

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th November 2024 The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge

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

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

C24/200 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Glover, Lomax, Magowan and Smith.

C24/201 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications

None.

C24/202 Community Police

A report was received from the police.

C24/203 Public Participation

A member of the public spoke about the provision of emergency planning in Whaley Bridge. They are a local community volunteer who has just undertaken the Community's prepared training on emergency planning and is also a local flood warden. They commented that there was redacted emergency planning information released around the Toddbrook Incident in 2019 but these plans have subsequently disappeared. To find the contact details for the Derbyshire resilience partnership you had to find it via the government website and the information in unavailable on the Derbyshire County Council website. They continued to comment that DCC and HPBC have made a statement about the emergency plan saying that the plans are unavailable as they contain personal details of officers required in major incidents.

The resident questioned why redacted versions of the plans are not available as the Government stated in its Preparation for planning for Emergencies that it is not necessary to publish the whole plan and personal contact details can be left out. Finally he stated that the statutory responders have a duty to maintain plans and that local voluntary and community groups should be considered as part of emergency responses. They asked the Town Council if we would consider pressuring DCC to release this information and to add local volunteers to the emergency plans where necessary.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will contact the responsible officer at DCC stating the experience locally from the Toddbrook incident showed how essential it was to have community knowledge. The Council are aware DCC have an emergency

plan and would like to work with DCC to establish a local contact list to be appendix to the plan and reviewed annually.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will also contact DALC to ask for some advice and the Council will review the situation once we hear back from DCC.

C24/204 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council

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

C24/205 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the last meeting of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 14th November 2024 are a true and correct record of the meeting, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C24/206 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report and to approved the Clerk's holiday on the 6th of January.

C24/207 Finance etc

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

	Dec-24	Payments	12/12/2024
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
Whaley Bridge Town Council			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£4,280.56
	HMRC	PAYE	£936.69
	DCC	Pension Contribution	£1,315.33
DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£54.44
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£126.44
DD	Altodigital	Photocopier Usage	£9.83
	Mechanics Institute	Office Rent	£476.66
	Mechanics Institute	Concessionary use	£180.00
	Mechanics Institute	Meeting Room hire	£92.50
	Hall's Mica Hardware	6 small Christmas Tree Lights	£90.00
	Synergy Fitness Performance	Defibrillator Grant (Paid)	£500.00
	Whaley Bridge Coworkers	Business Grant (Paid)	£500.00
	Hockerley Hall Garden Services	Shallcross Incline Maintenance	£100.00
	Stanway and Hallows Electrical	Christmas Tree Lights (Paid)	£280.00
	Whaley Bridge Rose Queen	Grant Payment	£800.00
	S Drinkwater & Son	Stone for FV Christmas Tree holder	£11.60
	1 st Taxal Scouts	Grant Payment	£688.00
	Whaley Bridge Cricket Club	Grant Payment	£200.00
	Furness Vale Football Club	Grant Payment	£200.00
	Shelter Maintenance	Bus shelter Cleaning	£74.30
	Dean Longden	Taking down of the Hanging baskets	£250.00
	SLCC	Membership Fee	£253.00

		Reimburse room hire cash used to pay G.E.S Building for putting up the Christmas tree brackets and fixing the bracket at the Crossings	£160.00
	Mechanics Institute		
	Black Box Security	CCTV Maintenance for SA	£87.78
	Lock Trader	New Shutter Locks for SA (Paid by card)	£26.88
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Total	£11,694.01
Mechanics Institute			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge	£1,586.75
	Review Publishing	Mechanics Christmas Advert	£48.00
DD	Yu Energy	Gas	£1,022.88
DD	British Gas	Electricity	£195.93
DD	United Utilities	Water	£62.76
	Mechanics Institute	Total	£2,916.32
Sports Association			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£39.60
761	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge	£822.40
762	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Reimburse Expenditure	£114.66
DD	Water Plus	Water	£18.79
DD	Yu Energy	Electricity	£197.41
DD	High Peak Borough Council	Non-Domestic Rates	£55.00
	Sports Association	Total	£1,247.86
	Total Expenditure	Total	£15,858.19

RESOLVED: To note the Financial Reports for November 2024 which had been circulated to all members, and the bank balances at 30th November stood at:

Whaley Bridge Town Council	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	183,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	48,338.44
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	36,837.36
Petty Cash	47.02
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	268,222.82
Mechanics Institute	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	8,166.44
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	14,367.55
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	22,533.99
Sports Association	£
Current Account	24,906.25
Deposit Account	68,666.37
Petty Cash	0.00
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	93,572.62

The Clerk noted that he had not placed received the bank statements for the Sports Association in time for the meeting.

C24/208 Community Award

It was noted that the recipient of the award was unwell, so the presentation was deferred until the January meeting.

C24/209 Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project

Received a report from Cllr Thomas noting that our project manager is trying to refine the tender costs before providing a full tender report.

C24/210 Budget

The Budget was noted and it was agreed that there would be a Finance Committee meeting in early January to work out exactly how much money could be raised for the Mechanics Institute Refurbishment project from unspent budget of this financial year and through the precept in the next financial year.

C24/211 Defibrillator Maintenance Scheme

RESOLVED: The cost of £165.00 per annum to add the Mindray C2 defibrillator at Taxal Church to our defibrillator maintenance scheme. The Clerk will contact Fernilee Methodist Church regarding their defibrillator.

