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Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Library, Whitworth Centre on Wednesday 28th Sept 2022

Before commencing with the meeting a minute's silence was held to mark the passing of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

- FC0922/1** **Apologies for Absence** – received in advance from Town Cllrs Curtis, Mordue, Walker and District Cllr Atkin. No apologies were received from District Cllrs Salt or Statham.
- FC0922/2** **To Consider any Variations to the Order of Business** – None
- FC0922/3** **Declaration of Member's Interests-**
Cllrs Oakley, Farmer, Curtis, Halliwell and Long have declared interests as members of the Whitworth Trust
- FC0922/4** **To consider exclusion of Press and Public for any part of the meeting** – None
- FC0922/5** **Minutes of previous meetings** –
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the August Council meeting.
- FC0922/6** **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police**
- I. Cllr Sue Hobson gave a verbal update: District Council will officially respond to DDTC on 29th Sept. regarding the boundary review. She had visited Forged Solutions together with the Chair and Vice Chair. DCC has funding available for grass roots projects. She intends to visit DD Remembrance Sunday.
 - II. PCSO Carly Mattison gave a verbal update: Following the anti-social behaviour youth initiative being held in the Whitworth Park anti-social behaviour had almost disappeared in Darley Dale in the past month with only 2 calls to the police being logged. She will liaise with the Clerk's office on continuing youth activities in the area to maintain this success.
- FC0922/7** **Public Participation** – None
- FC0922/8** **Councillor appointments** –
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the appointment of Cllr Elliot to the Planning Committee.
- FC0922/9** **To discuss suggestions to mark the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**
Discussions were held on possible tributes to HM Queen Elizabeth II. Cllr Halliwell would like to see 70 trees planted in line with the QEII Green Canopy scheme. Cllr Oakley suggested renaming the Community Garden as the QEII Community Garden. Cllrs agreed that discussions were needed on tree



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planting in order to take advantage of the Autumn tree planting season. Cllr Long suggested that the Sensory Garden in the Whitworth Park be renamed as the QEII Sensory Garden. Cllr Halliwell suggested commissioning a sculpture to be placed in the Whitworth Park as a tribute. Town Clerk to look into suggestions and report to councillors.

FC0922/10 Finance

- I. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the bank reconciliation for August
- II. It was **RESOLVED** to approved payments to be made including an additional payment to LM Creative for the Community Voice.
- III. There were no grants to consider

FC0922/11 Planning

- I. Planning Committee did not meet this month.
- II. Planning applications for consideration by Council:
 - **22/01068/FUL – NO OBJECTION:** Whilst the Town Council has reservations about this development being on a flood plain the councillors felt that the local business should be supported during this difficult economic period with conditions that the site not be used as a venue for meet ups/music events in order to prevent noise pollution for South Darley residents. The applicant should ensure that processes are put in place to mitigate the safety risk to visitors from flooding.
 - **22/01057/FUL – NO OBJECTION**
 - **22/00954/FUL – NO OBJECTION**
 - **T/22/00131/TPO – NO OBJECTION:** Town Council will defer to the decision of the Trees and Landscapes Officer.
 - **22/01040/FUL – NO OBJECTION**

Cllrs **RESOLVED** to submit the above recommendations to District Council.

Cllr Farmer updated Council on Bents Farm planning site visit. Cllrs were not permitted to enter the site by the site owner. Cllr Farmer spoke regarding the development at the District Council planning committee meeting.

Cllr Halliwell thanked the Planning Committee for supporting the planning application at the former Young Explorers site which will now be used to support children with complex needs. Cllr Farmer also thanked Cllr Halliwell for her work to support this development.

Cllr Taylor noted that ironwork had been removed on Chesterfield Rd during water works by Severn Trent and asked the Town Clerk to look into the matter.



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FC0922/12 Update on the Whitworth Centre and Trading Matters –

Cllr Long gave a verbal update on Whitworth Trading matters. It had been a good month financially. A full management team was now in place. The Heart of the Park grant application was progressing. The Whitworth had taken advice on the change of usage of the agricultural field. There was a good range of events coming up at the Whitworth.

FC0922/13 Update from the Environment Working Group

Cllr Long updated Council on Environmental activities. 150 people attended the Climate Change talk at the Whitworth. Cllr long had produced a short wish list of actions desired by attendees and had promised to respond to them.

Cllr Long had held a meeting with ECOBAT regarding support for the local community. Cllrs Halliwell and Farmer expressed concerns regarding cooperation between DDTC and ECOBAT due to “Greenwashing” concerns. Cllr Long reassured council that he understood the sensitivities.

FC0922/14 Community Awards –

Cllr Halliwell updated Council on organising the Community Awards. She will update Council on whether the budget will need to be increased and asked that councillors pay for their tickets at the event. The Town Clerk again offered his assistance if needed but Cllr Halliwell responded that everything was in hand.

FC0922/15 Correspondence Received/Clerks’ updates

The Town Clerk and Assistant updated Council on correspondence received and updated councillors on office activities. Cllrs asked the Clerks Office to organise a presentation from MENRAP regarding the reopening of the passenger/freight railway running from Ambergate Junction to Buxton. The Assistant Clerk will organise.

FC0922/16 Update on Community Engagement Officer vacancy

Councillors **RESOLVED** to move this item to the Confidential Section.

FC0922/16 Date of the next meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 19th October at the Whitworth at 7pm.

Confidential Section

Cllrs **RESOLVED** to appoint a successful candidate to the role of Community Liaison Officer subject to agreeing final details.

Meeting closed at 20.53