

Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Gallery at The Whitworth on Wednesday 19th July 2023

In attendance were Town Cllrs Oakley, Farmer, Long, Walker, Curtis, Elliott, Bishop, Wilson and Godber. Town Clerk Ian Adkin and Assistant Clerk Jason Hedley.

FC0723/1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Halliwell, Mordue, Taylor, County Cllr Hobson, District Cllr Franks and PCSO Mattison. No apologies were received from District Cllrs Burton or Shelley.

RF0723/2 To Consider any variations to the order of business – None.

RF0723/3 Declaration of member's interests

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

RF0723/4 To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting -None.

RF0723/5 Minutes of previous meetings

It was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21st June 2023.

RF0723/6 Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police

A written report had been circulated to Cllrs from PCSO Mattison.

RF0723/7 Public participation - None

RF0723/8 Finance

i. It was **RESOLVED** To accept the July bank reconciliation.

BANK RECONCILIATION	
Balance from 2021-22	220,178
Plus receipts	175,841
Less payments excl. VAT	69,414
Less VAT paid	1,380
Balance to date	325,226
Bank balances	
Current	134,167
Deposit	190,085
No 2 a/c	973
Total	325,226

- ii. It was **RESOLVED** to approve payments made under delegated powers.

28 June 2023 S Rivett	Office Door Sign (Reimbursement)	-£68.75
28 June 2023 S Rivett	TC ID Cards (Reimbursement)	-£56.83
28 June 2023 D Oakley	Petrol reimbursement	-£2.74

- iii. It was **RESOLVED** to approve proposed payments for July.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve delegated authority to the Clerk's Office to pay up to £100 for a "Slips, Trips & Falls" event at The Whitworth.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve delegated authority for the Clerk's Office to Pay £763 to DDDC for electoral expenses.

19 July 2023 Opera	Inv 3196 (New Website)	-£400.00		
19 July 2023 Wish	Inv 5476 (Office 365 subscription)	-£80.00	-£66.67	-£13.33
19 July 2023 Russells	Inv B13070 (Footpath maintenance supplies)	-£125.17	-£105.14	-£20.03
19 July 2023 SJR	Inv 0026 (Broadwalk Bench Fitting)	-£200.00		
19 July 2023 Whitworth Trading	SI-608	-£146.97	-£122.47	-£24.50
19 July 2023 DCC	Inv 100020231800025784 (OIH licence)	-£105.00		
19 July 2023 Shelter maintenance	Inv 15018 (Bus shelter cleaning)	-£76.68	-£63.90	-£12.78
19 July 2023 Whitworth Trading	SI-577 (Room hire)	-£87.48	-£72.90	-£14.58
19 July 2023 Whitworth Trading	SI-576 (Office hire)	-£1,061.65	-£884.71	-£176.94
19 July 2023 Amazon UK	Inv 2023-10181 (Projector stand)	-£45.88	-£38.23	-£7.68
19 July 2023 Amazon UK	Inv 2023-243936057 (Projector)	-£229.99	-£191.66	-£38.33
19 July 2023 Amazon UK	Inv 2023-62530 (Extension cable)	-£19.95	-£16.62	-£3.33
19 July 2023 Amazon UK	Inv 2023-9247 (Lanyards)	-£74.85	-£62.40	-£12.45
19 July 2023 Amazon UK	Inv 2023-10003 (ID card holder)	-£18.99	-£15.83	-£3.16
19 July 2023 Amazon UK	Inv 2023-127619 (Projector Screen)	-£76.97	-£64.14	-£12.83
19 July 2023 Staff Wages	Wages	-£4,367.59		
19 July 2023 HMRC	PAYE	-£1,047.49		
19 July 2023 J Hedley	Petrol reimbursement (45p/mile)	-£16.28		
19 July 2023 LM Creative	Inv 180723DDTC (Morledge Flyers for Cllr Bishop)	-£65.00		
19 July 2023 J B Dixon	Allotment refund	-£26.00		

- iv. Consideration of any grant requests (If any) – None

RF0723/9 Planning

- i. Cllr Farmer gave a brief run through of Planning Committee decisions for July.
- ii. Consultations requiring Full Council consideration (if any).

