

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 The Meeting Room, Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge**

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

**In Attendance:** No members of the public, PC Jake Schofield, DCC Cllr Ruth George and Andrew Fox, Town Clerk.

### **C24/149 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs McCarthy, Taylor and Webb.

### **C24/150 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications**

None.

### **C24/151 Community Police**

A report was received from PC Jake Schofield who introduced himself as the new officer for the Whaley Bridge area. He provided a report to the meeting with the crime statistics for the last month. He confirmed that the burglary on Market Street and the robbery on the Canal were still under investigation.

PC Schofield also noted that they are looking at reported speeding offences in the area from "boy racers". He commented that he personally has given a section 59 notice to a driver last weekend.

### **C24/152 Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

### **C24/153 Updates from County and Borough Councillors on matters of concern to the Town Council**

Cllr Lomax reported that the leisure services have been taken over by HPBC which should hopefully lead to improvements. He noted the Council were still deciding what to do at New Mills leisure centre. He noted that Air Quality was discussed at the Climate Change Working Group but they were still waiting for annual pollution levels. He noted that there will be changes to local recycling in the coming years such as a weekly food collection. Finally he commented that the proposed development in Bridgemont was rejected as it was contrary to the Local Plan and that the Local Plan needed to be updated relatively soon.

Cllr George provided a written report which is attached to the minutes. The Clerk thanked Cllr George for providing the written report.

### **C24/154 Minutes of previous meeting**

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the last meeting of Whaley Bridge Town Council held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 are a true and correct record of the meeting, the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**C24/155 Clerk's Report**

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

**C24/156 Finance etc**

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

	Oct -24	Payments	10/10/2024
Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount £
<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>			
	Salaries	Net salaries	£4,312.09
	HMRC	PAYE	£956.05
	DCC	Pension Contribution	£1,327.37
	Various	Petty Cash Jul/Aug/Sep	£32.75
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	£92.00
	WBSA	Covering pitch hire for Walking Football	£70.00
	S Drinkwater & Son	Post fix for W4W	£6.36
	Hockerley Hall Garden Services	Shallcross Incline Maintenance	£100.00
	Derbyshire Districts Citizens Advice Bureau Furness Vale	Grant payment for Furness Vale Citizens Advice	£150.00
	X2 Connect	Red Current paint for phone box (Paid)	£69.72
	Leathley & Co	Preparation of Payroll	£126.00
	ELF College	Bookkeeping course for Administrator	£300.00
	Shelter Maintenance	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£74.30
	Warren Derbyshire	Work completed on MI refurbishment project.	£1,156.00
	Cuttlefish	Annual Website Licence	£480.00
	Alliance Environmental Services	Brookfield Pond bin emptying	£397.85
	Alliance Environmental Services	Canal Basin Pond bin emptying	£986.18
	<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,509.13</b>
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>			
	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge	£1,789.60
DD	Yu Energy	Gas	£285.30
DD	British Gas	Electricity	£140.55
DD	United Utilities	Water	£62.76
	<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,278.21</b>
<b>Sports Association</b>			

DD	SAGE	Sage One Accounts	£39.60
758	Whaley Bridge Town Council	Wages offcharge	£730.47
DD	Water Plus	Water	£18.79
DD	High Peak Borough Council	Non-Domestic Rates	£55.00
	<b>Sports Association</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£843.86</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,631.20</b>

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

<b>Whaley Bridge Town Council</b>	£
CCLA Deposit Fund	183,000.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	78,762.85
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	36,837.36
Petty Cash	47.02
	298,647.23
<b>Mechanics Institute</b>	£
Unity Trust - Current Account	5,987.89
Unity Trust - Deposit Account	14,367.55
	20,355.44
<b>Sports Association</b>	£
Current Account	20,870.81
Deposit Account	68,500.27
Petty Cash	0.00
	89,371.08

The Clerk noted that unfortunately he had not received the bank statements for the Sports Association so has been unable to update the balances for September. It was also noted that more money should be placed in the deposit scheme as there is more than £85,000.00 in the Unity Trust Accounts.

**C24/157 Defibrillators In Whaley Bridge**

Received a report from the Clerk. Cllr Lomax noted that the Cricket Club were about to acquire their defibrillator and the Clerk commented that he would need to know the make and model of a defibrillator before he could get a quote to add it to the Council's maintenance contract.

**C24/158 Remembrance Day**

**RESOLVED:** To agree the cost of £40.00 from AK Products to print 100 Remembrance Day booklets.

**RESOLVED:** To set a budget of £75.00 to acquire three wreathes from the Royal British Legion.

**C24/159 Changing Rooms at the Pavilion**

Received a report from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** The locks for the changing rooms will not be changed.

**RESOLVED:** To set a budget of £45.00 to get another key cut for changing room 4 which would need to be collected from the office and signed out.

**C24/160 Business Grant and Shopfront Scheme**

Received a grant application from Whaley Bridge CoWorkers.

**RESOLVED:** To provide a £500.00 business grant to Whaley Bridge CoWorkers on the basis they can provide security of tenure in the building for the business.

