

Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Gallery at The Whitworth on Wednesday 15th November 2023

In attendance were Town Cllrs Oakley, Farmer, Bishop, Curtis, Halliwell, Long, Mellor, Mordue and Walker. District Cllr Shelley and Franks and County Cllr Hobson. PCSOs Mattison and Thompson. Town Clerk Ian Adkin, Assistant Clerk Jason Hedley and CEO Sarah Rivett.

- FC1123/1** **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from District Cllr Burton and Town Cllr Elliott.
- FC1123/2** **To consider any variations to the order of business** – **RESOLVED** to add a decision paper presented by the Town Clerk to 9.iv of the agenda.
- FC1123/3** **Declaration of members’ interests** – Cllrs Farmer, Bishop, Curtis, Halliwell and Long have declared interests as members of the Whitworth Trust.
- FC1123/4** **To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting** – None
- FC1123/5** **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Full Council Meeting held on 18th October 2023.
- FC1123/6** **Co-option of councillor** – Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept Barry Mellor onto Darley Dale Town Council.
- FC1123/7** **Update from District Cllrs, County Cllr and Police** –
County Cllr Hobson provided the following update:
- Congratulated the Town Council on the Darley Dale Remembrance Sunday Service/Parade and noted what a great turnout there was.
 - Sarah Dines had organised a meeting in Baslow Village Hall on Saturday 18th November to discuss flooding.
 - Hallmoor Woods – a meeting with 4/5 community representatives was being organised at County Hall and a DDTC representative should attend. Questions should be sent to Cllr Hobson before this meeting to ensure the relevant information is available on the day.
 - £2 bus fare cap extended to 31 December 2024.
 - Primary/junior school admission is open now until midnight on 15th January 2024.
 - Public consultation on recycling centres in Derbyshire closes on 26th December.
- District Cllrs Franks and Shelley gave a general update:
- Attended Darley Dale’s Remembrance Service/Parade and thanked DDTC for organising the service.

- Working to rectifying some building issues at Boden Close.
- Met with residents affected by the flooding on Chesterfield Road. Not a quick fixed issue as a budget/engineering solution is needed to prevent flooding in this area in the future.
- Discussed the ongoing roadworks at the pumping station near Arc Leisure. Town Councillors **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should write a letter to the Chief Executive of Severn Trent about this ongoing issue.

PCSO Mattison provided the following update:

- PSCO Thompson is currently shadowing PSCO Mattison.
- Speed enforcement operation occurring in December from Whitworth Road into Northwood.
- Lime Grove (Oker) – drug issue, one tenant who was causing issues has left the estate, more of an update to follow.
- Poppy Fields – vehicle broken into and stolen. The car was found in Derby. The thief was not local to the area.
- Currently looking for a long-term solution for parking on Greenaway Lane, especially by the school.

FC1123/8 **Public participation** – None

FC1123/9 **Finance**

- It was **RESOLVED** to accept the November bank reconciliation.

BANK RECONCILIATION	
Balance from 2021-22	220,178
Plus receipts	180,414
Less payments excl. VAT	105,971
Less VAT paid	3,073
Balance to date	291,548
Bank balances	
Current	99,227
Deposit	192,321
No 2 a/c	0
Total	291,548

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

20/10/2023	Richard Buxton	Environmental Solicitor	£1,000.00	-	Approved by Cllrs Email
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- iii. It was **RESOLVED** to approve proposed payments for November.

