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## **Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Gallery, Whitworth Centre on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**In attendance were Town Cllrs Oakley, Farmer, Long, Walker, Halliwell, Curtis, Godber, Taylor and County Cllr Hobson. Town Clerk Adkin, Assistant Clerk Hedley and CEO Rivett.**

**FC0223/1 Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies received from Cllrs Mordue and Elliot. No response to invitation received from District Councillors Atkin, Statham and Salt.

**FC0223/2 To Consider any Variations to the Order of Business – None**

**FC0223/3 Declaration of Members' Interests -**

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

**FC0223/4 To consider exclusion of Press and Public for any part of the meeting**

No exclusion necessary.

**FC0223/5 Minutes of previous meetings –**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the January 2023 council meeting.

**FC0223/6 Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police: -**

County Cllr Sue Hobson:

- i. Had attended a number of local events.
- ii. Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – Consultation to restrict parking on the approach to Morledge would be published shortly.
- iii. Awaiting to learn if grants will be available to help fund the costs of Coronation events.

PCSO Carly Mattison:

- i. Some youths had been identified following anti-social behaviour and as a result had been issued with youth contracts regarding their behaviour.
- ii. Some anti-social behaviour issues were being caused by youths not resident in Darley Dale but travelling from Matlock or surrounding area.
- iii. Speeding had been made a priority and more speed checks would be held in the area.
- iv. Car stops in the Darley Dale area have resulted in 4 arrests due to drugs and possession of weapons.



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- v. PCSO responded to Cllr Halliwell's request for a speed trap in Poppyfields saying she would enquire as there were strict conditions on where they could be placed.

The Chair proposed and Council **RESOLVED** to move Item 11 (Planning) to item 7 due to public interest.

## FC0223/7 Planning.

- i. Cllr Walker ran through the following recommendations made to District Council by the Planning Committee.
  - **23/00088/CLPUD:** Mr & Mrs Salt  
**DEVELOPMENT:** Certificate of Proposed Lawful Development - Proposed alteration of a roof from hip to gable end and installation of a rear dormer window  
**LOCATION:** April Cottage Greenaway Lane Hackney Matlock Derbyshire  
It was **RESOLVED** to submit the recommendation of **NO OBJECTION**.
  - **23/00097/FUL:** Mr Sarah Rivett  
**DEVELOPMENT:** Alterations and two storey rear extension  
**LOCATION:** Garden Close Whitworth Road Darley Dale Matlock Derbyshire  
It was **RESOLVED** to submit the recommendation of **NO OBJECTION**. [The planning committee declared that the applicant is a current employee of Darley Dale Town Council. Cllr Elliot abstained from voting.](#)
  - **23/00101/OUT:** Ms J Dickinson  
**DEVELOPMENT:** Outline planning consent for 2no. dwellinghouses and associated garaging with approval being sought for access.  
**LOCATION:** Land South of Chesterfield Road Two Dales Derbyshire  
It was **RESOLVED** to submit the recommendation of **OBJECTION** on the following grounds:
    - i. The site sits on flood zone 2 and is known to flood regularly.
    - ii. The site is not within the Local Plan or Permitted Development.
    - iii. The development will have a negative impact on the local area.
    - iv. Access to the site is not suitable with the access road being adjacent to a blind bend on Chesterfield Rd.



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- **T/23/00001/TPO:** Mr Nigel Evans  
**PROPOSAL:** Works to TPO/035 - Fell 1no. Ash tree (T1) due to Ash Dieback  
**LOCATION:** Ardchoille Farley Hill Matlock  
 It was **RESOLVED** to submit a recommendation of **NO OBJECTION** – Will defer to District’s Tree Officer’s decision.
  
- **T/23/00032/TPO:** Mr Steve Hodgkinson  
**PROPOSAL:** Works to TPO/064 –Remove basal and epicormic growth on 1no. Lime Tree (T1), raise crown to 5m clearance from ground level of 6no. Lime Trees (T2, T4, G5) and 1no. Sycamore tree (T3).  
**LOCATION:** Whitworth Hospital 330 Bakewell Road Matlock.  
 It was **RESOLVED** to submit a recommendation of **NO OBJECTION** – Will defer to District’s Tree Officer’s decision.
  
- ii. There were no consultations requiring Full Council consideration.

**FC0223/8**      **Public Participation**  
 Members of the public thanked the council on the planning explanations and representations regarding objecting to planning application 23/00101/OUT.

**FC0223/9**      **Councillor appointments:-**  
 No-one was appointed to any committees or working groups.

- FC0223/10**      **Finance**
- i. Bank reconciliation January 2023  
 Council **RESOLVED** to accept the bank reconciliation for January 2023
  - ii. Payments to be approved:

