

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Whaley Bridge Uniting Church, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge**

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

**In Attendance:** 3 members of the public, DCC Cllr Ruth George and Andrew Fox, Town Clerk.

### **C21/067 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hall, Thomas, and Taylor.

### **C21/068 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications**

None.

### **C21/069 Community Police**

A report was received by the Police.

### **C21/070 Public Participation**

One member of the public attended from plot 36 asking for permission to instal a chicken coop with 4 chickens and a 6x6 greenhouse.

**RESOLVED:** To allow the plot holder to erect the greenhouse and to place the chicken coop and chickens on the allotment plot.

Another member of the public wished to speak regarding the issue at Tesco and the way people drive while coming around the first corner. They commented that drivers were not obeying the 20 MPH sign and that it is very dangerous to try and cross the road to get to B&M Bargain.

**RESOLVED:** To write to B&M Bargain regarding the dangerous crossing from the Tesco side of the Road to the B&M side.

### **C21/071 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council**

A report was received from HPBC Cllr Lomax. He stated that there has been a park review for the Memorial Park and that a plan from 2021-31 has been established. He commented that he was surprised there was no mention of the dam or the football pitches especially considering the Junior pitch will be unusable for years. He also mentioned that the leisure centre review showed that a lot of services needed upgrading such as New Mills, Buxton and Glossop. Finally, he commented that HPBC declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and that they were expecting proposals from the Executive soon. HPBC have appointed an Executive Officer for Climate change and he was hopeful there would be great changes in the future.

DCC Cllr Ruth George reported that she had taken up the issue of the Plants buildings on Wharf Road have been broken into by youths on numerous occasions and that the police are stepping up their patrols in the area. She commented that HPBC are trying to contact the owner to discuss further fencing and security to stop the youths getting into the building. She commented that she was going to contact DCC regarding a full traffic light crossing on the junction to Reservoir Road to Market Street. She commented that she has been doing speed watch around the area and that she had been keeping track of the issues on Linglongs Road.

She commented that she had been notified of the vans and other cars parking along Elnor Lane fully blocking one side of the carriageway. She commented that vans are from the building site on Forge Road and that they are unable to park at the site due to the utilities being put in. She has received assurances from the developer that the vans will not park on Elnor Lane as soon as they are able to park on site and that they will be more careful with their parking in the meantime.

She continued to state that Manchester have introduced a new cleaner air zone which meant that some older buses would be unable to travel to Manchester as there would be a significant cost to doing so. She said she is working with DCC to try and get some of the buses upgraded to ones with less emissions.

Finally, she stated that she was working towards installing a bus shelter at Fernilee and that there was a meeting next week to discuss the proposals. She also commented that she has requested further play equipment at Furness Vale Park.

**C21/072 Minutes of previous meeting**

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the last meetings of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 20 May 2021, are a true and correct record of the meeting, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**C21/073 Clerk's Report**

**RESOLVED:** To note the Clerk's report.

**C21/074 Finance etc**

**1) To consider the Annual Internal Audit Report**

**RESOLVED:** To note the auditor's report and recommendations.

**RESOLVED:** To get a quote to increase the Council's Fidelity Insurance.

**C21/075 Finance etc**

**2) To consider the Year End Accounts for 2020/21**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Year End Accounts for 2020/21.

**C21/076 Finance etc**

**3) To consider the Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21.

**C21/077 Finance etc**

**4) To consider the Accounting Statement for 2020/21**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Accounting Statement for 2020/21.

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

	Jun-21	Payments	24/06/2021
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£3,631.86
	HMRC	PAYE	£396.52
	HMRC	PAYE In Advance	£480.05
	DCC	Pension Contribution	£626.09
	DCC	Pension Contribution in Advance	£687.95
	Various	Petty Cash	£9.50
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£34.74
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£125.36
	Andrew Fox	Reimburse for Zoom	£14.39
	Andrew Fox	Reimburse Tractor Belt for SA	£34.18
	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£64.30
	Fran Frodsham	Hanging baskets & Grounds Maintenance	£7,418.00
	Whaley Bridge Uniting Church	Hire Fee for Upper Hall	£37.50
	BHIB Council's Insurance	Town Council Insurance	£1,997.77
	Barrie Woodcock	Internal Audit	£188.40
	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire May	£279.17
	Tameside Fire Protection Services	Fire Extinguisher Service for SA	£135.53
	ESI Ltd	Callout for gate for the SA	£90.00
	Total Gas & Power	Electricity for the SA	£110.90
	Buy Sheds Direct	Shed for SA	£394.99
	<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£16,757.20</b>
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£1,346.87
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - May	£1,121.87
DD	Gazprom May	Gas	£153.15
DD	Gazprom June	Gas	£423.04
DD	United Utilities	Water	£46.51
	<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,091.44</b>
<b>Sports Association</b>			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£21.60
675	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£534.99
676	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Reimburse expenditure	£765.60
DD	Water Plus	Water	£11.86
	<b>Sports Association</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,334.05</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£21,182.69</b>