**C24/161 Sunnybank Allotments**

Received a report from Cllrs Ridgway, Thomas and the Clerk regarding the state of the allotment site and a request for someone to be added to a tenancy retrospectively.

**RESOLVED:** A new tenant will not be allowed to sign onto plot 11 as this request has been refused for all other plots who has made it.

**RESOLVED:** An inspection of the allotment site will be organised and plots which are not up to the required standard will be contacted regarding their plots.

**RESOLVED:** From the 1<sup>st</sup> of April a limit of 5 hens per plot will be implemented on the allotment site.

**C24/162 High Peak Art's Decorative Plaque for Brookfield Pond**

Received a report from Cllr Thomas.

**RESOLVED:** To display the original artwork in the meeting room of the Mechanics Institute. The artwork can be moved when the refurbishment work takes place.

**RESOLVED:** To set a budget of £200.00 for mounting the artwork in the Mechanics Institute meeting room.

**C24/163 Grit Bins**

The Clerk reported that they had sent off the forms for the Snow Warden Scheme and that the grit was delivered today.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the cost of £400.00 in additional wage for the Caretaker to fill the Council's grit bins.

**C24/164 Furness Vale Fence**

Received a report from the Clerk on behalf of Cllr McCarthy about the current situation with the Furness Vale Fence behind the Social Club.

**C24/165 Christmas Light Switch On**

It was noted that there has been a request for a Christmas tree at the Station carpark.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the quote of £400.00 from Goyt Valley Produce for the installation of a Christmas tree at the station carpark

**C24/166 Independent Review of the Mechanics Institute Accounts**

**RESOLVED:** To accept the quote of £330.00 from Leathley & Co for the independent assessment of the Mechanics Institute Accounts for the Charity Commission Annual Return.

**C24/167 Recommendations From Whaley 4 Wards**

It was noted there were no recommendations at the previous Whaley 4 Wards meeting.

**C24/168 Reports from Committees and representatives on outside bodies**

a) Regeneration Committee

The Minutes of the Regeneration Committee had been circulated and were noted by the Council.

b) Personnel Committee

No meeting is scheduled, and no matters have arisen for the time being.

c) High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Cllr Lomax reported that the next meeting is scheduled for November. He stated that he had noticed more cancellations on the trainline, although he was not sure what the reason is for the increased cancellations.

d) Whaley Bridge Allotments Working Group

Nothing further to report.

e) Whaley Bridge Sports Association

There had not been a meeting, but it was noted that the floodlights are being changed on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October.

f) High Peak and Cheshire for Ukraine

Cllr Hall reported that there are still people looking to move into the area and that hosts were still needed.

**C24/169 Correspondence**

**RESOLVED:** To note correspondence received from 12<sup>th</sup> September:

1. Fernilee Methodist Church – Newsletter September 2024.
2. DCC – Community News 16 September 2024.
3. DCC – Community News 23 September 2024.
4. DCC – Consultation on draft Council Plan 2025-29.
5. DCC – Community News 30 September 2024.
6. Mellor Homes – Update on the work to the Jodrell.
7. Horwich End WI – Letter regarding the Christmas Tree in Whaley Bridge.
8. Peak District National Park – Consultation drop in session regarding the PDNP Local Plan.
9. DCC – Confirmation of Traffic Regulation Order on Charlesworth Road, Diglee Road, Station Road and Yeadsley Lane.
10. Peak District National Park Authority – Notice of Local Plan Consultation under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning Act.
11. DCC – Community News 7 October 2024.
12. DALC – Newsletter 8 October 2024.
13. Fernilee Methodist Church – Newsletter September 2024.

Cllr Ridgway mentioned the offer from a resident to replace one of the memorial trees and the Clerk confirmed that he has also been contacted by them and was in discussion with them.

Cllr Hall reported that he has moved out of the area and was planning to set down in the not too distant future even though he can remain as a Cllrs as he has interests in the Parish.

**C24/170 Planning**

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

**Decisions Made by Committee – None**

**Delegated Decisions**

<b>HPK/2024/0281</b> Extension and Alterations to dwelling and replacement garage. Stonygate, Reservoir Road, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7BW.	<b>Approved</b>
<b>HPK/2024/0262</b> Two storey side extension and conversion of existing garage. 3, The Sidings, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7HE.	<b>Approved</b>
<b>HPK/2024/0183</b> Single storey extension to form sun room. 2 Windy Ridge, Hill Drive, Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, SK23 7BH.	<b>Approved</b>
<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.	<b>Refused</b>

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

<b>New Applications Received since 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>	
<b>Application Applications</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>HPK/2024/0374</b> Lawful development certificate for Existing Use - a retrospective change of use of stable to annexe. 218, Buxton Road, Furness Vale, Derbyshire, SK23 7PX.	<b>No comment.</b>
<b>HPK/2024/0240 (Appeal)</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.	<b>No comment.</b>

<b>DET/2024/0034</b> 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.	<b>No comment.</b>
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The meeting closed at 9.24pm

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

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Chairman

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Date