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Cllrs discussed the above planning application and **RESOLVED** to submit a consultation response of **NO OBJECTION**.

- Cllr Walker discussed Terms of Reference for external consultants for planning issues. Cllr Walker recommended requesting quotes from external consultants on a retainer basis. Cllrs requested the Town Clerk to check the procurement process with DALC and DDDC.

RF0723/10 Update on The Whitworth –

Cllr Long gave an update on Whitworth Trading matters. Cllr Long noted that he intended to request Council to increase the pantomime budget. Budget increase to be discussed at the Finance meeting on 14th August with any recommendations to be approved at Full Council on 16th August.

RF0723/11 Report from meeting with DDDC –

Cllr Oakley gave an update on DDTC/DDDC quarterly meeting. Town Clerk updated Cllrs on the Parkway verges and rewilding throughout the county.

RF0723/12 Property and land acquisition –

Cllr Farmer updated the council on the possibility of land acquisitions.

- Tippin: Discussions were taking place on the possibility of a capital transfer of the Tippin Park from DDDC to DDTC. Cllrs discussed the costs and benefits of a transfer and agreed for the TC to continue official discussions on the capital transfer.
- Church Rd Allotments: Cllr Farmer updated Council on the process of transferring the allotments to DDTC ownership. The process had been complicated by the discovery of a historical agricultural licence on the site.
- Downstation building at Darley Dale Station: Peak Rail were interested in a joint venture to take over the building. Cllr Long declared a conflict of interest as Chair of The Whitworth. Cllrs Long and Walker both expressed their reservations in taking over the Grade II building and associated costs. Cllr Farmer tabled the motion to continue discussions. Cllrs **RESOLVED** not to continue discussions on the capital transfer of the building to DDTC.

RF0723/13 Update from meeting with DCC Highways –

Cllr Wilson updated Council on discussions with the Highways Dept. on problems within the area. The meeting was not very productive. Cllr Wilson and the Town Clerk will discuss further actions regarding informing residents of the situation.

RF0723/14 Youth Provision –

Cllr Wilson gave an update following a meeting with stakeholders. Cllrs **RESOLVED** to look at changing the Youth Provision budget to pay for Xtreme Wheels to remain at The Whitworth. Estimated cost are £9k for a summer and approximately £15k for both summer and winter.

RF0723/15 Darley Dale in Bloom –

Cllr Oakley gave an update on DDiB and judging for the East Midlands in Bloom. Cllr Curtis had resigned as lead councillor. Cllr Walker agreed to take the lead.

20.58 Council **RESOLVED** to extend the meeting until 21.30.

RF0723/16 **Events**

- iii. D-Day - written submission from Cllr Taylor.
Council discussed Cllr Taylors written proposal. Cllr Farmer expressed a concern regarding the increased pressure on Cllr Taylor's time in order to organise.
- iv. Community Awards –
Cllr Elliott updated council on the Community, Events & Marketing meeting recommendation that the Community Awards be revamped and held every other year instead of annually. Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the awards every other year with the next awards to be held in 2024.
- v. Fireworks display –
Cllr Long noted that the fireworks event was the largest annual event in Darley Dale and asked if the council would be represented on the night. Cllrs committed to assisting as volunteers on the night, but would not set up a gazebo.

RF0723/17 **Town Council strategy and main areas of focus** –

Cllr Walker addressed Cllrs on what the council should be focussing on besides Environment and Community. Cllr Walker offered to visit each committee and working group and to propose new council objectives. Cllrs **RESOLVED** to give Cllr Walker the lead on proposing new Council objectives.

RF0723/18 **Councillor updates** – Nothing to report.

RF0723/19 **Clerks' updates/correspondence received** –

- The new website is up and running. A great job had been done by Sarah Rivett (CEO) and Opera (website company).
- The Town Clerk had received a thank you letter from the monitoring officer who had seen a marked uptake in younger registrations over the previous election due to Town Council publicity.
- The Clerk is planning to call a Finance meeting on Monday 14th August. He invited Cllrs to email him with any suggested changes to the current budget.
- The Town Clerk informed Cllrs that the use of social media was covered in the Standing Orders and he would be circulating the relevant section to remind councillors.

RF0723/20 **Date of the next meeting** –

Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council on Wednesday 16th August, 7pm.