

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, SK23 7AA

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th November 2021

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

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

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

C21/192 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Gilmour, Hall, and McCarthy.

C21/193 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

None.

C21/194 Community Police

A report was received by the Police.

C21/195 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

C21/196 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council

DCC Cllr Ruth George reported that she was accepting applications for the DCC membership Community Fund and that she had provided a grant to the Uniting Church for hot water heaters.

She commented that the shopping bus service provided by Ashbourne Community Centre had now increased to two buses due to the high demand.

She commented that there had been flooding down Shallcross Mill Road from the footpath in front of the Scout Hut. She attended with a DCC flood engineer and a concerned member of the public to investigate where the water is coming from.

She commented that the tree at the end of George Street has finally been cut down however there were issues with one of the telegraph poles which electricity Northwest replaced. This led to issues with the street lamps and broadband not being connected correctly and that she was chasing Electricity Northwest about these issues.

She commented that there were concerns regarding Linglongs Road. In particular she commented that a 2 metre high wooden fence was being installed and that there were still issues with construction traffic. She commented that the road works on Macclesfield Road were still ongoing and that she was monitoring the situation.

Finally she commented that there was a very good bonfire night fireworks display and she thanked all those that were involved with the display.

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

RESOLVED: That the Clerk would investigate Solar Panels for the Mechanics Institute.

C21/197 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the last meetings of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 14 October 2021 are a true and correct record of the meeting subject to amendments in minute C21/188 h) adding the Clerk will look for solar panels for the Mechanics Institute, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C21/198 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report.

C21/199 Finance etc

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

	Nov-21	Payments	11/11/2021
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£3,416.54
	HMRC	PAYE	£412.72
	DCC	Pension Contribution	£626.09
	Various	Petty Cash and Tea light donation	£58.00
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£40.80
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£125.36
	Andrew Fox	Reimburse for Zoom	£14.39
	Andrew Fox	Money withdrawn for petty cash	£64.65
	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire meetings	£65.00
	Mechanics Institute	Office Rent	£279.17
	Mechanics Institute	Concessionary use	£112.00
	PEAC UK	Photocopier Lease	£245.74
	Usborne Books	Xmas Presents	£100.00
	Nemesis Pyrotechnics	Firework display remainder	£3,280.00
	Paintmaster 2000	W4W Paint	£32.40
	Friends of Memorial Park	Lantern Parade donation	£200.00
	Fran Frodsham	Saddle Planters winter planting	£575.00
	Amazon	Long cable ties for poppies	£19.50
	ESI Ltd	CCTV maintenance contract for SA	£72.00
	Amazon	New Hoover for SA	£170.98
	Stanway & Hallows	Outside lights and Plugs for SA	£984.00
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total	£10,894.34
Mechanics Institute			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£1,121.87
	T Peel Roofing Contractors	MI Roof Work	£2,520.00

	ESI Ltd	CCTV service contract	£72.00
	David Lomax	Refund on Coffee Morning bookings	£180.00
DD	Scottish Power	Electricity	£142.15
DD	United Utilities	Water	£51.42
	Mechanics Institute	Total	£4,087.44
Sports Association			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£21.60
683	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£498.99
684	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Reimburse Expenditure	£1,226.98
DD	Water Plus	Water	£11.86
DD	High Peak Borough Council	Non-Domestic Rates	£62.71
	Sports Association	Total	£1,822.14
	Total Expenditure	Total	£16,803.92

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

Whaley Bridge Town Council	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	114,995.83
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	32,638.72
Petty Cash	14.27
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	235,648.82
Mechanics Institute	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	21,671.09
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,251.39
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	49,922.48
Sports Association	£
Current Account	13,125.00
Deposit Account	66,880.49
Petty Cash	0.00
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	80,005.49

RESOLVED: The Clerk will contact COGS enquiring whether they need to £10,000.00 set aside for a grant.

RESOLVED: To Suspend Standing Orders.

Cllr George commented that she believes COGS' costs have increased and that they are looking for additional funding.

RESOLVED: To resume standing orders.

C21/200 Toddbrook Reservoir Consultation

Noted to discuss planning application during the planning item.

