

**Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in
the Gallery at The Whitworth on Wednesday 20th September 2023**

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

- FC0923/1 Apologies for absence –**
Apologies were received from District Cllr Shelley, Town Cllrs Long, Halliwell, Curtis, Taylor, Walker and PCSO Mattison. No apologies received from District Cllr Franks.
- RF0923/2 To consider any variations to the order of business –** None.
- RF0923/3 Declaration of members' interests –**
Cllrs Oakley, Farmer, Bishop, Curtis, Halliwell, Long and Taylor have declared interests as members of the Whitworth Trust.
- RF0923/4 To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting –**
Members of the public are to be excluded from the confidential section.
- RF0923/5 Minutes of previous meetings –**
It was **RESOLVED** to defer the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 16th August 2023 until the October meeting to allow for amendments to be made.
- RF0923/6 Update from County Councillors and Police –**
- i. A written report had been circulated from PCSO Mattison, however, the Assistant Clerk provided a brief overview for the benefit of non-Town Cllrs present.
 - ii. County Cllr Hobson provided the following update:
 - Discussions were taking place with District Cllr Shelley regarding allotment drainage.
 - Free defib training is available if a venue is provided.
 - Consultation on traffic orders has been delayed but are in the pipeline.
 - A site visit is planned to the proposed VAS location at Darley Bridge.
 - An e-scooter had been confiscated in Darley Dale.
 - Better Derbyshire Dales fund has grants available for up to £5k.
 - DDDC were rescinding an earlier decision on travellers sites and were now looking into sites in Ashbourne and Rowsley. Consultation would be taking place online only.

- iii. District Cllr Burton gave a general update. He had arranged a planning liaison meeting between District planning department and DDTC planning committee.

RF0923/7 Public participation –

Representatives of Winster and Darley Lions FC spoke asking for permission to upgrade facilities within the Whitworth Park. Currently there is no running water or shower facilities. It was agreed that discussions must first take place with the Whitworth Trust. DDTC will also support through the Community, Events & Marketing Working Group.

RF0923/8 Finance –

- i. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the September bank reconciliation.

BANK RECONCILIATION	
Balance from 2021-22	220,178
Plus receipts	175,873
Less payments excl. VAT	84,562
Less VAT paid	2,144
Balance to date	309,346
Bank balances	
Current	118,287
Deposit	190,085
No 2 a/c	973
Total	309,346

- ii. Payments made under delegated powers - None.

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

20 September 2023 PFK Littlejohn	Inv SB20231504 (Ext Audit)	-£504.00	-£420.00	-£84.00
20 September 2023 Shelter Maintenance	Inv 15112 (Aug)	-£76.68	-£63.90	-£12.78
20 September 2023 Shelter Maintenance	Inv 15130 (Repair)	-£108.00	-£90.00	-£18.00
20 September 2023 Opera	Inv 3243	-£18.00	-£15.00	-£3.00
20 September 2023 DDiB	Inv 23/03 (Autumn planting)	-£1,000.00		
20 September 2023 S J Rivett	Inv 030 (Broadway Bench)	-£200.00		
20 September 2023 Opera	Inv 3261	-£138.00	-£115.00	-£23.00
20 September 2023 Whitworth Trading	SI-715 (Room hire Falls prevention)	-£79.00	-£65.83	-£13.17
20 September 2023 Whitworth Trading	SI-720 (Office hire)	-£1,061.65	-£884.71	-£176.94
20 September 2023 Whitworth Trading	SI-721 (Gallery room hire)	-£87.48	-£72.90	-£14.58
20 September 2023 S Rivett	Inv 031 (Ground prep & Bench Ameycroft)	-£300.00		
20 September 2023 Staff Wages	Wages	-£1,265.26		
20 September 2023 HMRC	PAYE	-£1,336.26		

- It was **RESOLVED** to approve delegated authority to the Clerk's office to pay the following:
 - a) Darley Dale Volunteers (equipment) up to £350.00
 - b) Xtreme Wheels up to £6,460 + VAT
 - c) Shelter Maintenance (2xbins) £710.80 + VAT
 - d) Shelter Maintenance (bin service) £6 per month ongoing
 - e) LM Creative (CV) Up to £1850

iv. No grant applications.

RF0923/9 Budget recommendation for the Finance Advisory Committee –

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the revised budget and use reserves if necessary to cover any overspend.

RF0923/10 Governance –

The Town Clerk updated Council on the completed external audit. There had been a minor observation over the asset list.

RF0923/11 Planning –

i. Cllr Farmer provided a brief overview of planning decisions in September.

- **23/00969/VCOND:** Liz Palin

DEVELOPMENT : Removal of condition no.2 of application 07/00075/FUL to allow the building to be used as a permanent independant dwellinghouse
LOCATION : The Cottage Knabb Farm Sydnope Hill Darley Moor Matlock

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a recommendation of **NO OBJECTION**.

- **23/00961/FUL:** Mr & Mrs Briddon

DEVELOPMENT : Extension to garage
LOCATION : Highfields Hallmoor Road Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2HF

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a recommendation of **NO OBJECTION**.