C24/212 Creation of the Friends of Elnor Lane Park Group

RESOLVED: To allow for the Town Council to be the nominated holder for any grant funding the group receives for the time being.

C24/213 Generator for Water Circulation at Brookfield Pond

RESOLVED: Not to purchase the generator for the water circulation at Brookfield Pond.

C24/214 Christmas Booklets

RESOLVED: To provide a £60.00 grant to Churches Together towards the Christmas Carol Booklets.

C24/215 Town Council Meeting Venue

The Clerk provided a short report about alternative venues once the Mechanics Institute work starts.

RESOLVED: The Clerk was given delegated responsibility to book the Uniting Church for the Town Council meeting at a cost of £39.00 for 3 hours.

C24/216 Christmas Office Closure

RESOLVED: To close the Town Council offices from the 23rd to the 30th of December.

C24/217 Shallcross Incline Maintenance

A report was received from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: To move the visits in February and March to do two additional visits in October and November for the leaf fall.

C24/218 Mechanics Institute Union Jack Flag

RESOLVED: To get a hand sewn Union Jack Flag from Flagmakers at a total cost of £107.68 plus delivery.

C24/219 Town Council Clock

It was noted that the Clerk and the Caretaker would create a plan for replacing the clock and would get costs for a new one before bringing this to a future meeting.

C24/220 Overgrown Hedge by the Scout Hut

The Clerk will discuss this with the Scouts.

C24/221 Whaley Bridge Hanging Basket Brackets

RESOLVED: To move the WB hanging basket bracket from the house that used to be Cloud Wine and to install it on the Nook.

C24/222 Recommendations From Whaley 4 Wards

There was nothing which needed to be agreed by the Town Council.

C24/223 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies

a) Regeneration Committee

The minutes had not yet been prepared.

b) Personnel Committee

No meeting is scheduled.

c) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

d) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

The next meeting is scheduled for the 16th of January. Cllr Ridgway is going to do an inspection of the surrounding allotment sites to see their condition and enquire regarding the rules they have enforce.

e) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

There had not been a meeting.

f) High Peak and Cheshire for Ukraine

Nothing to report.

Cllr Hall reported that this was his last meeting of the Town Council. The Council passed on it's thanks for his service as a Town Councillor and as Chair and wished him well in his future endeavours.

C24/224 Correspondence

RESOLVED: To note correspondence received from 14th November:

1. Fernilee Methodist Church – Newsletter November 2024.
2. DCC – Community News 25 November 2024.
3. Furness Vale Resident – Communication about missing bollards in Furness Vale.
RESOLVED: The Council will contact DCC regarding this issue and will keep the resident informed.

4. HPBC – Consultation on Animal Licensing Policy.
5. DCC – Community News 2 December 2024.
6. Derbyshire Pension Fund – Consultation on Revised Pension Administration Strategy.
7. Derbyshire Pension Fund – Consultation on MHCLG Local Government Pension Scheme, Fit for the Future.
RESOLVED: The Town Council support the idea of the Local Government Pension Scheme being administrated centrally.
8. DALC – Newsletter December 2024.
9. DCC – Community News 9 December 2024.
10. Resident – Complaint about land near the Barratt’s estate. **RESOLVED:** The Council noted the situation regarding this patch of land and that there was a need to make sure the temporary site at the entrance of estate was removed once building work was completed.
11. HPBC – Notification of a Community Energy Fund.
12. DCC – Consultation on Further Integration between Derbyshire County Council & Derbyshire Community Health Services.
13. Resident – Concerns regarding the delivery of large 20ft Shipping Containers at the Gas Works on New Road.
The Council noted the concerns and that Cllr Ruth George has reported this to planning enforcement.
14. Taxal and Holy Trinity Church – Invitation to Cllrs to attend a farewell lunch for Rev Frances Eccleston, 12:30pm on the 5th of January.

C24/225 Planning

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

Decisions Made by Committee – None

Delegated Decisions

<p>HPK/2024/0298 Proposed rear extension to increase kitchen, provide UA WC and accessible entrance, replacement fire escape and external works The Cock Hotel, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7JE.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>DET/2024/0034 Application to determine if prior approval is required for - Conversion of an existing restaurant with Kitchen facilities to a one bedroom flat and office space. 29, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7AA.</p>	<p>Application Withdrawn</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	Approved
HPK/2024/0326 Subdivision of property into two. 43, Jodrell Meadow, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7AJ.	Refused

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

New Applications Received since 14th November 2024	
Applications	Comments
HPK/2024/0464 First Floor Rear & Side Extension with Part 2 Storey Side Extension. 65, Whaley Lane, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7BA.	No Comment
HPK/2024/0420 Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for Proposed - Proposal is to improve the screens and speakers to give even more information to passengers and alleviate risk of failure due to equipment age. Whaley Bridge Railway Station, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7AA.	No Comment
DET/2024/0038 Application to determine if prior approval is required for - A new Portal Steel Frame Building, Concrete Fibre Roof, Yorkshire Board Sides, Concrete Block Walls. Greenbotham Farm, Unnamed Road From New Road To A6, Bridgemont, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7EE	No Comment
NP/GDO/1224/1307 GDO Notification - Agricultural building to create a covered silage clamp to replace the bale storage area. OVERTON HALL FARM TAXAL WHALEY BRIDGE.	No Comment

C24/226 Exclusion of the Press and the Public

Not required.

C24/227 Mechanics Institute Tenders

There were no tenders to consider.

The meeting closed at 9.23pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

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Chairman

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Date