

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th June 2024 The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge

Present: Councillors: Thomas (Chair), Bowden, Glover, Hall, Magowan, McCarthy, Ridgway, Smith, Taylor, and Webb.

In Attendance: One member of the public and Andrew Fox, Town Clerk.

C24/075 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Gilmour.

C24/076 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

None.

C24/077 Community Police

A report was received from the Community Police. Cllrs commented that there seemed to be more crimes than usual with some serious ones being recorded. **RESOLVED:** To pass on the Council's concerns about the seemingly large increase in serious crime in the area as well as reports of scammers who are targeting elderly people. When serious crime is reported the Council would request some more information about the incident where possible.

C24/078 Public Participation

A member of the public attending to discuss the Whaley Bridge Town Council and Whaley Bridge Cricket Club Community Fun Day. They commented that they have attended the meeting for agenda item 15 but are happy to take any questions about the event. They reported that the feedback that they have received for the event was very positive even though the weather forecast put a few off from attending. He noted that it was a shame that the minibus from Disley Parish Council was unavailable for the event.

RESOLVED: To consider agenda item 15 at this point in the meeting.

RESOLVED: To support the Whaley Bridge Community Fun Day on the same basis as 2024. The Town Council will organise the event and provide the insurance for the event. Whaley Bridge Cricket Club will host the event and Whaley Bridge Town Council will provide a donation of £2000.00 for the event. Finally, the minibus would be hired from Disley Parish Council for next year's event.

C24/079 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council

No reports were received for the meeting.

C24/080 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the annual meeting of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 9th May 2024 are a true and correct record of the meeting, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C24/081 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report and to delegate authority to the Clerk to agree a new electricity contract at the Sports Pavilion at a cheaper rate than what we currently pay after liaising with Cllrs.

C24/082 Finance etc

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

	Jun-24	Payments	13/06/2024
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£4,167.67
	HMRC	PAYE	£837.92
	DCC	Pension Contribution	£990.31
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£54.44
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£125.36
DD	Trusted IT	Work to Whaleybridge.com Website	£90.00
	Mechanics Institute	Office Rent	£476.66
	Mechanics Institute	Concessionary use	£234.00
	Mechanics Institute	Meeting Room hire	£101.00
	Mechanics Institute	Reimburse money used for PC	£60.00
	Dean Longden	Putting up the hanging baskets	£250.00
	Whaley Bridge Cricket Club	Expense for Family Fun Day	£2,152.43
	Jack Hamnett	2 nd payment for watering for HB	£200.00
	David G Ross LTD	Hanging Baskets 62	£2,083.20
	S Drinkwater & Sons	Compost for Saddle Planters	£19.74
	Shelter Maintenance	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£74.30
	Peak Park Parishes Forum	Subscription	£6.00
	Hockerley Hall Garden Services	Shallcross Incline Maintenance	£100.00
	Amazon Business	Keep Dogs on lead signs 2	£10.71
	Chapel Parish Council	Half payment for HPC4Ukraine website	£155.00
	Black Box Security LTD	Emergency Release for 3G pitch for SA	£528.60
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total	£12,717.34
Mechanics Institute			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge	£1,499.10
DD	Yu Energy	Gas	£490.01
DD	British Gas	Electricity	£164.54
DD	United Utilities	Water	£56.47
	Mechanics Institute	Total	£2,210.12
Sports Association			

DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£31.20
751	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge	£730.47
752	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Reimburse expenditure	£528.60
DD	Water Plus	Water	£18.79
DD	High Peak Borough Council	Non-Domestic Rates	£55.00
	Sports Association	Total	£1,364.06
	Total Expenditure	Total	£16,291.52

RESOLVED: To note the Financial Reports for May 2024 which had been circulated to all members, and the bank balances at 31st May stood at:

Whaley Bridge Town Council	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	183,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	54,265.73
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	36,206.00
Petty Cash	64.32
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	273,536.05
Mechanics Institute	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	3,749.47
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	14,171.49
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	17,920.96
Sports Association	£
Current Account	17,152.67
Deposit Account	68,253.33
Petty Cash	0.00
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	85,406.00

C24/083 Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

Received a report regarding the current situation with the Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project. Suggestions have been made regarding the Ironmongery and it was agreed that they should be simple and durable and shaped as the current door handles if possible. The potential timescale was noted and it was commented that we should continue with the project as quickly as possible.

C24/084 Town Council Clock

A report was received by the Clerk. The Clerk will get more quotes for the repair of the clock including quotes for a new clock and a refurbished clock.

C24/085 Town Council Shopfront Schemes

Received some suggested terms and conditions from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: To accept the policy for business grants with the following amendments. The high street is defined as primarily Market Street and Buxton Road with the exact interpretation up to the Council. It would be added to the objectives that it is to encourage employment in the area. It would also be a requirement that the grant would be paid after the work in the application has been completed.

