



Darley Dale Town Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Gallery at The Whitworth on Wednesday 21st June 2023

In attendance were Town Cllrs Oakley, Farmer, Long, Taylor, Halliwell, Curtis, Elliott, Bishop, Wilson, Mordue and Godber. County Cllr Hobson, District Cllrs Burton and Franks. Town Clerk Ian Adkin, Assistant Clerk Jason Hedley and CEO Sarah Rivett.

FC0623/1 Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr Walker and PCSO Carly Mattison.

FC0623/2 To consider any variations to the order of business: None

FC0623/3 Declaration of member's interests:

Cllrs Oakley, Farmer, Bishop, Curtis, Halliwell, Taylor and Long have declared interests as members of the Whitworth Trust.

FC0623/4 To consider exclusion of Press and Public for any part of the meeting: None

FC0623/5 Minutes of the previous meeting:

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with the amendment that Cllr Godber had sent her apologies for not attending in May.

FC0623/6 Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and police:

- i. Cllr Hobson gave an update on news from County Council.
- ii. Cllr Burton noted that District Cllr Shelley had formally been informed that he could not attend the Ecobat/South Darley liaison meeting. Cllr Long said that he would speak to Ecobat regarding the matter and the Town Clerk undertook to speak to the South Darley Clerk.
- iii. Cllr Burton reported that residents of Two Dales were very appreciative of the TCs support in getting the Planning Inspectorate to refuse planning permission on Wheatley Rd.

FC0623/7 Public Participation:

- i. Ingrid Pasteur spoke regarding Fair Trade and the Fair Trade status of Darley Dale. Volunteers were needed particularly computer literate help or Darley Dale Fair Trade organisation is in danger of folding. Sarah Rivett offered to help with TC social media and to contact volunteer groups to try to find help.
- ii. Mr Brian Long (representing Audley residents) asked the TC for confirmation that it was pushing Highways Dept. on the ongoing issues on the A6 with speeding, lack of crossings, road works etc. The TC confirmed that it was in discussion and that it hoped to have a representative of Highways at the July TC meeting.

FC0623/8 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 22-23:

- i. TC noted the Internal Auditor's report which had reported no issues.
- ii. TC **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Governance Statement.
- iii. TC **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Accounting Statement.



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FC0623/9 Compliance Plan Update:

The Council had made remarkable progress over the last year with most of the actions needed to meet the Local Council Award Scheme recommendations in place. The Clerk reported that Cllr Walker had offered to take forward those elements of the plan that fell Councillors. This offer was accepted.

FC0623/10 Finance:

- i. Cllrs **RESOLVED** to accept the bank reconciliation for May.

BANK RECONCILIATION	
Balance from 2021-22	220,178
Plus receipts	174,762
Less payments excl. VAT	22,680
Less VAT paid	1,008
Balance to date	371,252
Bank balances	
Current	181,240
Deposit	189,021
No 2 a/c	991
Total	371,252

- ii. Cllrs **RESOLVED** to accept the payments made under delegated authority:

Payments Made Under Delegated Authority						
18 May 2023	MDS Events	Inv 156 (Coronation Services)	-£300.00			
18 May 2023	LM Creative	Inv 160523DDTC	-£61.00			
18 May 2023	Cromford Comm band	Inv 001	£150.00			
23 May 2023	Peak Waste	Inv 133286	-£288.00	-£240.00	-£48.00	Authorised 17/5 Full Council
23 May 2023	Projam Electrical	Inv 658 (Coronation Services)	-£240.00	-£200.00	-£40.00	
	Crosbys Catering Services					Authorised by
15 June 2023	Ltd	Proforma Inv SO-090618	-£38.51	-£32.09	-£6.42	RFO

- iii. Cllr **RESOLVED** to approve payments to be made:

