

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

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

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

**In Attendance:** DCC Cllr Ruth George and Andrew Fox, Town Clerk.

### **C21/224 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lomax and Taylor.

### **C21/225 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications**

None.

### **C21/226 Community Police**

A report was received by the Police.

### **C21/227 Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

### **C21/228 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council**

DCC Cllr Ruth George comments the main issue at the moment is flooding which happened yesterday. She commented that the flood wardens did a great job on bottom of Macclesfield Road and the Road to Tunstead Milton. There were more problems on Yeadsley Lane where they put the large drain in, even this new drain couldn't cope with the amount of water. She commented DCC are investigating a possible blockage further up the lane.

The road opposite the solidier dick track had a blocked drain which was cleared but is still a problem she has asked DCC for this to be resurfaced as it is a gravelly surface which is deteriorating. She continued to state there is still an issue on George Street despite the culvert being dug out. There is a track above George street which is not registered and this seems to be the issue. DCC has informed her there needs to be some form of public or private ownership which needs to come forward to take control of this road. She commented to let her know if there is any other persistent flooding issues causing problems as a DCC flood engineer coming to look at the Shallcross incline drainage issue and will look at other issues as well while he is in the area.

She continued to state that she has had long correspondence with highways safety about the Bridgemont junction stating the no turning right sign is not visible but DCC are refusing to put another sign up at the moment.

She has taken photos and videos of the junction to try and convince DCC to get another traffic sign, however so far she has been unsuccessful.

She commented DCC have put school crossing patrol signs on Market Street the one for left turning onto Reservoir Road is slightly obscured and the one on the other side of the road is basically invisible as it cannot be seen by right turning traffic, she commented she had notified DCC regarding the issue.

DCC have informed her that the CRT stopped looking at lowering the road under the railway bridge at Reservoir Road.

She commented there are still arguments about the footpath by the Cock pub the are CRT saying no one has checked their documents to say whether they own it or not due to home working arrangements.

Finally she commented that she understands that HPBC are looking at the Tesco second bridge issue now that funding might be available.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will contact DCC regarding the turning asking for the road signage to be improved and the markings on the road to be painted as soon as possible as its difficult to see them.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will write to HPBC requesting some urgent action regarding the repair of the path by the Cock Pub.

**RESOLVED:** To discuss item 24 at this point in the agenda.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Hall will draw up a diagram of the area for possible planter locations.

**C21/229 Minutes of previous meeting**

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

**C21/230 Clerk's Report**

**RESOLVED:** To note the Clerk's report. It was also noted the Clerk has paid back his pension loan.

**C21/231 Finance etc**

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

	Dec-21	Payments	9/12/2021
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£3,601.96
	HMRC	PAYE	£412.92
	DCC	Pension Contribution	£626.09
	Various	Petty Cash and MI decorations	£42.51
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£40.80
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£125.36

	Andrew Fox	Reimburse for Zoom	£14.39
	Parochial Church Council of Whaley Bridge	Donation for use of Holy Trinity Church	£250.00
	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire meetings	£65.00
	Mechanics Institute	Office Rent	£279.17
	Mechanics Institute	Concessionary use	£112.00
	Carol Cade	Reimburse NP postage expenses	£16.14
	Altodigital	Photocopying	£42.04
	M L Thomas	Reimburse W4W high vis vests	£114.61
	Shelter Maintenance	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£64.30
	Shelter Maintenance	Bus shelter repairs	£1,324.80
	Whaley Bridge Band	Playing at Chirstmas donation	£200.00
	Fran Frodsham	Saddle Planters winter planting	£475.00
	D & A Engineers Ltd	Repairs to Pavilion front door for SA	£162.00
	Allison Lugg	Reimburse tactor belt for SA	£16.99
	Total Energies	Electricity for SA	£219.31
	Shorrock Trichem	Cleaning supplies for SA	£61.78
	<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,267.17</b>
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£1,346.87
	Shorrock Trichem	Cleaning supplies	£67.32
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Reimburse Petty Cash	£10.00
	Goyt Valley Produce	Christmas Trees outside MI	£70.00
	Review Publishing	Mechanics Institute Christmas Ad	£46.18
DD	Gazprom	Gas October	£152.01
DD	Gazprom	Gas November	£366.47
DD	Scottish Power	Electricity	£142.15
DD	United Utilities	Water	£51.42
	<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,252.42</b>
<b>Sports Association</b>			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£21.60
685	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£498.99
686	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Reimburse Expenditure	£460.08
DD	Water Plus	Water	£11.86
DD	High Peak Borough Council	Non-Domestic Rates	£62.71
	<b>Sports Association</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,055.24</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,574.83</b>

**RESOLVED:** note the Financial Reports for November 2021 which had been circulated to all members, and the bank balances at 30<sup>th</sup> November stood at:

<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	105,529.18
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	32,638.72
Petty Cash	36.41
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	226,204.31

<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	19,757.31
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,251.39
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<b>Sports Association</b>	£
Current Account	15,262.54
Deposit Account	66,881.08
Petty Cash	0.00
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**C21/232 Toddbrook Reservoir Consultation**

**RESOLVED:** To respond to Amy Hubble regarding the comments she provided regarding the Dam planning application.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk would ask the CRT for a report regarding the state of the canal feeders.