RESOLVED: That the new business would be provided a hanging basket bracket.

RESOLVED: To open the window for applications at the start of October to be considered at the November meeting.

C24/086 Disabled Parking at the Transhipment Warehouse

The Clerk reported that they had received a request for the Council to support the implementation of two disabled parking bays by the Transhipment Warehouse. There were some concerns about the enforceability of these spaces and it was noted that it would be discussed again at a W4W meeting.

C24/087 Review of Investment Policy

RESOLVED: To adopt the policy with an added limit of £85,000.00 in any one bank so the money is protected under the FSCS guarantee.

C24/088 Review of Code of Conduct

RESOLVED: To approve the Code of Conduct.

C24/089 Whaley Bridge Town Council Community Fun Day

This item was considered after agenda item 4.

C24/090 Trees at the Bottom of the Shallcross Incline

It was reported that one of the 3 trees planted by the schools at the bottom of the Incline is dead.

RESOLVED: To accept the offer from a resident to replace the tree and to replant it after the ground has been checked for possible pollution.

C24/091 Electricity Provision at the Sports Pavilion

This item has already been discussed during the Clerk's report.

C24/092 Purchase of England Flag for the Mechanics Institute

RESOLVED: To purchase and St George, St Andrew and St David flag at the cost of £25.95 each.

C24/093 Minor Maintenance Rights of Way

RESOLVED: The Council would join the scheme for this year with the exact paths to be decided. The Clerk was delegated responsibility to sign the forms.

C24/094 Use of the 3G Pitch as a Raffle Prize

RESOLVED: The Council will provide two, one hour sessions on the 3G pitch as a raffle prize for the WBFC Juniors presentation.

C24/095 Recommendations From Whaley 4 Wards

RESOLVED: Whaley 4 Wards would help move the Well Dressing boards on 21st of June 2pm from Stampiton to the Mechanics and then moving them to the phone box on the 30th at 11am.

RESOLVED: To fund the community website on Whaleybridge.com for £120.00 for the first year and to pay the £90.00 set up cost.

RESOLVED: The cost of £150.00 for some replacement batteries for the Ryobi power tools which have been donated to W4W. There was some concern over the circular saw which will be discussed at a future W4W meeting.

RESOLVED: The Council support the initiative to install art installations in vacant shopfronts if an application is made to the Council with relevant information.

RESOLVED: To add a line to the Business Grant policy stating that pop up shops are supported.

C24/096 Recommendations From Allotments Management Committee

Received a report from the Clerk noting that there has been a slight issue with the waiting list for plot 30. The Council supported the Clerk's approach to fixing the issue.

Cllr Ridgway provided a report on a water capture system to help alleviate the water issues at the site. The suggested system would be taken to the next allotment meeting.

RESOLVED: The quote of £40 to improve the notice board at the allotment site.

C24/097 Recommendations From Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Received a report from Cllr Glover noting that costs were being sort for the 3G pitch replacement.

RESOLVED: To provide a grant of £290.00 for sessions for the WBFC Wild Cats Girls team.

RESOLVED: To provide a grant of £580.00 for 10 sessions on the 3G pitch for the youth of Whaley Bridge which were run by the football club and advertised for all young people in Whaley Bridge.

RESOLVED: To provide a grant of £175.00 for 10 sessions for the BeWell Glossop Walking Football sessions to help people with Parkinsons.

It was noted that an all-access code would be provided to WBFC to only be used in emergencies which would be monitored by the Clerk. It was also noted that there was a potential clash of times on the 3G pitch with WBFC wanting a session which New Mills FC were currently using. The Clerk will attempt to resolve this issue one fixtures had been received.

C24/098 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies

a) Regeneration Committee

Nothing to report.

b) Personnel Committee

A meeting needed to be arranged.

c) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Nothing to report.

d) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

Nothing further to report.

e) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

Nothing further to report.

f) Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

Nothing further to report.

g) High Peak and Cheshire for Ukraine

It was noted that there is still a steady number of applications being received.

C24/099 Correspondence

RESOLVED: To note correspondence received from 9th May:

1. DCC – Community News 13 May 2024.
2. Resident – Letter regarding campaigning to reduce the speed limit on Disley Tops.
3. DCC – Community News 20 May 2024
4. Peak District National Park – Invitation to Parishes Day 12th October 2024
RESOLVED: Cllr Barrie Taylor will be sent as the Town Council's representative.
5. DCC – Proposed Installation of 3 No. Kiosks required in connection with wider permitted development works at Whaley Bridge Wastewater Treatment Works.
6. Lord Foster and Electrical Safety First – Request of support for a bill to promote greater safety in the use and disposal of disposable Lithium batteries.
7. DCC – Parish and Town Council online Q&A with Highways Development Control 20th June 2024.
8. DCC – Community News 28 May 2024
9. Rehab4addiction – Request to link to their website under organisations.
10. Fernilee Methodist Church – Newsletter June 2024.
11. DCC – Temporary Closure of Footpath 96.
RESOLVED: The Town Council object to the path being closed for so long as it is currently safe and useable.
12. DCC – Community News 3 June 2024.
13. Kier – Toddbrook Reservoir Newsletter June 2024.
14. DALC – Newsletter 5 June 2024.
15. DCC – Report on Footpath 86.
16. DCC – Community News 10 June 2024
17. Bollington Town Council – Consultation on pre-submission version of it's Neighbourhood Plan update.

