

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th September 2021

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

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

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

C21/133 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Gilmour, McCarthy, Taylor, and Thomas

C21/134 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

None.

C21/135 Community Police

A report was received by the Police.

RESOLVED: The Clerk would contact the police asking if they still did newsletters covering the significant cases in Whaley Bridge.

C21/136 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

C21/137 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council

HPBC Cllr Lomax reported that issues with Covid and staff holidays had led to many bin pick ups being missed. He reported that thankfully the issues have been resolved and that they had caught up with the vast majority of collections now. He continued to state that there were major issues with the road signage regarding the closure of the road to Disley. He had asked the people doing the work to move the no access to Disley sign so that it was not blocking the road and to make them clearer.

DCC Cllr Ruth George reported that she had been dealing with numerous road work issues and that she had asked HPBC to temporarily cease parking tickets as residents were unable to park due to the road works. She reported that there have been various problems with the closure of Disley tops. the sign posted diversion is a bit confusing and she has asked Cheshire East Council why they are not diverting drivers down the A6. She commented the signage is clearer, but she was hoping for further improvements. She continued to state that Bings Road would be closed around the 20th of September for tree cutting works and that DCC are planning to do drainage work on Eccles Road. She continued to state that she was chasing DCC regarding footpath 68 and that she had asked DCC to reassess the lack of free bus passes for children.

She commented that she is liaising with the Police and HPBC regarding the issues on Wharf Road and that DCC were looking at reports of a dangerous tree at the start of Wharf Road 105 and that they had taken down a dangerous branch. She continued to state that the tree on George Street would be taken down as soon as electricity Northwest could come to release it from the power lines. She reported that the car at the end of Bingswood had been moved and that she had reported the ones in Fernilee to HPBC.

She reported that the homes being built at Bridgemont seemingly were not being advertised for locals and that she had contacted HPBC regarding this. Finally she reported that it was not possible to place a bus shelter on the Shady Oak side of the road in Fernilee and that the stone snake in the Memorial Park has been made into a memorial.

C21/138 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the last meetings of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 12 August 2021 are a true and correct record of the meeting, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C21/139 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report.

C21/140 Finance etc

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

	Sep-21	Payments	09/09/2021
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
	Salaries	Net salaries August	£3,654.14
	HMRC	PAYE	£422.20
	DCC	Pension Contribution	£634.62
	Various	Petty Cash	£19.15
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£40.80
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£125.36
	Andrew Fox	Reimburse for Zoom	£14.39
DD	Altodigital	Photocopier Usage	£84.42
	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire meetings Aug + Sep	£78.00
	Mechanics Institute	Room Hire September	£279.17
	Carol Cade	Ink Toner for NP	£55.54
	S Drinkwater & Sons	Material for the SA	£10.80
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total	£5,418.59
Mechanics Institute			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£1,346.87
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Reimburse Petty Cash	£12.50
DD	High Peak Borough Council	Non-Domestic Rates	£99.32
DD	Gazprom July	Gas	£175.31
DD	Scottish Power	Electricity	£142.15
DD	United Utilities	Water	£51.42

	Mechanics Institute	Total	£1,827.57
	Sports Association		
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£21.60
680	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge - Sweetmore/Lugg	£561.99
DD	Water Plus	Water	£11.86
DD	High Peak Borough Council	Non-Domestic Rates	£62.71
	Sports Association	Total	£658.16
	Total Expenditure	Total	£7,904.32

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

Whaley Bridge Town Council	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	88,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	75,672.88
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	32,638.72
Petty Cash	47.27
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	196,358.87
Mechanics Institute	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	24,679.07
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	28,251.39
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	52,930.46
Sports Association	£
Current Account	12,429.50
Deposit Account	66,879.41
Petty Cash	0.00
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	79,308.91

C21/141 Toddbrook Reservoir Consultation

RESOLVED: To invite Mr Tom Greenwood of the CRT to the next Town Council meeting so he could give a presentation to the Town Council regarding the ongoing Toddbrook Reservoir project.

C21/142 Covid-19 Risk Assessments

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

C21/143 Report on Brookfield Pond

Received a report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: That the Chair and the Clerk will write a letter to the resident who has complained about the state of Brookfield Pond.