**C21/233 Covid-19 Risk Assessments**

Received a report from the Clerk noting that the Risk Assessments have been changed to accommodate home working where possible.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the amended Risk Assessment.

**C21/234 Budget for Financial Year 2022-23**

Received a report from the Clerk .

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk would provide a full suggested budget for the January meeting which would take account of inflation.

**C21/235 CRF Bid and Future Regeneration**

Received a report from Cllr Glover regarding DCC's visit to Whaley where the main issue discussed was a possible bridge to the Bingswood Industrial estate.

**RESOLVED:** To suspend Standing Orders.

Cllr George commented that costings were important for the project so HPBC can assess whether it is feasible.

**RESOLVED:** To resume Standing Orders.

**C21/236 Mechanics Institute Hire Charges**

**RESOLVED:** The booking administrator would come pack with a proposal which took inflation into account.

**C21/237 Sports Association Hire Charges**

**RESOLVED:** The booking administrator would come pack with a proposal which took inflation into account.

**C21/238 Boilers at the Sports Pavilion**

**RESOLVED:** To accept the quote from Bywaters of £349.00 including VAT.

- C21/239      Review of Financial Regulations**
- RESOLVED:** To consider the reinstatement of the Finance Committee at the January meeting.
- RESOLVED:** To set a budget of £200.00 to acquire a report on the health of the Mechanic Institute boiler.
- C21/240      Grit Bins**
- RESOLVED:** The Clerk will draft a press release regarding the method of reporting empty grit bins in consultation with Cllrs Glover and Thomas.
- C21/241      Town Council Newsletter**
- RESOLVED:** To produce the newsletters for online distribution and at the Mechanics Institute and to contact the High Peak Advertiser regarding distribution of the newsletter.
- C21/242      Town Council Website**
- Received a report from the Clerk regarding the delay in the publishing of the Council's new website.
- RESOLVED:** To accept the quote from Inventive Fox Limited of £475.00 to assist the Clerk with putting content on the new website so it is ready to go live.
- RESOLVED:** The Clerk will consult with Cllrs about updating the out of date information on the current website.
- C21/243      Provision of New Finger Posts**
- RESOLVED:** A budget of £6,000.00 to acquire new finger posts on the basis we can claim half of this back from HPBC.
- C21/244      Picnic Benches at the Canal Basin**
- Received a report from Cllr Thomas.
- RESOLVED:** To set a budget of £1,282.00 to acquire 2 recycled furniture picnic benches.
- C21/245      COGS Donation**
- RESOLVED:** To make a £10,000.00 donation to Furness Vale COGS.
- C21/246      Repair of Window in the Main Hall**
- RESOLVED:** To accept the quote from Peveril Windows of £720.00 to replace the window in the Main Hall.
- C21/247      Planters Opposite Whaley Bridge Primary School**
- RESOLVED:** This item was considered after agenda item 5.
- C21/248      Christmas Lights**
- RESOLVED:** To set a budget of £75.00 to acquire replacement Christmas tree lights.

**C21/249 Show Base at the Pavilion**

The Clerk reported that he was unable to acquire any quotes for the meeting.

**C21/250 Recommendations From Whaley 4 Wards**

Received and noted a report from Cllr Thomas.

**RESOLVED:** To set a budget of £100.00 for new Shallcross Incline leaflets.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk would report the overgrown vegetation at the 30 MPH signs to DCC.

Noted that Cllr Thomas has acquired the hi-vis vests and that the other items have been considered in their own agenda items.

**C21/251 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress, Expenditure**

Received a report from Cllr Pritchard and Cllr Thomas.

**RESOLVED:** To accept Urban Vision's quote of £2,625.00 plus VAT for 5 days of work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

**C21/252 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies**

a) Regeneration Committee

Noted that these items have been considered with their own agenda items.

b) Personnel Committee

Nothing to report.

c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group

Reported there was a FAB market on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> December.

d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Cllr Lomax stated that the AGM was on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November then there would be quarterly meetings. Noted that Cllr Jean Wharmby was the Chair of the group and that there will hopefully be more to report at the next meeting.

e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

The Clerk commented that the quote for the water barrels would hopefully arrive for the next meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To waive rent for the holder of plot 15 due to the sewage issue on their plot.

