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Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Library, Whitworth Centre on Wednesday 20th July 2022

Attendees: Councillors Oakley (Chair), Farmer (Vice-Chair), Curtis, Halliwell, Long, Mordue, Taylor, Walker. Town Clerk Ian Adkin and Assistant Clerk Jason Hedley also in attendance.

FC0722/1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from County Cllr Sue Hobson, Cllrs Ann Elliott, Jason Atkin and PCSO Mattison. No apologies received from District Councillors.

The Chair welcomed Cllr Ian Walker to the Council.

FC0722/2 To Consider any Variations to the Order of Business - None

FC0722/3 Declaration of Member's Interests

- Cllrs Oakley, Farmer, Curtis and Long have declared interests as members of the Whitworth Trust.
- Cllr Curtis has declared an interest as a trustee of the Derbyshire Federation of Mental Health.

FC0722/4 To consider exclusion of Press and Public for any part of the meeting – None

FC0722/5 Minutes of previous meetings – Resolved to Approve the minutes of 22 June 2022

FC0722/6 Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police –

The Assistant Clerk read out an update from PCSO Mattison detailing attempted shed break-ins near the Whitworth Rd. No anti-social behaviour reported other than in the Whitworth Park but no evidence of any when police arrived. PCSO Mattison has conducted talks with children at Churchtown Primary School detailing the effects and consequences of anti-social behaviour. Following liaison between the Clerk's Office, the PCSO and Crime Commissioner with help from the Chair and Cllr Sue Hobson, Youth provision workers were starting their first weekly session in the Whitworth Park on 27th July to try to engage with local youths.

FC0722/7 Public Participation – None

FC0722/8 Councillor appointments

- It was **Resolved** to appoint Cllr Walker to the Finance Committee
- It was **Resolved** to appoint Cllr Walker to the Planning Committee
- It was **Resolved** to appoint Cllr Halliwell to the Whitworth Trust

FC0722/9 Finance

- It was **Resolved** to accept the Bank reconciliation June 22
- It was **Resolved** to accept Payments to be approved
- It was **Resolved** to approve a £1000 grant to Darley Dale Croquet Club. Cllrs requested that Clerk's office follow up on what active measures the club were taking to increase membership and broaden age range.

FC0722/10 Update from first meeting of Finance Advisory Committee –

The Town Clerk gave a verbal update on the review and proposed amendments of budgets. They would be presented formally at the next meeting.



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- FC0722/11** **Planning**
- i. Planning Committee decisions for June – It was **Resolved** to accept the planning committee’s report.
 - ii. Consultations requiring full council consideration – None
- FC0722/12** **Update on the Whitworth Centre and Trading Matters -**
- Cllr Long gave a verbal update following the Whitworth’s AGM. All trustees had stepped down and had been re-elected. HLF had visited the Whitworth to review a £900,000 grant application. A new chef had been hired. The main challenge is the cost of living increase meaning that café prices would need to rise by approximately 3%. It was **Resolved** to accept Cllr Long’s report.
- FC0722/13** **Update from the Environment Working Group –**
- Cllr Long gave a verbal update on the “Making Space for Nature” event and Repair Café. The Town Clerk asked for volunteers to help. It was **Resolved** to accept the report.
- FC0722/14** **DDDC Governance Review –**
- Cllr Oakley and the Town Clerk updated Council on the proposed boundary changes. The Town Clerk asked whether council wished to respond formally to the consultation. Cllr Taylor felt that the Council should definitely respond. Cllr Halliwell felt that if Morledge moved to Matlock parish the Town Council should not lose a councillor due to new housing developments taking place in DD. Cllr Farmer noted that residents of Morledge feel they are residents of Matlock not DD. The Clerk’s office had contacted Northwood and Tinkersley who were not in favour of any changes to the boundary. Cllr Long felt that we should respond that if we lose Morledge we should gain Tinkersley & Northwood parish. The Council **Resolved** that the Town Clerk should draft a response summarising councillor’s views.
- FC0722/15** **Establishing local land ownership –**
- Cllr Oakley discussed the possibility of the TC taking over ownership of DDDC land. Systems were needed for identifying ownership. It was **Resolved** to permit the Chair to discuss with DDDC regarding the TC taking ownership of public assets.
- FC0722/16** **Update on DDIB Judging –**
- Cllr Curtis gave a verbal update on DDiB’s entry into the East Midland in Bloom competition. Results will be announced in September. Cllr Oakley offered the TC’s grateful thanks for the effort DDiB had put in.
- FC0722/17** **Whitworth Lease –**
- The Town Clerk asked the Council to accept the latest version of the office and building lease. Cllr Mordue asked whether the lease agreement had been approved by a solicitor. It was pointed out by Cllr Farmer that the agreement was a standard lease agreement and did not require the approval of a solicitor. It was **Resolved** to accept



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the lease agreement subject to amendment on inflationary figures. Cllr Mordue abstained from the vote.

FC0722/18 Correspondence/Clerks' updates –

The Town Clerk updated Council on the process of taking the TC's social media in house and problems being experienced with duplicate sites and groups. A solution was close. The Assistant Clerk thanked Cllr Halliwell for her help in advocating on behalf of a local disabled resident resulting in suitable accommodation being found for the resident to move into in August. An email was received during the meeting from Cllr Atkin containing his immediate resignation from the Town Council.

FC0722/19 Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 17th August 2022 at 7pm