C24/100 Planning

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

Committee Decisions – None

Delegated Decisions

HPK/2024/0070 Demolition of existing two storey sheds and replacing them with a single storey extension to the side of the property. 17, Park Crescent, Furness Vale, Derbyshire, SK23 7PU.	Approved
HPK/2024/0137 Two dwellings with garden and parking space. Gas Works Site Horwich End, New Road, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7JZ.	Refused
HPK/2024/0087 Demolition of Garage/ storage room. Construction of double storey side / single storey rear extension and associated internal alterations. 68, Jodrell Road, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7AR.	Approved

Peak Park Planning Decisions – None

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

New Applications Received since 9th May 2024	
Application Applications	Comments
HPK/2024/0202 Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed creation of new accessible entrance to the building. The opening into the building is as existing, but a new glazed screen with doors is proposed. Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7AA.	No Comment.
HPK/2024/0214 Application for Removal or Variation of a Condition 3 in relation to application HPK/2021/0611. 39 The Jodrell Arms Hotel, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7AA.	No Comment.
HPK/2024/0211 Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for Proposed Single storey rear extension. 1, Cadster Cottages, Chapel Road, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7EN.	No Comment.
HPK/2024/0212 Single storey front porch extension. 1, Cadster Cottages, Chapel Road, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7EN.	No Comment.
HPK/2024/0213 Conversion of outbuilding (current use incidental to dwelling) to form ancillary accommodation. 1, Cadster Cottages, Chapel Road, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7EN.	No Comment.
HPK/2024/0214 Application for Removal or Variation of a Condition 3 in relation to application HPK/2021/0611. 39 The Jodrell Arms Hotel, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7AA.	The Town Council supports this application.
HPK/2024/0204 Retrospective change of use of stable to annexe. 218, Buxton Road, Furness Vale, Derbyshire, SK23 7PX.	No Comment.

<p>HPK/2024/0167 Listed Building Consent to enclose the currently exposed ground floor courtyard to incorporate this area into part of the restaurant/bar, this works will include adding a roof with roof lantern to the courtyard. 39 The Jodrell Arms Hotel, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7AA.</p>	<p>The Town Council supports this application.</p>
<p>HPK/2024/0166 Variation of condition 2 relating to HPK/2021/0611. 39 The Jodrell Arms Hotel, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7AA.</p>	<p>The Town Council supports this application.</p>
<p>HPK/2024/0160 Proposed new dwelling and associated works. 4A Browside Farm, Stoneheads, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7BB.</p>	<p>The Town Council notes there is no design statement provided and the glass screen does not fit in with the character of the local area.</p>
<p>HPK/2024/0201 Proposed single storey rear extension. 14, Vaughan Road, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7JT.</p>	<p>No Comment.</p>
<p>HPK/2024/0183 Single storey extension to form sun room. 2 Windy Ridge, Hill Drive, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7BH.</p>	<p>No Comment.</p>
<p>HPK/2024/0105 Installation of septic tank and change of use from store to workshop. Unit 8, Knowles Industrial Estate, Buxton Road, Furness Vale, Derbyshire, SK23 7PE.</p>	<p>No Comment.</p>
<p>HPK/2022/0495 Variation of conditions 04 and 24 in relation to HPK/2017/0694. Land Off, Linglongs Road, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire.</p>	<p>The Council are concerned about the date being removed. Furthermore this issue could have been foreseen from the outset and planned for accordingly.</p>
<p>HPK/2023/0323 Variation of condition 14 attached to planning permission HPK/2017/0247. Land At, Linglongs Road, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire.</p>	<p>The Council are concerned about the date being removed. Furthermore this issue could have been foreseen from the outset and planned for accordingly.</p>
<p>HPK/2024/0237 Alteration of the roof form over the existing kitchen to lift the ridge height there and to allow for a dormer bedroom thereto. Alteration of existing dormer so they both match. Demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage/utility with extended drive thereto. 27 Netherlees, Elnor Lane, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7EX.</p>	<p>No Comment.</p>

HPK/2024/0161 Use of decommissioned double decker bus as a café with the change of use of the disused grass area and gardens to be used as café premises for customer seating and car parking. Furness Vale Business Centre, Calico Lane, Furness Vale, Derbyshire, SK23 7SW.	No Comment.
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The meeting closed at 9.37pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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Date