

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge

**Present:** Councillors: Thomas (Chair), Bowden, Gilmour, Hall, Lomax, Magowan, McCarthy, Ridgway, Smith, and Webb.

**In Attendance:** Two members of the public, DCC Cllr Ruth George and Andrew Fox, Town Clerk.

### **C24/101 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Glover and Taylor.

### **C24/102 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications**

None.

### **C24/103 Community Police**

A report was received from the Community Police although it was a little late.  
**RESOLVED:** To inform the police and owner that the old bike repair shop on Wharf Road is being regularly used by a group of young people.

### **C24/104 Public Participation**

A member of the public attended from the Friends of the Memorial Park to discuss the insurance provision for the group. They reported that the request for insurance was while the HPBC Park Ranger position wasn't filled. Now that HPBC have recruited a new Park Ranger the group are now covered under the Park Ranger's insurance. They noted that the local HPBC Cllrs Clark and Taylor are asking if HPBC can extend their event insurance for Friends groups for the parks they maintain.

### **C24/105 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. He clarified the matter on disabled Children is a consultation being run by Derbyshire County Council.

Cllr George provided an oral report to the meeting, they noted that the full Council meeting of DCC scheduled for yesterday had been delayed by a week. They also noted a lot of the Council's business had been postponed due to the election. She commented that there are numerous consultations taking place such as the provision of disabled learning facilities and funding for the volunteer sector. She commented that a meeting is being organised for the volunteering sector which she would be attending.

She stated that the financial overspend for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 was £22 million rather than the predicted £46 million. This did require a large portion of the Council's reserves to be used and with another predicted overspend for next financial year it is estimated they will drop below £150 million. She continued to state that due to redundancy pay there affects of the cuts would not be felt immediately. Meetings were held in Chapel and Buxton about the cuts which were well attended. She commented that the home care charges would change from Monday which would lead to a lot of increased costs for many residents as DCC have reduced their provision to the statutory minimum.

She commented that there is a new 61 bus service to Castleton and Hope which unfortunately just doesn't line up with the school times. She commented that she is investigating whether the times can be changed slightly to allow school children to use the service to travel to Hope College. She noted that she was able to sort out the issue of Network Rail charging on the Station Car Park as well as sorting out an issue with short term parking at the station at New Mills New Town.

She commented that the route behind White Hall had been tarmacked and that the signage for the speed cameras on Long Hill would be installed between the 29<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of August. She commented that the pedestrian improvements on Manor Road up to Fernilee had not yet been scheduled and that yellow lines were being placed on the junction to Wheatsheaf. She stated that a number of pot holes had been filled on Yeadsley Lane and she was trying to get DCC to do enforcement on the fence near the social club. Finally she commented she had provided funding of £150 to Whaley Bridge Band and £500 for Whaley Bridge Food Bank.

**C24/106 Minutes of previous meeting**

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the last meeting of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024 are a true and correct record of the meeting, subject to the addition of apologies from Cllr Lomax, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**C24/107 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk noted that they had received another quote for the Electricity at the sports which is more expensive than the one which was agreed.

**RESOLVED:** To note the Clerk's report.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Clerk's holiday for the week commencing the 12<sup>th</sup> August.

**C24/108 Finance etc**

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

	Jul-24	Payments	11/07/2024
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£4,199.08
	HMRC	PAYE	£856.85
	DCC	Pension Contribution	£1,002.25
	Various	Petty Cash Apr/May/June	£119.55