Payments Authorised by Full Council 21/6/2023						
21 June 2023	Shelter Maintenance	Inv 14983	-£76.68	-£63.90	-£12.78	
21 June 2023	The Whitworth Trading	SI-490 (Office Hire)	-£1,061.65	-£884.71	-£176.94	
21 June 2023	The Whitworth Trading	Si-491 (Room Hire)	-£282.96	-£235.80	-£47.16	
21 June 2023	Gallagher	Inv 523749061 (Insurance renewal)	-£1,741.55			
21 June 2023	Wish Cloud Ltd	Inv 1732 (Livedrive annual renewal)	-£180.00			
21 June 2023	DALC	SI-3800 (Dalc Clerk's Conference)	-£165.00			
21 June 2023	Staff Wages	Wages	-£4,377.88			
21 June 2023	HMRC	PAYE	-£1,298.07			
21 June 2023	Signs of Cheshire Ltd	Inv 10739 (Noticeboard keys)	-£42.00	-£35.00	-£7.00	
21 June 2023	LM Creative	Inv 200623DDTC	-£1,840.00			
21 June 2023	D Oakley	Petrol reimbursement (45p/mile)	-£10.16			
21 June 2023	George F Fox	Inv 2411 (Moving railway carriage)	-£600.00	-£500.00	-£100.00	
21 June 2023	George F Fox	Inv 2412 (Removal of street benches)	-£210.00	-£175.00	-£35.00	
21 June 2023	Hazel Accountancy	Inv 2808 (PAYE)	-£30.00			



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Cllrs **RESOLVED** to give the Clerk's office delegated authority to spend up to £450 on projector equipment to be used at council meetings.

iv. Consideration of any Grant requests: None.

FC0623/11 Planning:

i. Planning Committee decisions: Cllr Farmer ran through the following Planning Committee decisions:

- **23/00536/FUL:** Mr & Mrs Treasure
DEVELOPMENT : Erection of single storey side extension
LOCATION : The Hawthorns South Park Avenue Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2FY

Planning Committee **RESOLVED** to submit the recommendation of **NO OBJECTION.**

- **23/00593/VCOND:** Ms S Marshall
DEVELOPMENT: Variation of conditions 2 and 3 (occupation and use restrictions) of planning permission 21/01364/FUL to allow for more flexible occupation of the guesthouse
LOCATION : Barn At Back Lane Darley Moor Matlock Derbyshire

Planning Committee **RESOLVED** that due to the historic nature of previous applications concerning this property Darley Dale Town Council feel it would be inappropriate to submit a recommendation on this application as proposed.

- **T/23/00087/TPO:** Mr Lawrence
PROPOSAL: Fell to ground level 1no. Goat Willow tree (T1). Prune 1no. Goat Willow and Hawthorn by 1.5-2m (G1). Prune 2no. Oak trees by 1.5-2m (T3) and (T4)
LOCATION: 2 Waymark Close Cote Hilloc Darley Dale

Planning Committee **RESOLVED** to submit the recommendation of **NO OBJECTION.** Councillors will defer to the decision of the DDDC Tree Officer.

- **18/01242/EIA:** William Davis Limited
DEVELOPMENT: Hybrid Planning Application, accompanied by an Environmental Statement comprising of an Outline Planning Application with approval being sought for site access for up to 345 Residential Units, Class E 'Commercial' uses including Retail and a Restaurant / Cafe, a Hot Food Takeaway (Sui Generis) Unit and Open Space including a Countryside Park and Play Area and associated landscaping and surface water attenuation and a Full Planning Application for 78 residential units with associated access, open space, landscaping and surface water attenuation



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LOCATION : Land Between Sandy Lane, Bent Lane And Gritstone Road Matlock Derbyshire

Darley Dale Town Council (DDTC) appreciates that this development is not within the parish however is very close to the boundary and we welcome the invitation to comment. The Planning Committee **RESOLVED** to submit the recommendation of **OBJECTION** for the following reasons.

Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) and the developer conducted an updated viability study in early 2022 which concluded that in order to get the developer his 20% margin both the number of affordable properties and the section monies would be drastically reduced.

If we rerun the numbers based on the three increases in bank rate plus inflation running at circa 9% with increased interest and building costs this would see the affordable housing reduced to only 10 properties and the section monies reduced to less than a third of that included in the 2022 report to allow a margin of 20% to be maintained. This would mean a development of 300 plus properties of which only 10 would be affordable housing.

The fundamental issues of surface run off, drainage and sewage management has not been fully addressed by the developer nor Severn Trent, a major reason for the proposal being previously rejected.

A development of this size would have a serious knock-on effect on Darley Dale with the infrastructure in Matlock and Darley Dale already under extreme pressure. An additional 350 homes would see a likely increase of approximately 700 vehicles (not including service/delivery vehicles) using the already congested Chesterfield Rd in and out of Matlock and A6 which already suffers from major queueing at peak times together with surrounding streets.

We need to protect the fields on this site as it would also risk development spreading the very short distance into Farley, within the Darley Dale boundary. DDTC feels that these fields should never have been allowed to be included in the Neighbourhood plan and should be removed as soon as possible.