C21/144 Grit Bins in Whaley Bridge

Received a report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council will fill the small existing grit bin at the end of Bridge Steet.

RESOLVED: The Town Council would not provide a grit bin on Hill View.

C21/145 Fernilee Bus Shelter

Received a report from the Town Clerk noting that there was no update on the Fernilee bus shelter, but the Shelter at Hollins View in Furness Vale was damaged.

RESOLVED: To get quotes to replace the missing panel of the Hollins View bus shelter with a metal panel for increased durability.

C21/146 Football Pitch Maintenance

Received a report from Cllr Glover

RESOLVED: To invite WBFC to apply for a grant under our Grants and Donations Policy.

C21/147 Wharf Road

It was noted that the Police and HPBC were looking into this issue.

C21/148 CRF Bid

Received a report from the Clerk noting that a meeting was scheduled for the 15th of September.

C21/149 Overgrown Vegetation on Canal Street

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write to the people responsible for the stretch of wall where the vegetation is overgrown asking for the area to be maintained.

C21/150 Grant to help the Afghanistan Refugee Crisis

RESOLVED: The Clerk will contact HPBC as the local housing provider enquiring if they are housing any refugees in the area. If HPBC are housing refugees in the area the Council will make a donation for this purpose.

C21/151 Recommendations From Whaley 4 Wards

RESOLVED: To agree a budget of £20.00 for the provision of signage for the W4W volunteers.

C21/152 Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Progress and expenditure

A report was received and noted from Cllr Pritchard.

C21/153 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies

a) Regeneration Committee

The following recommendations of the Regeneration Committee which took place on the 25th of August were noted and agreed.

1) To refer the moving or replacing of the Linar Park information board to the Town Council.

2) The Clerk sends a letter to the shops on Market Street for the attention of the owners, notifying them of their responsibilities and advertising the shop front scheme.

- 3) An aspiration to extend the Cromford and High Peak Railway from behind the Garages on Elnor Lane towards Fernilee.
- 4) The Clerk will contact HPBC regarding the condition of the playground on Elnor Lane
- 5) The Clerk will attempt to confirm the ownership of the land on the right to the transhipment warehouse and then contact the relevant authority regarding the overgrown nature of the trees.
- 6) The clerk will report the hedge on Longhill informing DCC that the public footpath is being blocked and that the volume of the hedge is very large.
- 7) The Regeneration Committee will cover the cost for the Mechanics Institute to be used for the next meeting scheduled for the 21st of September.
- 8) Ian Kidd is co-opted onto the Regeneration Committee as the Chair of Whaley 4 Wards.
- 9) To set a budget of £20 to provide signage for the W4W volunteers
- b) Personnel Committee
Nothing to report.
- c) Whaley Bridge Canal Group
Nothing to report.
- d) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership
Cllr Lomax commented that he had not received any correspondence regarding the rail partnership. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk would contact officers at DCC to ensure that Cllr Lomax was on the mailing list.
- e) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group
RESOLVED: That the holder of plot 4 was allowed to keep 1-2 chickens on their allotment plot.
- f) Whaley Bridge Sports Association
Cllr Glover commented that there is a planned meeting of the Sports Association for September where he is hoping the CRT will come to present their plans regarding the handing back of the senior and junior football pitches.
- g) Whaley Active
Nothing to report.
- h) Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project
The Clerk reported that we were organising a meeting next week with High Peak Architects.
- i) Acclimatise Whaley
Nothing to report.

C21/154 Correspondence

RESOLVED: To note correspondence received from 12 August:

1. Environment Agency – Review of Charges for Water Resources
2. DCC – 17th August Community News - Beacon of Hope winners unveiled, Essential maintenance on our roads, Accessing the council online - your thoughts needed!, Restoration of Historic Pump House, Tell us about our recycling centres, Making healthy connections in Creswell
3. HPBC – Footpath Diversion Order, Foundry Lane Whaley Bridge.
4. HPBC – W.A.R on fly tipping campaign.
5. Fernilee Chapel Newsletter : September 2021.
6. Peak Park Parishes Forum – Papers and Logins for AGM's on 18 Sept. 2021.
7. DCC – 6th September Community News - Derbyshire's support for Afghan people, Have you heard of Natasha's Law, Shining a light on Derbyshire landmarks, Woodland Festival is later this month, Suicide prevention in Derbyshire' Drug and alcohol recovery

projects, Libraries for Derbyshire, Autumn adult education courses now available to book.

