habitable space. 95, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge. Ms Howes HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
DOC/2021/0040 Discharge of Condition 20 relating to HPK/2017/0694 Land At, Linglongs Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Simon Artiss - Barrat Homes DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS	No Comment
HPK/2021/0200 Construction of a pair of semi-detached houses. Land Off, Foundry Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr M Sharp FULL	No Comment
HPK/2021/0191 Application for removal or variation of a condition 2 following grant of HPK/2018/0074 Land adjacent to 25, Bings Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Philip Alsop FULL	No Comment

C21/064 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.

C21/065 Appraisals

The Clerk gave a short report stating he hoped to have the other staff appraisals done for the June meeting.

RESOLVED: Agenda the item for the next meeting.

C21/066 Invoice Regarding the Removal of the Shed at the Pavilion

It was noted that the matter had been resolved before the Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:06 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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Date