DD	TalkTalk Business	Telephone/Broadband	£54.44
DD	Trusted IT	Backup/365 Lic/Website	£125.36
	Mechanics Institute	Office Rent	£476.66
	Mechanics Institute	Concessionary use	£216.00
	Mechanics Institute	Meeting Room hire	£64.75
	Mechanics Institute	Reimburse money used for PC	£75.00
	Dean Longden	Cutting of Hedge at Brookfield Pond	£450.00
	Paintmaster 2000	Paint for W4W	£51.00
	Jack Hamnett	3 <sup>rd</sup> payment for watering for HB	£200.00
	The Flag Shop	St George's Cross (Paid)	£25.95
	Fran Frodsham	Grounds Maintenance	£2,530.00
	PHD 96	Excavation of MI garage	£630.00
	S Drinkwater & Sons	Posts, Cement Mix and White paint for W4W	£23.56
	Riverside Environmental Services	Asbestos Refurbishment Survey	£660.00
	Carol Maycock	WIX Subscription for Whaleybridge.com website	£120.00
	Hockerley Hall Garden Services	Shallcross Incline Maintenance	£100.00
	Ryobi	2 new batteries and charger for donated W4W tools (Paid)	£149.99
	Tameside Fire Protection Services	Fire Extinguisher Service for SA	£132.41
	Total Energies	Electricity for SA	£118.80
	<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,381.65</b>
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge	£1,499.10
	Review Publishing	Mechanics Advert	£48.00
DD	Yu Energy	Gas	£93.20
DD	British Gas	Electricity	£135.32
DD	United Utilities	Water	£62.76
	<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,838.38</b>
<b>Sports Association</b>			
DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£31.20
753	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge	£776.95
754	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Reimburse expenditure	£251.21
DD	Water Plus	Water	£18.79
DD	High Peak Borough Council	Non-Domestic Rates	£55.00
	<b>Sports Association</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,133.15</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£15,353.18</b>

**RESOLVED:** To note the Financial Reports for June 2024 which had been circulated to all members, and the bank balances at 30<sup>th</sup> June stood at:

<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	183,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	46,345.24
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	36,583.72
Petty Cash	64.32
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	265,993.28

<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	5,123.64
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	14,268.65
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	19,392.29
<b>Sports Association</b>	£
Current Account	20,034.35
Deposit Account	68,329.25
Petty Cash	0.00
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	88,363.60

#### **C24/109 Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project**

Received a report regarding the current situation with the Mechanics Institute Refurbishment Project. It was noted that we may not be able to apply to the ACRE Jubilee Village Hall Fund as a proportion of the funding is already coming from public money. The Clerk is clarifying this with the grant provider. The Clerk will also ensure we will be ready to go to tender once the lawful development certificate has been received. The Clerk also reported that they have a meeting with DCC regarding the lift to the Library next week.

**RESOLVED:** To Suspend Standing Orders

Cllr George reported that the paper regarding the future of the library provision will be considered next week.

**RESOLVED:** To Reinstate Standing Orders.

#### **C24/110 Town Council Clock**

A report was received by the Clerk. The Clerk noted a quote which was deemed as too expensive.

**RESOLVED:** To Suspend Standing Orders.

**RESOLVED:** To Resume Standing Orders.

The Clerk will go and collect additional quotes.

#### **C24/111 Creation of Memorial for Coal Mining Memorial**

Received a report about the creation of a memorial for the Coal Mining Industry in Whaley Bridge which was suggested by a member of W4W. The principle of the Memorial was supported with consideration also given to the Textile Industry.

**RESOLVED:** To Suspend Standing Orders.

A member of the public commented on the importance of the textile industry.

**RESOLVED:** To Resume Standing Orders.

**RESOLVED:** The Council agree in principle with the exact details of the commemoration to be agreed.

#### **C24/112 Brookfield Pond Hedge**

The Clerk reported that they had approved the cost of £450 to cut back the hedge at Brookfield Pond under the emergency powers delegated under the Financial Regulations. This was approved as the hedge was blocking the footpath.

#### **C24/113 Minor Maintenance Rights of Way**

**RESOLVED:** To add footpath 60 to the scheme and get costs for repairing the bridge on the path.

**C24/114 Renewal of Memorial tree on the Shallcross Incline**

Received a report regarding the Memorial Tree on the Incline.

**RESOLVED:** To set a budget of £150 to replace the Liquid Amber Tree and to decide a new location for it to be planted in consultation with the Nursery the tree is acquired from and Cllr Ridgway.

**C24/115 Resurfacing of the Linear Path**

The condition of the Linear Path was considered.

**RESOLVED:** To write to HPBC emphasising that the surface isn't fit for purpose. The route has been encouraged for mothers with children and residents with disabilities and the path is becoming dangerous despite the efforts of the W4W volunteers.

**C24/116 Access to the 3G Pitch**

The Clerk gave a report on the situation with the keypad and noted a request for concessionary use of the pitch.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the quote of £560.20 plus VAT for the replacement Intravone Keypad.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will contact the user asking for concessionary use of the 3G Pitch asking for some more details on the bereavement and whether they can do an off peak time.