15 November 2023	Russells	Brushcutter (DD Volunteer use)	-£755.39	-£634.53	-£120.86
15 November 2023	Rocket Display Ltd	Giant Cheque	-£57.60	-£48.00	-£9.60
15 November 2023	RBL	Lamp post poppies	-£84.00		
15 November 2023	Mathew Hibbs	Fence netting (Allotments)	-£65.00		
15 November 2023	DD Methodist Church	Room hire (public meeting)	-£43.75		
15 November 2023	MDS Events	PA Hire (Remembrance)	-£75.00		
15 November 2023	LM Creative	Repair Cage posters, FB & Remembrance booklet	-£266.00		
15 November 2023	Wish Comp Ltd	Laptop hard drive	-£144.00	-£120.00	-£24.00
15 November 2023	The Whitworth Trading	Room hire (Xtreme Wheel)	-£360.00	-£300.00	-£60.00
15 November 2023	Amazon UK	2023-34140 (Document holder)	-£9.24	-£7.70	-£1.54
15 November 2023	The Whitworth Trading	SI 885 - Office hire Nov	-£1,061.65	-£884.71	-£176.94
15 November 2023	The Whitworth Trading	SI 886 - Room hire	-£87.48	-£72.90	-£14.58
15 November 2023	Amazon UK	2023-134359 (Fly tipping signs)	-£6.34	-£5.28	-£1.06
15 November 2023	Opera	Inv 3310	-£108.00	-£90.00	-£18.00
15 November 2023	Twining	Share of insurance	-£120.24		
15 November 2023	Wish Comp Ltd	Inv 5796 (Norton Security)	-£80.00	-£66.67	-£13.33
15 November 2023	Shelter maintenance	Inv 15219 (Oct)	-£76.68	-£63.90	-£12.78
15 November 2023	Amazon UK	2023-129186 (Fly tipping sign)	-£6.34	-£5.28	-£1.06
15 November 2023	Amazon UK	GB36WE6ZTAEUI (Command Strips)	-£14.74	-£12.28	-£2.46
15 November 2023	Amazon UK	2023-433015132 (Cable ties)	-£6.74	-£5.61	-£1.13
15 November 2023	Amazon UK	GB36VCDQRAEUI (stationary)	-£7.03	-£5.86	-£1.17
15 November 2023	Amazon UK	11TX-H6FM-4MQ3 (Printer Ink)	-£41.23		
15 November 2023	STAFF	Wages	-£4,180.41		
15 November 2023	HMRC	PAYE	-£1,165.42		
15 November 2023	Amazon UK	GB37FPDSRAEUI	-£8.48	-£7.07	-£1.41
15 November 2023	The Whitworth Trading	SI 900 (Service for Warm Wednesday)	-£1,200.00	-£1,000.00	-£200.00

- iv. A decision paper was presented by the Town Clerk at the meeting.
- It was **RESOLVED** to approve the cost of £2,700 to remove the fallen trees in the brook at Oddford allotment.
 - It was **RESOLVED** to approve the cost of £780 to pollard the trees to make them safe at Willow Way.
 - It was **RESOLVED** to approve the cost of £1,290 for two new planters (TDP) by the Arc and the Square and Compass.
 - It was **RESOLVED** to pay The Whitworth £1,000 to contribute to Warm Wednesday's.
 - It was **RESOLVED** to approve option 1 for the Town Clerk's Office to have a new printer.
- v. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the grant request for £1,000 for Jigsaw Foodbank.

FC1123/10 Planning

- i. Cllr Farmer provided a brief overview of planning decisions in November.
- 23/01116/FUL:**
DEVELOPMENT: Single storey rear extension

LOCATION: Galena Whitworth Road Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2HJ

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

- **23/01101/OUT: Mr Nicholas Russell**

DEVELOPMENT: Outline application for erection of 1no. dwellinghouse with associated garage and erection of stores and builders workshop with associated demolition

LOCATION: Red House Stables Old Road Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2ER

Councillors feel they are unable to submit a recommendation due to insufficient clarity and detail on the proposed application. Councillors recommend that District Planning Officers visit the site to fully understand this application.

- **23/00990/FUL: Mr Luke Stacey**

DEVELOPMENT: Engineering works to facilitate additional parking (retrospective), erection of a boundary fence and car port

LOCATION: 5 Hackney Road Hackney Derbyshire DE4 2PW.

Members of the public made representations to voice their concerns over the application prior to the Planning Committee making a decision.

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a recommendation of **OBJECTION** on the following grounds:

- The structure has been erected without due consideration to the root protection area (RPA) of a mature beach tree.
- Structural engineer's letter indicates that the driveway is inadequate for loads over 2.5 tonnes and lists concerns over specific wheel placement of vehicles.
- No evidence of base construction or drainage.
- The applicant has suggested that a fence be erected on the gambions, however, the gambions are not suitable for placing any structure on. Therefore, with no fence this would produce light pollution from car headlights directly into the neighbour's upstairs bedrooms.