**RESOLVED:** note the Financial Reports for May 2021 which had been circulated to all members, and the bank balances at 31<sup>st</sup> May stood at:

<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	96,758.15
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	32,638.72
Petty Cash	30.74
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	217,427.61
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	27,969.09
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,251.39
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	56,220.48
<b>Sports Association</b>	£
Current Account	6,845.22
Deposit Account	66,877.67
Petty Cash	0.00
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	73,722.89

**C21/079 Review and adoption of Standing Orders**

**RESOLVED:** That the Standing Orders for Whaley Bridge Town Council dated 9th April 2020 continue to be adopted and to note that the Model Standing Orders published by NALC are unchanged.

**C21/080 Toddbrook Reservoir Consultation**

**RESOLVED:** The Council had nothing further to add at this time.

**C21/081 Covid-19 Risk Assessments**

Received a report from the Clerk noting that the Risk Assessments have not changed as the easing of lockdown had been delayed.

**C21/082 Members on Cheque Signing Panel and Committees**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Swift would step down from the Cheque Signing Panel and would be replaced by Cllr Glover.

**C21/083 Town Council Newsletter**

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will contact The Review to confirm that they are distributing to all households in the Parish including Furness Vale.

**C21/084 Purchase of Town Council Webcam**

**RESOLVED:** The Town Council would not purchase a webcam as Cllr Lomax kindly offered to donate one to the Council.

**C21/085 Hazardous Roadway into Tesco, Whaley Bridge**

**RESOLVED:** To write to B&M Bargains making them aware of the issues on the road.

- C21/086      Tree in Brookfield Pond**
- RESOLVED:** To accept SNS Tree's quote of £540.00 including VAT to remove the tree from Brookfield Pond.
- C21/087      Provision of a Bin at the Canal Basin**
- RESOLVED:** The Council will pay the annual cost of £244.68 to empty a bin at the Canal Basin.
- C21/088      Whaley Bridge Hanging Basket Brackets**
- RESOLVED:** The Clerk will write to the White Horse, the property that used to be Cloud Wine and the old RBS bank to reclaim the WB brackets.
- C21/089      Summer Youth Initiative**
- RESOLVED:** The Council will allow supervised discretionary use of the 3G Pitch for youth and children.
- C21/090      Renewal of the Clerk's SLCC Membership**
- RESOLVED:** To renew the Clerk's SLCC Membership at a cost of £186.00.
- C21/091      Water Supply to the Allotment Site**
- Received a report from the Clerk.  
**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will get quotes for the provision of a mains water supply.
- C21/092      Gate entry System Maintenance Agreement**
- RESOLVED:** To trial the Maintenance Agreement with ESI Ltd for one year at a cost of £75.00 plus VAT.
- C21/093      Donation of Barrel Planter to the Whaley Bridge Canal Group**
- RESOLVED:** To donate the Barrel Planter to the Whaley Bridge Canal Group.
- C21/094      Recommendations From Whaley 4 Wards**
- RESOLVED:** That Whaley 4 Wards will remove the Ivy from the bridge near the White Hart on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of June at 10:00am.
- C21/095      Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress and expenditure**
- RESOLVED:** To hear this item after public Participation.  
**RESOLVED:** To suspend Standing Orders.  
Received a report from Carol Cade Chair of the Vision 4 Whaley Steering Group.  
**RESOLVED:** To reinstate Standing Orders.  
Received a report from Cllr Pritchard  
**RESOLVED:** To delegate responsibility to Cllr Thomas to sign the locality grant acceptance form on behalf of the Council.

## **C21/096 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies**

### a) Regeneration Committee

It was noted that there is an intention to hold more frequent Regeneration Committee meetings.

### b) Personnel Committee

A report will be received in exempt items.

### c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group

Nothing to report.

### d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Lomax had been added to the Partnership.

### e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

Nothing further to report.

### f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Cllr Glover commented that the Council is investigating the possibility of renting one of the changing rooms to Synergy Fitness Performance Ltd.

### g) Whaley Active

Cllr McCarthy reported that there had been a meeting and that the art trail has been progressed. He commented that a grant had been received to paint telephone boxes throughout the Parish.

### h) Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

Cllr Glover reported that we had a meeting at the Mechanics Institute to discuss the proposals with the owner of Blythe House Hospice.

**RESOLVED:** That 3 Cllrs will formulate a plan and monitor progress for this project.

### i) Acclimatise Whaley

Nothing to report.