**C24/117 Town Council Social Media**

The Town Council's Social Media presence was considered.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Magowan and Clerk will set up a Town Council Facebook account to publicise the work of the Council. The special items which needed publicising would be agreed at each meeting.

**C24/118 Recommendations From Whaley 4 Wards**

**RESOLVED:** To set a budget of £60 to replace the Rowan Tree which was taken from a W4W Community Garden. Large stones will be placed around the tree to make it more secure.

**C24/119 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**

Cllr Lomax provided a copy of the annual report.

**d) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group**

It was noted that a meeting was scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> of July but it would be postponed till August due to Cllrs being unable to attend.

**e) Whaley Bridge Sports Association**

The issues regarding access would be discussed further.

**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.

**C24/120 Correspondence**

**RESOLVED:** To note correspondence received from 13<sup>th</sup> June:

1. DCC – Community News 17 June 2024.
2. HPBC – Letter regarding the Cultural Strategy Advisory Group.
3. DCC – Traffic Regulation Order on Charlesworth Road, Diglee Road, Yeadsley Lane and Station Road in Furness Vale.
4. DCC – Community News 1 July 2024.
5. DCC – Traffic Regulation Order on Wheatsheaf Road and Buxton Road.
6. DALC – Newsletter 4 July 2024.
7. Cheshire East Council – Regulation 16 consultation for the High Legh Neighbourhood Plan.
8. DCC – Update regarding the latest developments for the safety work to the A5004 Long Hill.
9. HPBC – Public Consultation on the High Peak Plan for Nature.

The Consultation regarding Nursey Provision at Whaley Bridge School was noted and Cllr Gilmour declared an interest as he is a Governor of the School.

**C24/121 Planning**

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

**Committee Decisions**

<b>HPK/2022/0495</b> Variation of conditions 04 and 24 in relation to HPK/2017/0694. Land Off, Linglongs Road, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire.	<b>Approved</b>
<b>HPK/2023/0323</b> Variation of condition 14 attached to planning permission HPK/2017/0247. Land At, Linglongs Road, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire.	<b>Approved</b>

**Delegated Decisions**

<b>HPK/2024/0176</b> Side and front extension with a loft conversion. 7, Jodrell Meadow, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7AJ.	<b>Approved</b>
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<p><b>HPK/2023/0512</b> Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed construction of single storey orangery, utility/ boot room and store and single storey outbuilding to house home office and gym. Quarry Bank, Lanehead Road, Taxal, Derbyshire, SK23 7DZ.</p>	<p><b>Not Lawful (Refused)</b></p>
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**Peak Park Planning Decisions – None**

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

<b>New Applications Received since 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>	
<b>Application Applications</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<p><b>HPK/2024/0262</b> Two storey side extension and conversion of existing garage. 3, The Sidings, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7HE.</p>	<p><b>The Council believes this development is not in keeping with the properties in the local area.</b></p>
<p><b>DOC/2024/0084</b> Discharge of condition 5 relating to HPK/2017/0694. Land At, Linglongs Road, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire.</p>	<p><b>The applicant does not appear to have fully completed the condition.</b></p>
<p><b>HPK/2024/0259</b> Addition of two new windows the rear elevation and two new windows to the side elevation of existing building. 29, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7AA.</p>	<p><b>No Comment.</b></p>
<p><b>HPK/2024/0281</b> Extension and Alterations to dwelling and replacement garage. Stonygate, Reservoir Road, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7BW.</p>	<p><b>No Comment.</b></p>
<p><b>HPK/2024/0005 – Appeal</b> Erection of domestic garage/ancillary outbuilding and associated works. 184 Taxal Edge, Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7DR.</p>	<p><b>No Comment.</b></p>
<p><b>HPK/2024/0240</b> Removal of Condition 2 in relation to HPK/2006/0358 - APP/H1033/A/07/2033715. Shallcross Hall Farm, Shallcross Road, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7BZ.</p>	<p><b>The Town Council support this application.</b></p>
<p><b>HPK/2024/0298</b> 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><b>The Town Council support this application.</b></p>

The meeting closed at 9.33pm

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

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Chairman

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Date