In order to meet this high number of houses it can only come at the expense of the environment. If this development were to be rejected where would it go? Darley Dale already has a number of major developments in progress with more planned. Currently all developments within the Derbyshire Dales are taking place outside of the Peak National Park even though 58% of the area of the Derbyshire Dales falls within the park boundaries. Alternative development sites within the Peak National Park boundaries must be explored.



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- 23/00596/FUL: Mrs Lisa Kinder
DEVELOPMENT : Single storey side and rear extension
LOCATION : 4 Crowstones Road Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2GU

Planning Committee **RESOLVED** to submit the recommendation of **NO OBJECTION**.

- Planning Committee **RESOLVED** to support local resident's views that the proposed name of Meadow Bank was too close to Meadow View which is the local dementia care centre. In order to maintain the identity of the new development combined with the original housing on site DDTC would recommend using the alternative name of Normanhurst Gardens or Normanhurst Close.
 - Planning Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise the Clerk's Office to obtain costings for external professional services to consult on the Neighbourhood plan and wider issues affecting Darley Dale.
- ii. Consultation for full council – None
- iii. Neighbourhood plan and wider issues to be discussed at full council.
Planning Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise the Clerk's Office to obtain costings for external professional services to consult on the Neighbourhood plan and wider issues affecting Darley Dale.

FC0623/12 Update on the Whitworth Centre:

Cllr Long ran through a written report submitted to councillors. The Whitworth AGM will take place on the 10th August. All Town Councillors are invited.

FC0623/13 Heart in the Park:

Cllr Long briefed councillors on the Heart in the Park project. Councillors were asked to keep themselves informed on the subject and relay progress to residents. Cllr Long informed Council that the Whitworth would need to find approx. £200k funding independently of the Lottery Fund in order to receive funding and would be approaching the TC in the next financial year for support.

FC0623/14 S19 recreational grant to the Whitworth Trust:

Cllrs **RESOLVED** to approve the S19 grant to the Whitworth for £35k.

FC0623/15 Report from Community, Events and Marketing Working Group:

Cllr Elliot updated Council on the Summer Community Voice, events, marketing and social media. The next Repair Café as being scheduled for Autumn. A Remembrance event was scheduled to be held in the Methodist Church prior to the Remembrance Parade. Discussions were taking place on whether to hold the Community Awards bi-annually rather than annually. *Cllr Elliot will report back to Council with recommendations on Community Awards for a decision.*



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Cllr Taylor briefed Council on a proposed event in the Whitworth Park to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. *Councillor Taylor will present a detailed proposal including costs to the July meeting.*

FC0623/16 Update on your provision:

Cllr Wilson spoke regarding youth provision. The Xplorer event held in the Whitworth Park had been very disappointing. The first stage in regrouping was to hold a meeting of all interested parties and this was due before the July meeting. *Cllr Wilson to update July meeting on progress.*

FC0623/17 Ongoing issues with roadworks:

Cllr Wilson updated council on proposed liaison with the Highways Dept. He had contacted the Director in charge of Highways at DCC and they had invited up to three Councillors to join a meeting to discuss things in more detail. *Cllr Wilson had invited Highways to a Town Council meeting and would liaise with the Clerk on when and how that might take place.*

FC0623/18 Support for Veterans:

Cllrs Halliwell and Taylor would like Council to allow them to explore support for veterans within Darley Dale. *They will bring a proposal to the July meeting.*

FC0623/19 Community Energy Scoping report:

Cllr Mordue would like council to put on the agenda sustainable energy generation in the area. It would require bringing in external expertise to survey the area and Cllr Long suggested that Cllr Mordue talk to a Whitworth Trustee who has significant experience in this area.

FC0623/20 Website demo and rebranding launch:

Sarah Rivett and Cllr Taylor gave a presentation on the new website and rebranding, asking for Councillors input. The website should go-live before the next Full Council meeting. The rebranding had been undertaken free of charge by Cllr Taylor, saving the Council a considerable amount of money.

FC0623/21 General updates/Correspondence received:

The Town Clerk reminded attendees that the judging for East Midlands in Bloom was taking place on the 11th of July. The Town Council and the Whitworth had both nominated our excellent PCSO for a Community Policing award. The Project Manager for DCC's "rewilding" project had visited and we had a much better understanding of how verge maintenance might change in the next few years. The Parkway "rewilding area" looked untidy but a survey had shown that it was already home to nearly 20 species of wildflowers and plants.

FC0623/22 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19th July at 7pm.