

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th October 2021

The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge

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

In Attendance: 2 members of the public, DCC Cllr Ruth George and Andrew Fox, Town Clerk.

C21/160 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hall, Pritchard, and Thomas

C21/161 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

None.

C21/162 Community Police

A report was received by the Police.

C21/163 Public Participation

A member of the public representing the Friends of the Memorial Park attended the meeting to request a donation for their planned lantern parade.

RESOLVED: To consider this request under the Grants and Donations agenda item.

Another member of the public attended the meeting to view the CRT presentation.

C21/164 Canal and Rivers Trust Presentation

It was reported that unfortunately the CRT were not able to join the meeting in person.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will re circulate the professor Balmforth report.

C21/165 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council

HPBC Cllr Lomax provided a written report which is attached to the minutes.

DCC Cllr Ruth George reported that there was a new bus service called Derbyshire connect which guaranteed service to every community with a weekly shopping bus for people with gold cards. Until recently the service was available everywhere in the High Peak apart from Whaley Bridge, Furness Vale and New Mills. She commented she spoke to the charity running the service and they said they would happily put a bus on to Chapel En Le Frith.

She continued to state DCC had an assessment for the Whaley Bridge walk to school route to see if the route is deemed to be unsafe which would mean all Whaley Bridge children would qualify for a free bus pass the report is expected soon. She

continued to state that the road works on Long Hill would have a firm plan in 4-5 weeks and that work had started on the Fairfield Roundabout. She commented that there would be a consultation in March 2022 about the proposed changes to Long Hill under the Safer Roads Fund.

She continued to state that road works at the A6 roundabout was causing traffic issues and that she had convinced the contractors to close the roundabout late at night to ease disruption.

She commented that work on the drains on Yeadsley Lane had started and that the drainage work on Eccles Road had been completed. She commented that she was still waiting for DCC to place a camera down the culvert at the end of George Street and that the large Oak Tree was due to be cut down on the 21st. She commented that there were issues with the lights on Linglongs Road which were being investigated and that she had been pressuring CRT and HPBC regarding the repair of the footbridge at the Cock pub.

She commented that she had a meeting regarding the dangerous buildings on Wharf Road and that the owner agreed to add additional security measures. She continued to state that the Bridgemont affordable homes were coming up for part ownership at £240,000 and that she had queried this valuation with HPBC.

Finally she commented that they would get additional funding from DCC this year with more next year due to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. She has provided a donation to the RBL to redo the names on the War Memorial.

C21/166 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the last meetings of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 9 September 2021 are a true and correct record of the meeting subject to amendments in minute C21/137 from footpath 68 to 86, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C21/167 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report and that the Solider Dick pub would send the Council an invoice for the electricity for the Christmas Tree lights.

C21/168 Finance etc

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

	Oct-21	Payments	14/10/2021
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£3,416.54
	HMRC	PAYE	£487.02
	DCC	Pension Contribution	£694.34
	Various	Petty Cash and SA key cutting	£49.63
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£41.36
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£125.36
	Andrew Fox	Reimburse for Zoom	£14.39
	Andrew Fox	Money withdrawn for petty cash	£62.13

	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire meetings	£39.00
	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire September	£279.17
	Mechanics Institute	Concessionary use	£112.00
	Urban Vision	Work for the NP	£1,260.00
	Hammer Design	Walking leaflets	£583.20
	Survey Monkey	NP subscription	£384.00
	Nemesis Pyrotechnics	Deposit for Firework display	£500.00
	Shelter Maintenance	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£64.30
	D & A Engineers Limited	Brookfield Pond Grid Repair	£522.29
	Dean Longden	Cutting of Brookfield Pond Hedge	£850.00
	PFK Littlejohn LLP	External Audit	£480.00
	John Baker	Remembrance Day donation for tea lights (subject to approval)	£38.00
	Royal British Legion	Wreaths for Remembrance Day (subject to approval)	£75.00
	ESI Ltd	Gate maintenance contract for SA	£72.00
	Total Energies	Electricity paid on behalf of SA	£224.01
	Peakmix Concrete	Concrete for shed base for SA	£192.00
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total	£10,565.74
Mechanics Institute			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£1,121.87
	Crescent Scaffolding Ltd	Scaffolding for MI	£1,680.00
	Peveril Windows	Replacement Window at MI	£650.00
DD	Gazprom	Gas	£12.01
DD	Scottish Power	Electricity	£241.47
DD	United Utilities	Water	£51.42
	Mechanics Institute	Total	£3,756.77
Sports Association			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£21.60
681	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£498.99
682	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Reimburse Expenditure	£488.01
DD	Water Plus	Water	£11.86
DD	High Peak Borough Council	Non-Domestic Rates	£62.71
	Sports Association	Total	£1,083.17
	Total Expenditure	Total	£15,405.68