Darley Dale Planning Committee would recommend a site visit by District Planning and Building Control officers.

- **23/01156/FUL: Mr Robin Schutlz Mushroom Emporium**

DEVELOPMENT: Erection of agricultural building for growing mushrooms

LOCATION: Land Off Wheatley Road Two Dales Derbyshire

Darley Dale Town Council have **NO OBJECTION** to the agricultural building and the proposed use of a small-scale rural enterprise (mushroom farm). Councillors feel that this small enterprise is in keeping with a single-track access road but would only be supportive of this application for this sole purpose.

- ii. Consultations requiring full council consideration – None.
- iii. Update on Stancliffe and Hallmoor - Cllrs Oakley and Farmer met with the owners of Stancliffe who have said they want to engage in communication with the Town Council.

They accept things haven't previously been done correctly and noted that they also do not want to see any houses from the A6 and want the entrance to the new housing estate to be in keeping with the area. They also confirmed that they will ensure they involve the Town Council with the house designs.

Cllr Farmer confirmed that the owner of Hall Dale Quarry is happy to meet a smaller group of residents. It is felt that the Town Council had taken the lead and had supported residents and stakeholders to the best of its ability. It had involved all the relevant regulatory bodies who had the power to influence the situation and through the public meeting had enabled residents to become organised and communicate between themselves. Councillors were mindful of the increased resources being spent by the Town Council and felt that things had reached a point where other objectives needed to take priority for a while.

FC1123/11 Setting the precept for 24-25

- i. Setting objectives - Cllr Walker to organise a meeting to agree priorities and start to determine the budget required for each objective. This year the aim was to build the precept from the bottom up and then seek residents opinions and adjust accordingly.
- ii. Consultation - Cllr Long recommended that the precept consultation should include what we do as a Town Council and what we have achieved in the previous precept year.

FC1123/12 Update on Cross-Council Working Group –

Cllr Wilson provided an overview of the last meeting, confirming it was poorly attended. Also, a response needs to be given to Derbyshire County Council's response to the groups concerns. The next meeting is arranged for 8th December. The Town Clerk will reach out to the other Town/Parish Councils to see what topics are being brought up by residents for themes to discuss at this next meeting.

FC1123/13 Update on The Whitworth –

- i. Currently recruiting a new general manager, 60 applications so far.
- ii. A great fireworks display regardless of the weather leading up to the event and fantastic feedback received about the event, but unfortunately the event made a loss.
- iii. Pantomime sales have been good and there is lots of Christmas events occurring during December.

FC1123/14 Environment Working Group update –

- i. Cllr Mordue ran through his proposal and confirmed he will reach out to a number of companies that can put together a Community Energy Survey for Darley Dale to determine costs.
- ii. Repair Café – CEO confirmed the 2024 Repair Café dates – 31st March, 30th June and 29th September.

FC1123/15 Community and events –

- i. Assistant Town Clerk summarised the Remembrance Parade and Service and thanked all those that took part in ensuring the day was a success. He will look into reducing the time of the service next year and hiring wireless speakers and a silent generator. Any other ideas for Remembrance, councillors to send to the Assistant Clerk via email.
- ii. Town Clerk reiterated the work required at Oddford allotments following the flood damage.

- iii. Town Clerk confirmed that there will be a meeting on 28th November at the Tippin with DDDC regarding the football pitch, play area and location of storage containers for Darley Dale Juniors F.C.
- iv. Cllr Walker confirmed Christine Goldsack is now the new chair for Darley Dale in Bloom. The plants will be bought via the council office going forward to reduce costs. Discussions regarding planting plans will occur going forward before planting happens.

It was **RESOLVED** to extend the meeting for 15 minutes at 20:53.

- v. It was **RESOLVED** to approve, in principle, £8,000 from the 24-25 budget to pay for Extreme Wheels sessions from Easter to October half-term. Grants would be sought to reduce this amount.

FC1123/16 **Councillor updates** – None.

FC1123/17 **Clerks' updates/correspondence received** – Cllrs Wilson and Halliwell confirmed they would be attending the flood meeting at Baslow Village Hall on 18th November on behalf of the Town Council.

FC1123/18 **Date of the next meeting** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council on Wednesday 20th December, 7pm.