8. DCC – Emergency Temporary Footpath Closure .
Public Footpaths No.28(part) from Reservoir Road to its junction with No.29 and No.29 part from edge of sports facility to its junction with No. 32. To facilitate public safety due to damage to the dam holding Toddbrook Reservoir. No alternative route available.
9. DALC - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Newsletter – Sept. 2021
 1. The inside track... on a Local Council Award Scheme Application
 2. Helping to 'level-up'
 3. Ambassadors sought for Cop26
 4. Hitting the road again... mobile libraries are back!
 5. Climate change one-stop-shop
 6. Beating the banking blues?
 7. Love is... your local market
 8. Save the date – Clerks & Chairs forums

C21/155 Planning

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

Committee Decisions – None

Delegated Decisions

HPK/2021/0358 Proposed single storey kitchen extension to side of property decking to rear of property 27 New Cottage, Old Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr And Mrs A Took HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	Approved
NMA/2021/0022 Application for non material amendment following the grant of HPK/2020/0210 Land Adjacent To 20, Whaley Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr G Bevan NON MATERIAL AMENDMENT	Approved
DOC/2021/0054 Discharge of condition 4 relating to HPK/2018/00256 4B Browside Barn, Stoneheads, Whaley Bridge. Mr & Mrs Gallemore DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS	Approved
HPK/2021/0324 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 HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	Approved
DOC/2021/0018 Discharge of conditions 3,4,6,17 and 21 relating to HPK/2020/0210	Approved

Land Adjacent To 20, Whaley Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Bevan DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS	
HPK/2021/0329 Rear single storey extension and loft conversion 33, Hockerley Lane, Whaley Bridge. Katie Tyreman CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS	Approved
HPK/2021/0193 Proposed open plan agricultural building to store fodder and implements Ringstones Farm, Yeardsley Lane, Furness Vale. Mr M Oliver FULL	Approved

Peak Park Planning Decisions – None

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

New Applications Received since 12th August 2021	
Application	Comments
HPK/2021/0492 Application to Vary a Section a S52 Agreement attached to HPK/0002/2710 Brownough Farm, Yeardsley Lane, Furness Vale. Mr & Mrs Hodgson S106 A Variation 56 days	No Comment
HPK/2021/0485 Proposed conversion of stone outbuilding into single bedroom accommodation with associated internal works using existing footprint 78, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge. Mr M Hagan HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2021/0502 Re-modelling of existing house and annexe to include raising eaves and ridge levels, pitched roof dormers, alterations to windows and doors, single storey side extension, solar panels, balconies and rendering. The Moorings, Station Road, Furness Vale. Mr M Hagan HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2021/0515 First Floor Side and Front Extension and Single Storey Rear Elevation 19, Meadowfield, Whaley Bridge. Mrs Emma Szabo HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
HPK/2021/0521 Proposed Subdivision, Part Change of Use from E(c) commercial to C3 residential dwelling and Extension at First Floor. 8, Old Road, Whaley Bridge. Joanne Murray HOUSEHOLDERS/FULL	No Comment
DOC/2021/0059 Discharge of conditions 3, 7 & 12 relating to HPK/2020/0132 6, Paddock Lane, Whaley Bridge. Mr Matthew Blackwell DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS	No Comment

C21/156 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.

C21/157 Rent of the Changing Rooms at the Sports Pavilion

Received a report from Cllr Glover.

RESOLVED: The Council accept the agreement with an added clause that the tenant pays for the fair usage of the utilities and only uses the building for the purposes outlined in the agreement. The Clerk has authority to sign the agreement with the amendments on behalf of the Council.

C21/158 Pension Loan

RESOLVED: To extend the short term loan to staff until the end of the calendar year.

The meeting closed at 8:57 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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Date