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

Whaley Bridge Town Council	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	124,275.52
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	32,638.72
Petty Cash	10.14
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Mechanics Institute	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	23,534.46
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,251.39
	<hr/> 51,785.85

Sports Association	£
Current Account	12,806.46
Deposit Account	66,879.96
Petty Cash	0.00
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	79,686.42

C21/169 Covid-19 Risk Assessments

Received a report from the Clerk noting that the Risk Assessments have not changed since the last meeting.

C21/170 Remembrance Day 2021

Received a report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: To purchase 3 wreathes at a total cost of £75.00.

RESOLVED: To provide a donation of £38.00 for tea lights for Remembrance Day.

RESOLVED: To put up the lamppost poppies this year

C21/171 Millers Dale Railway Line

Received a report from Cllr Ridgway.

RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Orders.

Received a short report from Cllr Ruth George.

RESOLVED: To reinstate Standing Orders.

RESOLVED: To ask for a presentation regarding the railway line.

C21/172 Repairs to Bus Shelters

RESOLVED: To accept the quote from Shelter Maintenance of £1,104.00 Plus VAT to instal two steel panels and to ask Shelter Maintenance for the spare panel so It can be used if required.

C21/173 Grants and Donations

Received a report from the Clerk

RESOLVED: To agree the Grants and Donations policy with updated figures for the section 137 spending.

RESOLVED: To provide a £200.00 donation to the Friends of the Memorial Park for their Christmas Lantern Parade from the Xmas budget.

RESOLVED: To open applications for Grants and Donations to be considered at the next meeting.

C21/174 Donation to Whaley Bridge Band

Cllr David Lomax declared an interest.

RESOLVED: To provide a £200.00 donation to Whaley Bridge Band.

C21/175 Whaley Bridge Community Bonfire and Fireworks Display

RESOLVED: That the Council supports the Fireworks display this year.

C21/176 Update on Bridge 42 in Whaley Bridge

The Clerk will chase Network Rail for an update on Bridge 42.

C21/177 Christmas Events in Whaley Bridge

RESOLVED: To set a budget of £150.00 to purchase Christmas decorations and a budget of £120.00 to purchase Christmas presents for Santa's Grotto.

C21/178 Plug Sockets in the Sports Pavilion

RESOLVED: To accept the quote from Stanway's and Hallows for £410.00 to provide 5 double plug sockets.

C21/179 New Hoover for the Sports Pavilion

RESOLVED: To set a budget of £150.00 excluding VAT to purchase a new hoover for the Sports Pavilion.

C21/180 Painting of the Changing Rooms in the Sports Pavilion

RESOLVED: To allow Synergy Fitness Performance to paint the changing rooms, remove the benches and instal two small brackets as long as he restores these to before when their lease agreement ends.

C21/181 Internal and External Lights at the Pavilion

RESOLVED: To accept the quote from Stanway's and Hallows for £410.00 to provide 4 outside LED flood lights.

C21/182 Pavilion Front Door

RESOLVED: To accept the quote from D & A Engineers Limited to repair the front door at a cost of £135.00.

C21/183 Locks on the Pavilion Changing Room Doors

RESOLVED: To set a budget of £60.00 to purchase new lock barrels for the changing room doors.

C21/184 Skip for the Pavilion

RESOLVED: To accept the quote of £295 + VAT from Mellands Skip Hire for the provision of a skip.

C21/185 Recommendations From Whaley 4 Wards

It was noted that a full report would be available for the next meeting.

C21/186 Recommendations From Whaley Bridge Sports Association.

Received a report and noted from Cllr Glover.

C21/187 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress and expenditure

A report was received and noted from Cllr Pritchard.

C21/188 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies

a) Regeneration Committee

Nothing to Report

b) Personnel Committee

Noted the FILCA course was available and that a Personnel meeting would be arranged.

c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group

Nothing to report.

d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

RESOLVED: The Clerk would again contact officers at DCC to ensure that Cllr Lomax was on the mailing list.

e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

It was noted the Clerk has reported Sewage on the site to HPBC

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Nothing further to report.

g) Whaley Active

Cllr McCarthy reported that there had been another meeting of Whaley Active and that they were progressing their projects.

h) Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

The Clerk reported that he had a meeting with High Peak Architects and that he would pursue the favoured option until it was confirmed that it could not be achieved.

i) Acclimatise Whaley

Nothing to report.

