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Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Library, Whitworth Centre on Wednesday 17th August 2022

- FC0822/1** **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies received from Town Cllrs Sarah Halliwell and Sean Taylor. No apologies received from District Councillors Jason Atkin, Andrew Statham and Mark Salt.
- FC0822/2** **To Consider any Variations to the Order of Business** - None
- FC0822/3** **Declaration of Member's Interests**
- Cllrs Oakley, Farmer, Curtis and Long have declared interests as members of the Whitworth Trust.
 - Cllr Curtis has removed her declaration of interest as a trustee of the Derbyshire Federation of Mental Health.
 - Cllr Farmer declared an interest in Bents Farm development as a resident of the local area.
 - Cllr Walker declared an interest in the Normanhurst development as a resident of the local area.
- FC0822/4** **To consider exclusion of Press and Public for any part of the meeting** – None
- FC0822/5** **Minutes of previous meetings** – Resolved to Approve the minutes of 20 July 2022
- FC0822/6** **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police** –
County Cllr Sue Hobson gave a verbal update. Traffic lights opposite the Whitworth Hospital were pending. She was trying to get a dialogue with Highways for our area. She was working with the Town Clerk on an issue regarding dropped curbs in the area. She apologised on behalf of DDDC for the recent problems related to a planning site visit.
- FC0822/7** **Public Participation** – Cllr Farmer noted that correspondence had been received from a resident which would be discussed in the planning section. Cllr Elliot thanked council for the flowers and support during her recent illness.
- FC0822/8** **Councillor appointments to committees** - None
- FC0822/9** **Finance**
- i. It was **Resolved** to accept the Bank reconciliation July 22
 - ii. * It was **Resolved** to accept Payments to be approved
 - * It was **Resolved** to approve the Clerk's office to spend up to £400 on litter picking equipment.
 - * It was **Resolved** to approve the Clerk's office to spend up to £500 on PPE for the Grit and Flood Wardens.
 - iii. There were no grant requests to consider.
- FC0822/10** **Recommendations from Finance Advisory Committee** –
It was **Resolved** to approve the recommended changes to the Annual Budget
- FC0822/11** **Planning**



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- i. Cllr Farmer gave a brief run through of Planning Committee decisions for July.
- ii. Consultations requiring full council consideration –
 - a. Planning Committee had written to District Planning Dept. supporting change of use of the former Young Explorers building on the condition that it meets immediate local needs. Councillors **Resolved** to support the application with a written letter from Town Council.

19.36 - PCSO Carly Mattison Joined the meeting.

- b. Cllr Farmer updated councillors on the proposed site visit to Bent Farm and the lack of communication from DDDC regarding changes to time. An official complaint had been submitted to DDDC by TC and an apology had been received. As a result, Bent Farm's application had been removed from DDDC's planning agenda and deferred until such a time as TC had had a chance to conduct a site visit. Cllrs **Resolved** that the above synopsis of events should be recorded in TC minutes rather than posting correspondence in notice boards.
- c. Residents of Farley have communicated that previous conditions of planning consent relating to Bent Farm which should have been completed within 12 months have not been complied with. A resident had written to DDDC regarding this but not received any response. Cllrs **Resolved** that the Town Clerk should write to DDDC regarding this matter.

Chair stepped out of standing orders to return to item 6 on the agenda:

FC0822/6 PCSO Carly Mattison gave a verbal update. Youth diversion activities on Wednesday evenings were being well received and anti-social behaviour had declined. The Assistant Town Clerk informed councillors that the PCSO had been dealing with anti-social behaviour from non-Darley Dale youths at night unaccompanied.

Chair returned to standing orders:

FC0822/12 **Update on the Whitworth Centre and Trading Matters** -
Cllr Long gave a verbal update on Whitworth Trading matters including good customer feedback, lack of water in ponds and café takings affected due to heatwave. A new head chef had been appointed. The Whitworth was now beginning to plan for fireworks night. It was **Resolved** to accept Cllr Long's report.

FC0822/13 **Update from the Environment Working Group** –

- I. Cllr Mordue gave a review on the success of the Making Space for Nature event. The Assistant Town Clerk informed Cllrs that £170 had been raised in donations and asked Cllrs to nominate a local environmental charity to receive the money.
- II. The Town Clerk briefed council on the challenges of getting volunteers with skills to run a repair café.



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FC0822/14 **DDDC Governance Review** –

Cllrs **Resolved** to present a case to the boundary review for Northwood and Tinkersley to be returned to Darley Dale.

FC0822/15 **Community projects** –

- I. Cllr Mordue gave a verbal update on a proposed cooperation with Memory Lane to promote a Memory Café focusing on local history.
- II. The Town Clerk updated Cllrs of falls prevention classes to be held at The Whitworth. Cllrs **Resolved** to pay the room costs.
- III. Cllr Mordue updated Cllrs on his idea to produce an allotment calendar.
- IV. Cllrs noted a written report from Cllr Halliwell on the 22/23 Community Awards.

FC0822/16 **Correspondence/Clerks' updates** –

The Town Clerk updated Cllrs on the Clerk's office vacancy. The deadline for applications had been extended twice but with low response. It was **Resolved** to proceed with the interview stage.

The Town Clerk and Asst Town Clerk ran through correspondence received.

The Town Clerk appealed for help in judging the allotments.

FC0822/17 **Date of the next meeting** – Wednesday 21st September 2022 at 7pm