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Nothing to report.

g) Whaley Active

Nothing to report.

h) Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

The Clerk reported that he had a meeting with a lift supplier regarding disabled access for the Mechanics Institute.

i) Acclimatise Whaley

Received a report from Cllr Hall regarding Acclimatise Whaley's Solar Panel Initiative.

**RESOLVED:** To agenda an item at a future meeting regarding the Solar Panel initiative.

## C21/253 Correspondence

**RESOLVED:** To note correspondence received from 12 November:

1. Fernilee Chapel Newsletter – November 2021.
2. DCC Policy & Research – advising legal services' commencement of charges for processing formal licences granted under section 115 of the Highways Act 1980.
3. DCC – 16<sup>th</sup> November Community News - Derbyshire County Council remembers, Still time to have your say in our survey, Primary school applications open, Planning for the future of Elvaston, Safeguarding Adults Week 2021, Awards to celebrate local businesses, Lowering the cost of Christmas.
4. DCC – Emergency Temporary Footpath Closure of Footpath No 57 Whaley Bridge for 50 metres to allow for construction of roads and sewers from 20<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
5. Civility and Respect – Newsletter Issue 1 November 2021.
6. Peak District National Park Foundation – Big Give Christmas Challenge, Errwood Hall project.  
Cllr Smith noted that they have achieved their fundraising target.
7. DALC - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Newsletter – December 2021

DALC - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Newsletter – December 2021 (2)

8. HPBC – Welcome Back Funding update.  
**RESOLVED:** To contact HPBC asking funding is available for planters outside Whaley Bridge Primary School.
9. Charlotte Farrell – 20's plenty for Derbyshire request for as many parishes as possible to join the growing number across Derbyshire who have already recognised that 30mph in towns and villages is no longer fit for purpose and invitation to attend a zoom meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January to learn more.  
**RESOLVED:** To agenda the item for consideration at a future Town Council meeting.

## C21/254 Planning

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

**Committee Decisions – None**

**Delegated Decisions**

<b>HPK/2021/0534</b> 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 <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>HPK/2021/0502</b> Re-modelling of existing house and annexe to include raising eaves and ridge levels, pitched roof dormers,	<b>Approved</b>

alterations to windows and doors, single storey side extension, solar panels, balconies and rendering. The Moorings, Station Road, Furness Vale. Mr M Hagan <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	
<b>HPK/2021/0207</b> Replacement of existing 6.6M x 3.8M x 3M high garden shed within 2M of property boundary with similar 6.0M x 3.8M x 3.5M high garden shed on same footprint. 19, Stoneheads, Whaley Bridge. Dr Robert Hockney <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>HPK/2021/0542</b> Lawful development certificate for a proposed single storey rear extension and internal alterations 5, Goyt Place, Whaley Bridge. <b>CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS</b>	<b>Refused</b>
<b>NMA/2021/0030</b> Non-Material Amendment to planning application HPK/2011/0430 31 Woodwind, Stoneheads, Whaley Bridge. Mr Andrew Matthewson <b>NON MATERIAL AMENDMENT</b>	<b>Refused</b>
<b>HPK/2021/0531</b> Enclosure of driveway - part retrospective 19, Buxton Road, Furness Vale. Ms Jane Ball <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	<b>Refused</b>

### Peak Park Planning Decisions – None

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

<b>New Applications Received since 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>	
<b>Application</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>HPK/2021/0643</b> Demolition of existing garage / storage building and replacement with a domestic annex including gym and storage space as well as living accommodation as overspill space, granny annex or holiday let Cotelands, Reservoir Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs Graham <b>FULL</b>	<b>No Comment</b>
<b>HPK/2021/0641</b> Residential development, one bungalow and two pairs 3 bed semis (5 units) including drives and garages 42, Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Mark Shaw <b>FULL</b>	<b>The Town Council requests if the Vans and other work vehicles could park near the garages at the top of Elnor Lane so the road is not blocked due to parked cars on Elnor Lane.</b>

<b>HPK/2021/0670</b> Two storey side extension over existing garage to form Annexe Tean, Start Lane, Whaley Bridge. Francesca Williams And Lee Kelly <b>FULL</b>	<b>No Comment</b>
<b>HPK/2021/0675</b> Build up front elevation and create raised catslide roof with dormer extension over garage. Foals Croft, Folds Lane, Fernilee, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs Heyworth <b>No Description – FULL?</b>	<b>No Comment</b>
<b>HPK/2021/0674</b> Additional work to property following previous Approval (HPK/2011/0430) already implemented. Additional dormers and windows 31 Woodwind, Stoneheads, Whaley Bridge. Mr Andrew Matthewson <b>HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL</b>	<b>No Comment</b>

The meeting closed at 9:34 pm

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

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Chairman

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Date