C21/189 Correspondence

RESOLVED: To note correspondence received from 10 September:

1. Peak District NPA – New litter picking kits help visitors to look after PDNP
2. Planning Applicant – Complaint regarding WB Town Council comments on a planning application. **RESOLVED:** To reply to the resident stating that Historic building was meant in a more general sense rather than the building is an officially designated historic building. That the building was an overdevelopment as stated in the HPBC decision notice and that all Cllrs followed the Cllr Code of Conduct when reviewing the planning application.
3. Mr G Aldred – Copy for interest of document 'Repairing Toddbrook Reservoir'
4. DCC – 21st September Community News - Extra council funds for local groups, Hair stylists to support mental health, Step up during Recycle Week, Secondary school applications open, We're looking for care workers, Our libraries in national awards, Virtual Christmas market planned, More statues added to miners' memorial
5. HPBC – Tree Preservation Order Elnor lane.

6. Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs – Consultation on changes to the regulatory framework for abstraction and impounding licensing in England: moving into the Environmental Permitting Regulations regime
7. HPBC – Footpath Diversion Order, Foundry Lane Whaley Bridge. Notification that the 16th August order will not be confirmed as a new order with revised plan has been made.
8. DALC – Papers in preparation of the 75th AGM 19th October 2021
Annual Report 20_21 FOR MEMBERS
DALC - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Newsletter – October 2021
9. Horwich End WI – request for use of the Mechanics Institute on Saturday 27th November for a Christmas Market. A visit by Father Christmas will be arranged.
RESOLVED: To provide concessionary use of the Mechanics Institute to the Horwich End WI.
10. Horwich End WI – requesting a contribution from the Town Council towards presents for the children who visit Father Christmas at of the Mechanics Institute on Saturday 27th November.

C21/190 Planning

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

Committee Decisions – None

Delegated Decisions

HPK/2021/0368 Application for variation of condition 2 relating to HPK/2020/0132 6, Paddock Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr M Blackwell FULL	Approved
HPK/2021/0265 3no. flag poles Midshire Meadows development, Linglongs Road, Whaley Bridge. Fiona Dootson - Barratt Homes Manchester ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT	Approved
HPK/2021/0396 Proposed first floor side and front extension and single storey rear extension. 27, Meadowfield, Whaley Bridge. Mrs Victoria Gilder HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	Approved
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	Approved
HPK/2021/0449 Proposed loft conversion including dormer to rear elevation & 3no. roof windows to front. 21, Chapel Road, Whaley Bridge. Julie Brett HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	Approved

HPK/2020/0374 Two storey side extension and front porch extension 184, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge. Ms Lynn Gyte HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	Approved
HPK/2021/0373 Three storey rear extension, two storey side extension and single storey front extension. Quarry Bank, Lanehead Road, Taxal, Whaley Bridge. Phil & Ciara Speakman HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	Refused

Peak Park Planning Decisions – None

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

New Applications Received since 9th September 2021	
Application	Comments
HPK/2021/0534 Part retrospective application to remove the existing pebble dash render and re-render with VIP Scraped Texture Render (colour Blanc Polaire) 58, Old Road, Whaley Bridge. Keiran Sharp HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2021/0542 Lawful development certificate for a proposed single storey rear extension and internal alterations 5, Goyt Place, Whaley Bridge. CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS	No Comment
NP/HPK/1120/1121 STATIONING OF TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL CARAVAN IN CONNECTION WITH FARMING BUSINESS (RETROSPECTIVE) Overton Hall Farm, Taxal, Whaley Bridge. Mr S Slack FULL	The Council requests that a time limit is placed on the use of this building
HPK/2021/0578 Single storey front extension 1, The Coppice, Whaley Bridge. Wes Vernon HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2021/0531 Enclosure of driveway - part retrospective 19, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Ms Jane Ball HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2021/0570 Partial rebuild of rear extension and extension to join with rear of garage. 1, Meadowfield, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs Hardcastle HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2021/0585 Rear Extension to form Kitchen Dining Room with steps to garden, utility room and wc to lower ground 61, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs Harrison HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
DOC/2021/0104 Approval of conditions 15, 21 and 26 of HPK/2017/0247. Land Off, Linglongs Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Simon Artiss - Barratt Homes DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS	No Comment

C21/191 HPK/2021/0521

RESOLVED: The Council wished to comment that it would like this property to remain as a retail property.

The meeting closed at 9:13 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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Date