C21/201 Covid-19 Risk Assessments

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

- C21/202 Wharf Road to Memorial Park Footpath Upgrade**
- Received a report from Cllr Ridgway.
RESOLVED: To provide comments regarding footpath 105 during the comments on the Reservoir application.
- C21/203 Buxton Road Railway Bridge**
- It was noted that Network Rail had sent an update to the Clerk which was circulated to the Cllrs stating that further investigations were being carried out on the bridge.
- C21/204 Grants and Donations**
- Received a report from the Clerk noting we had only had one Grant application.
RESOLVED: To provide a grant of £250.00 to Whaley Bridge Holy Trinity Church.
- C21/205 Christmas Office Opening Times**
- RESOLVED:** That the Town Council office will close on the 24th of December 2021 to reopen on the 4th of January 2022.
- C21/206 Installation of a New Light for Outside the Pavilion**
- RESOLVED:** To accept the quote from Stanway & Hallows electrical of £160.00 plus VAT to instal the light outside the Pavilion front door.
- C21/207 Movement of the Heating and Lighting Controls in the Pavilion**
- RESOLVED:** To accept the quote from Stanway & Hallows electrical of £170.00 plus VAT to move the heating and lighting controls into the Common Room.
RESOLVED: To acquire a secure box for the controls to be placed in.
- C21/208 Footpath 86**
- Received a report from Cllr Smith stating that the footpath application had been accepted by DCC and that it would be considered with the full process taking a number of years.
- C21/209 Grit Bin filling 2021-22**
- RESOLVED:** To accept the quote from Fran Frodsham of £475.00 to fill the Council's grit bins over the winter period.
- C21/210 Card Machines for the Town Council and Mechanics Institute**
- RESOLVED:** To check whether one card reader can take payments across multiple bank accounts.
RESOLVED: If the card reader does have this function to purchase the card reader from Sum Up3g at £149.00.
- C21/211 Reprint of the Display Panel on the Linear Park**
- RESOLVED:** To reprint the panel at a cost of £350.00.

- C21/212 Mechanics Institute Independent Review of Accounts**
- RESOLVED:** To accept the quote from Chronicle Accountants to provide an independent review of the Mechanics Institute accounts at a cost of £225.00 plus VAT.
- C21/213 W4W Hi-Vis Vests**
- RESOLVED:** To accept the quote of £94.07 for the provision of branded Hi-Vis Vests.
- C21/214 Water Butts for the Allotment Site**
- RESOLVED:** To seek a quote for 26 barrels which are the same size as the ones for the taps at the allotment site.
- C21/215 Financial Introduction to Local Council Administration**
- RESOLVED:** To enrol the Town Clerk on the FILCA course at a cost of £120.00 plus VAT.
- C21/216 Renewal of the ESI Maintenance Contract for the 3G Pitch Gate Mechanism**
- Received a report from the Clerk noting that this contract was not up for renewal at this time.
- C21/217 Recommendations From Whaley 4 Wards**
- The minutes were noted and the items would be considered under the outside bodies section.
- C21/218 Recommendations From Whaley Bridge Sports Association.**
- Received and noted a report from Cllr Glover.
RESOLVED: To forward the HPBC Football Development Plan to WBFC
- C21/219 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress and expenditure**
- A report was received and noted from Cllr Pritchard and Cllr Thomas.
- C21/220 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies**
- a) Regeneration Committee
RESOLVED: That the following Whaley4Wards recommendations are agreed:
 1) Whaley4Wards volunteers to move the abandoned green grit bin from the station approach to outside the Transhipment Warehouse.
 2) Mr Kidd will attempt to open the Wooden Cabinet Notice Board at Tom Brads Croft and if necessary he is authorised to replace the lock.
 3) It was noted that the new refuse bin provided by the Town Council located outside the Transhipment Warehouse is full to overflowing after each weekend. The Town Council is asked to consider emptying it twice a week. Meanwhile a sign should be attached saying: "If bin is full, please use the bin at the Car Park or at the top of Canal Street".

- 4) An offer of some picnic benches had been made to Mr Kidd, and if they are still available Mr Kidd will inform the Town Clerk for payment to be made at the next Town Council meeting.
- 5) It was noted that the planter at the top of Canal Street will need replacing in the Spring.
- 6) The Town Council are asked investigate a dangerous tree besides the berth of the Judith Mary.
- 7) Councillor Thomas was asked to obtain a quote for 5 branded hi-vis jackets and to ask the Town Council for authority to procure these.
- 8) Volunteers will fix a time to clean the Welcome to Whaley Bridge signs.
- 9) Councillor Thomas will obtain a quote from Park Design to reprint the display board on the Linear Park and to have it re-sited away from the overhanging tree.
- 10) The Town Council was asked to provide the use of a meeting room for the next meeting on 23rd November.

RESOLVED: if Picnic benches had not been obtained by the next meeting to purchase 2 recycled material benches at £640.00 plus VAT.

b) Personnel Committee

Noted that a meeting was being arranged.

c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group

RESOLVED: The Clerk would investigate who owns the overgrown vegetation at the end of Canal Street and report it.

d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Cllr Lomax stated that the AGM was on the 24th 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

It was noted the suspected sewage at the allotment site was being investigated by Environmental Health.

f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Nothing further to report.

g) Whaley Active

Nothing to report.

h) Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

Noted that a meeting was being arranged.

i) Acclimatise Whaley

RESOLVED: To ask Acclimatise Whaley about their solar panel initiative.

C21/221 Correspondence

RESOLVED: To note correspondence received from 15 October:

1. DCC – 3rd November Community News - Bid success for green entrepreneurs, It's firework season again, Improving partnership working to reduce the number of children who come into care, Vaccine booking system now open for 12 to 15-year-olds, Could you foster a Derbyshire child, Vaccine pop-up clinics, Sign up to receive info on main roads closed because of snow.
RESOLVED: To send a note of thanks to the Cricket Club and to enquire about quiet fireworks while also stating the Town Council support just the firework display.
2. HPBC – Tree Preservation Order Elnor Lane.
3. The Fire Fighters Charity – request to consider support.