DATE	Payee	Description	Unity Current a/c	Excl VAT	VAT	Comments
15/02/2023	Whitworth Trading	Inv - 315	-£ 2,211.50	-£ 1,842.92	-£ 368.58	Community Awards
15/02/2023	DDDC	Inv - 83290487	-£ 720.00			Youth Provision
15/02/2023	Opera	Inv - 3092	-£ 1,250.00			Website Design
15/02/2023	Shelter Maintenance	Inv - 14781	-£ 76.68	-£ 63.90	-£ 12.78	Bus Shelter Cleaning
15/02/2023	Office Wages	Wages	-£ 5,208.56			
15/02/2023	HMRC	PAYE	-£ 1,760.91			
15/02/2023	Whitworth Trading	SI - 321	-£ 965.14	-£ 804.28	-£ 160.86	Office Rent
15/02/2023	Whitworth Trading	SI - 322	-£ 72.00	-£ 60.00	-£ 12.00	Full Council
15/02/2023	Whitworth Trading	SI - 323	-£ 223.20	-£ 186.00	-£ 37.20	Skip Hire Costs
15/02/2023	DALC	SI- 3559	-£ 1,235.30			Annual Subscription
15/02/2023	TDP	INV - 107390	-£ 1,302.55	-£ 1,085.46	-£ 217.09	3 x DDTC Benches
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-£ 15,025.84</b>	<b>-£ 4,042.56</b>	<b>-£ 808.51</b>	

Request Council to allow the Clerk’s office descretion to pay up to £1800 incl. VAT to repair Greenaway lane, Medical Centre and Broadwalk bus shelters.

Request Council to allow the Clerk’s office descretion to pay up to £800 incl. VAT for new IT in the office

Request Council to allow the Clerk’s office descretion to pay up £50 for flyers to promote the creation of Morledge Ward



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- Council **RESOLVED** to approve the payments to be made.
- Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk's Office to make discretionary payments of up to £1800 for bus stop repairs.
- Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk's Office to make discretionary payments of up to £800 for new office IT.
- Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk's Office to make discretionary payments of up to £50 for promotion of the new Morledge Ward.

iii. To consider any grant requests received

- Council **RESOLVED** to approve a grant for £1000 to Open Door for the installation of disabled ramps at St Helen's Church. Cllr Halliwell declared an interest.
- Council **RESOLVED** to approve a grant for £1250 to Darley Dale Methodist Church to help fund their "Thursday Luncheon Club".

**FC0223/11 Update from Finance Advisory Committee**

- The Town Clerk updated Council on the projected spend for 2022/23.
- The Town Clerk updated Council on the Budget Allocation recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee for 2023/24.  
Council **RESOLVED** to agree the proposed budget for 2023/24.

**FC0223/12 Update on the Whitworth Centre and Trading Matters:**

Cllr Long expanded on a written report submitted to Councillors. Audley St Elphins would like to create a wildflower meadow with TC funding. Town Clerk to submit a proposal at the next full council meeting.

**FC0223/13 Update from the Environment Working Group**

Cllr Long expanded on a written report submitted to Councillors. CEO to do a Facebook post encouraging residents to report issues on the DDDC and DCC website portals. Environmental Working Group to discuss Hedgehog literature/highways at next meeting.

**FC0223/14 Community groups and events**

- Community Awards review – Cllr Halliwell  
Cllr Halliwell expanded on a written report submitted to Council. Cllr Farmer noted that there were lessons to be learnt but commended Cllr Halliwell on a very successful event that the Council could be proud of.
- Darley Dale in Bloom update – Cllr Curtis  
Cllr Curtis gave an update on a successful year for DDiB.
- Twining – Cllr Elliott  
Councillors deferred the Twining report due to the absence of Cllr Elliot.



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## **FC0223/15 Allotment contract and rents for 23/24:**

Cllrs **RESOLVED** to accept the proposed allotment tenancy agreement presented by the Town Clerk. Following comparison of rents with neighbouring allotment sites, Cllr Long proposed to increase allotment rent from 21p/m<sup>2</sup> to 25p/ m<sup>2</sup>. Council **RESOLVED** to accept Cllr Long's proposal to increase allotment rents to 25p/ m<sup>2</sup> for 2023/24. Sarah Rivett to promote the cost of our allotments on social media.

## **FC0223/16 Proposal for Coronation Event:**

CEO updated Council on plans for the King's coronation event in The Whitworth Park. All the Councillors were invited to send any suggestions to the CEO.

Council **RESOLVED** to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

## **FC0223/17 Rebranding:**

Cllr Taylor gave a visual presentation on a branding logo strategy. Following discussion Cllr Taylor proposed to email the PDF presentation to Councillors and await individual feedback.

## **FC0223/18 Publicity, Website and social media:**

The CEO updated the Council on the new and improved Facebook page. CEO would be meeting OPERA in the coming week to discuss the new website and should have a new website soon.

## **FC0223/19 Proposal to close St Helen's churchyard to further burials:**

Council **RESOLVED** to defer until March.

## **FC0223/20 Councillor surgeries format:**

Cllr Walker suggested that the council set up a process regarding holding surgeries before any surgery was held in order to preserve the cohesive efforts of the Council. Cllr Halliwell disagreed with Cllr Walker and noted that any individual Councillor has the right to hold a surgery whenever they wanted without consulting Council. She did, however, agree to delay holding a surgery until after the Council Elections in May. Council **RESOLVED** to defer any discussions on surgeries until after the Council Election in May.

## **FC0223/21 Clerks' updates/Correspondence Received:**

- i. A ramp had been fixed at Oddford allotments.
- ii. Louise McKenzie had added 3 new rounds plus Audley to the distribution of Community Voice.



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- iii. The CEO and Chair had had a meeting with Peak Rail Assoc. to relocate the cart from outside the Co-op to Darley Dale Station.
- iv. The Victorian Lamp outside the Co-op had now lost its electricity supply from the ex-public toilets. Council would need to decide whether to adopt or have it removed.

**FC0223/22**    **Date of the next meeting** – 15 March 2023.