## **C21/097 Correspondence**

**RESOLVED:** To note correspondence received from 21 May:

1. Peak District NPA – News
2. Canal & River Trust – Toddbrook consultation – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - on plans for the permanent repair.
3. Cllr Pritchard – reporting success of their recommendation that Rachel Swann receive the QPM and requesting the Town Council now send her a letter of congratulation.  
**RESOLVED:** To write a letter of congratulations to Rachel Swann on her award of the QPM
4. Information Commissioner's Office – Renewal confirmation and registration certificate.
5. CAB Derbyshire Dales – 2020/21 Annual Impact Report.
6. Caller to the Office – requesting the council reconsider the provision of a second bridge to the Bingswood Industrial Estate.
7. DCC – Community News June 2021.
8. DALC - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Newsletter – June 2021
  - 1 – DALC Excellence Awards – last few days!
  - 2 - The risks of risk-assessment
  - 3 – DALC Training 2021 – new easy-view list
  - 4 – Chair & Clerk forum invites + agenda appeal
  - 5 – Climate change – action from around the county
  - 6 – Why workplace policies are so important
  - 7 – Let's make the Local Electricity Bill live!
  - 8 – Help the Queen go green
  - 9 – Training – coming up next...
9. Peak District NP - Parishes Bulletin 40 Summer 2021 21 June 2021.

10. Peak & Northern Footpaths Society – Membership Renewal Form.  
**RESOLVED:** To Renew the subscription at a cost of £22.50.
11. HPBC Regeneration – Reimaging Market Towns: Innovating for Place & Space  
(Community Renewal Fund Bid information).
12. Jeni Whyatt – request for placing coop & run for 4 chickens and erecting greenhouse on her recently acquired allotment plot.
13. Father Jamie letter regarding Brookfield Pond.  
**RESOLVED:** To write to Father Jamie noting his concerns regarding the pond.

## **C21/098 Planning**

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

### **Committee Decisions – None**

### **Delegated Decisions**

<b>HPK/2021/0177</b> First Floor Rear & Side Extension and Single Storey Side Extension 65, Whaley Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr And Mrs Heyworth <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>HPK/2021/0015</b> 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 <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>HPK/2021/0103</b> Retrospective application for an Outdoor timber climbing wall 191, Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge. Mrs Mel Dyer <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	<b>Approved</b>

### **Peak Park Planning Decisions – None**

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

<b>New Applications Received since 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b>	
<b>Application</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>HPK/2021/0283</b> Proposed single storey rear extension projecting 3m from the rear 16, Orchard Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Kieran Murphy <b>CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS - PROPOSED</b>	<b>No Comment</b>
<b>DOC/2021/0035</b> Discharge of condition of 4 in relation HPK/2020/0231 Shallcross Foundry, Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Matt Sharp - Mellor Homes <b>DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS</b>	<b>No Comment</b>

<b>HPK/2021/0226</b> Repair and replacement of existing pebble dash on part of the house 9, Whaley Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Philip Dawson <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	<b>No Comment</b>
<b>HPK/2021/0304</b> Proposed signs. Midshire Meadows development, Linglongs Road Whaley Bridge. Fiona Dootson - Barratt Homes Manchester <b>ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT</b>	<b>No Comment</b>
<b>HPK/2021/0299</b> Construction of new 3 bed house with integral garage. 3, Hall Farm Close, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs Turner <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	<b>No Comment</b>
<b>HPK/2021/0324</b> Demolition of existing porch and garage, new front entrance, glazed link, part of roof raised, new dormer roof to rear and changes to some window openings. One driveway entrance blocked and parking space turned to garden. New detached garage and store with new turning area. 33 The Old Golf House, Stoneheads, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs Horsley <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	<b>No Comment</b>
<b>HPK/2021/0329</b> Rear single storey extension and loft conversion 33, Hockerley Lane, Whaley Bridge. Katie Tyreman <b>CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS</b>	<b>No Comment</b>
<b>HPK/2020/0071</b> Outline Permission with all matters reserved for the demolition of existing buildings and removal/demolition of other infrastructure; and development of 110 dwellings with associated infrastructure; development of a multi- purpose community and tourist facility (for use by the community and in connection with the Bugsworth Canal Basin); the provision of car parking (44 spaces) for use in connection with the community/tourism facility, and for visitors to the Bugsworth Canal Basin; the provision of formal and informal recreation space; the provision of PROWs; and the erection of a bridge linking the site with the Bugsworth Canal Basin. Land Adjacent Britannia Mills Trading Estate, Britannia Mills Trading Estate, Buxworth. Mr Jonathan Smith - Rivertown Developments Ltd <b>OUTLINE</b>	<b>The Council are concerned about the increase in traffic on this road and motorists turning the wrong way from the road leading to Buxworth.</b>
<b>HPK/2021/0353</b> Single storey side and single storey side and rear extension 3, Craig Drive, Whaley Bridge. Mr Fife <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	<b>No Comment</b>

## **C21/099 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.



**C21/100      Appraisals**

Received a report from Cllr Glover.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk could use all of his hours as flexible time rather than having to keep the office times of 9:00am – 1:00pm every weekday.

The meeting closed at 9:29 pm

**Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting**

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Chairman

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Date