4. Fernilee Chapel Newsletter – October 2021.
5. Citizens Advice – High Peak Impact report April – September 2021
6. DALC - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Newsletter – November 2021
7. PCSO Amy McKeever – request for concessionary use of the MI Main Hall.
RESOLVED: To allow the concessionary use.
8. Amy Hubble, High Peak Architects – request for planning information submitted by CRT to be available at the Mechanics Institute.
RESOLVED: To display the plans for the Toddbrook Reservoir in the Meeting Room so the public can inspect the plans.

C21/222 Planning

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

Committee Decisions – None

Delegated Decisions

HPK/2021/0339 Proposed new three storey extension to existing house, alterations to rear garden. 3, The Sidings, Whaley Bridge. Mr Robert Wallace HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	Refused
HPK/2021/0413 Certificate for proposed use of a single storey outbuilding 116 The Manse, Old Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr And Mrs Ellingworth HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	Refused
HPK/2021/0353 Single storey side and single storey side and rear extension 3, Craig Drive, Whaley Bridge. Mr Fife 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 October 2021	
Application	Comments
HPK/2021/0598 Single storey side extension to existing dwelling' 93, Bings Road, Whaley Bridge. Dr Simon Gant HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
DOC/2021/0108 Discharge of conditions 3 and 11 relating to HPK/2018/0164 White Horse Inn, 141 Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge. Tim Broster - Branching Out Two Ltd DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS	No Comment

HPK/2021/0607 Planning permission for the construction of a replacement spillway and associated dam infrastructure, replacement sailing club facilities including new access, replacement play equipment and park landscaping. Toddbrook Reservoir, Reservoir Road, Whaley Bridge. Canal & River Trust FULL	See Minute C21/223
HPK/2021/0601 New commercial development comprising two new buildings and associated car parking. Land Off, New Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Bevan FULL	The Town Council support new commercial developments but request if New Road could be adopted as part of the plans
NMA/2021/0030 Non-Material Amendment to planning application HPK/2011/0430 31 Woodwind, Stoneheads, Whaley Bridge. Mr Andrew Matthewson NON MATERIAL AMENDMENT	No Comment
HPK/2021/0611 The proposed works include the repair and conservation of the Jodrell Arms Hotel. The ground floor will be retained as public bar with residential accommodation to the first and second floor. 39 The Jodrell Arms Hotel, Market Street, Whaley Bridge. Mr M Sharp - Mellor Homes Ltd FULL	The Town Council Support this as a welcome improvement to the Town Centre
HPK/2021/0602 Lawful development certificate for a proposed single storey rear extension 2, Goyt Vale Cottage, Unnamed Road From Long Hill To Goyt Vale Cottages, Fernilee, Whaley Bridge. Mark & Lynn Field CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS	No Comment
HPK/2021/0612 Listed Building Consent - The proposed works include the repair and conservation of the Jodrell Arms Hotel. The ground floor will be retained as public bar with residential accommodation to the first and second floor. 39 The Jodrell Arms Hotel, Market Street, Whaley Bridge. Mr M Sharp Mellor Homes Ltd LISTED BUILDING CONSENT	The Town Council Support this application
DOC/2021/0109 Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3, 4 and 6 of SMD/2020/0435 (Allowed on Appeal APP/H1033/W/21/3273578) Horwich Farm, Eccles Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr C Hinchcliffe - R.F & H.E Hinchcliffe DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS	No Comment
HPK/2021/0635 The erection of a single storey timber garage 116 The Manse, Old Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr And Mrs Ellingworth HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2021/0629 Certificate of lawfulness for an existing use as a garden and market garden Land between 111 & 125, Bings Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr Burgess CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS	No Comment

RESOLVED: The Council wished to provide the following comments regarding the Toddbrook Reservoir planning application.

- Regarding the traffic management plan the Council would like to know if the CRT have a designed and agreed plan with DCC how the access from wharf Road to the Park via footpath 105 addresses safety and how this path is going to be made safe.
- There is a blind woman who lives on Reservoir Road The Council would like to know how this person can be helped through the construction site perhaps a taxi could be provided for her or at least some measures put in place to ensure that her specific needs are met.
- The Council requests that it is made into a planning condition that the heavy good traffic to and from the site miss the peak periods.
- The Council would like to reconfirm the plans regarding the pipe work into Brookfield Pond and request that if there are any more detailed plans about this specific part of the application that the Town Council receives them.
- The Council would also like to know where all the spoil from the front of the dam will be taken to and request that this spoil is used to regrade the slope from the top of the Dam rather than being taken away.
- The Council would like to know if there is anyway the concrete could be mixed onsite to avoid the need of concrete wagons coming down Whaley Lane.
- The Council wish to comment on the softening of the two turrets that has previously been mentioned and the installation of viewing platforms, is there any confirmed plans for this?
- Finally the Council requests that a Water Management Plan from the Environment Agency is provided to assess what affects the new spillway will have further down the Goyt River, considering its history of flooding.

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