- **T/23/00155/TPO:** CLAIRE WRIGHT

PROPOSAL: 1 Ash tree - crown reduce by approx 30%, shortening branches by up to 3m
LOCATION: Darley Hall Park Lane Two Dales

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a recommendation of **NO OBJECTION**. Darley Dale Town Council will defer to the decision of the District Tree Officer.

- **T/23/00141/TPO:** JOHN GILBERT

PROPOSAL: 1 NORWAY MAPLE TREE - TO CROWN REDUCE BY 30%, REMOVING APPROX 2M OF GROWTH 1 ROBINIA - TO FELL (CLIENT SAYS THIS TREE HAS NO RESTRICTIONS)

LOCATION: 2 Porteous Close Two Dales Derbyshire

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a recommendation of **NO OBJECTION**. Darley Dale Town Council will defer to the decision of the District Tree Officer.

- **T/23/00150/TPO:** Dr Chris Payne
PROPOSAL: DDDC wishes to remove a large mature cypress tree located next to a historic veteran yew tree in the churchyard. The cypress is overshadowing the yew, impinging upon its canopy and likely reducing water availability. The yew is a noted historic tree with veteran tree features and is being negatively affected by the cypress.
Engineering works to facilitate additional parking (retrospective), erection of a boundary fence and car port
LOCATION : The cypress has limited amenity value in my opinion and certainly less than the yew. The proposal is to remove the cypress to ground level.
LOCATION: St Helens Church Church Road Churchtown

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a recommendation of **NO OBJECTION**.

- **23/00990/FUL:** Mr Luke Stacey
DEVELOPMENT : 5 Hackney Road Hackney Derbyshire DE4 2PW

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a recommendation of **NO OBJECTION**. Darley

- **23/00943/FUL:** Mr. & Mrs. A. & A. Redfern
DEVELOPMENT : Change of use of land to domestic garden, erection of a greenhouse, the laying of a concrete base, construction of a compost bay and erection of an equipment store (PartRetrospective)
LOCATION : Lowlands Darley House Estate Hackney Derbyshire DE4 2QH

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a recommendation of **NO OBJECTION**.

ii. Consultations requiring full council consideration:

- **23/00999/FUL:** Mr Alan Cartlidge Surety Care Limited
DEVELOPMENT : Erection of residential care accommodation (Use Class C2)
LOCATION : Young Explorers Day Nursery Old Road Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2ER

It was **RESOLVED** to return the following consultation response:

Darley Dale Town Council support this application, however, we have reservations regarding the lack of pedestrian crossing facilities across the A6.

RF0923/12 **Update on Cross-Council Working Group** –

Cllr Wilson gave an update on a disappointing response from DCC following a letter being sent on behalf of the cross-council working group. Councillors **RESOLVED** to

make the correspondence public. The Clerk would arrange a follow-up meeting for October.

RF0923/13 Update on The Whitworth –

Cllr Farmer expanded on a written update forwarded by Cllr Long.

- There is currently a £17k surplus YTD with forecasting of £20k for the full year.
- Challenging economic times at present.
- Update on the “Heart in the Park” project.
- Cllr Long noted that it was essential to continue the DDTC/Whitworth liaison meetings.
- Xtreme Wheels project was working well with support from The Whitworth GM.
- The Whitworth AGM had been held on the August 18th 2023.

RF0923/14 Report from Environmental Working Group –

- i. A draft plan on community energy generation, insulation and reducing fuel poverty is to be presented to Full Council by the Environment Working Group at the October meeting.
- ii. CEO gave an update on preparations for the next Repair Café to be held on Sunday 1st October at The Whitworth (10am – 1pm).

RF0923/15 Report from EcoBat liaison meeting –

No DDTC representatives attended. Clerk to obtain an update from South Darley Clerk.

RF0923/16 Community and events –

- i. Cllr Taylor was absent from the meeting and therefore unable to give an update on the D-Day event. Cllr Wilson stated his reservations about spending large sums of money celebrating an event which took place 80years ago. Cllrs agreed they needed more information on the event and costs.
Cllr Wilson proposed that Cllr Taylor present a full proposal (including costs) at the October Full Council meeting, otherwise an alternative option should be discussed.
Council **RESOLVED** to accept Cllr Wilsons proposal.
- ii. The Asst. Clerk gave an update on this year’s Remembrance preparations. South Darley and Northwood & Tinkersley would be invited.
- iii. CEO gave an update on preparations for the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th Sept (11am-1pm).
- iv. It was **RESOLVED** to approve delegated authority for the Clerk’s office to spend up to £350 on tools for the Darley Dale Volunteering Group.

RF0923/17 Bus shelter bins –

It was **RESOLVED** to approve expenditure on 2 new bins at the bus stops either side of the A6 outside the DD Medical Centre plus associated service costs of £3 per bin per month.

RF0923/18 Councillor updates –

Cllrs individually updated Council on any activity.

RF0923/19 Clerks' updates/correspondence received –

The Town Clerk invited any questions or comments on his update which had been circulated before the meeting.

RF0923/20 Date of the next meeting – Cllrs **RESOLVED to hold the next Full Council on Wednesday 18th October, 7pm.**

Confidential Section:

- It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the CEO's appointment as a permanent member of staff and move her from pay scale point 13 to 18.
- It was **RESOLVED** to propose Jason Hedley and Sarah Rivett for enrolment in the LG Pension Scheme with effect from 18th September 2023.