

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Ballroom at The Whitworth on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**In attendance were Town Cllrs Farmer, Bishop, Curtis, Godber, Mellor, Mordue, Walker and Wilson. Town Clerk Ian Adkin, Assistant Clerk Jason Hedley and CEO Sarah Rivett. District Cllrs Shelley was present throughout. District Cllrs Burton and Franks joined part way through the meeting. County Cllr Hobson. Two members of the public.**

**RESOLVED** to accept the new agenda reflecting the changes to the order of business.

**FC0124/1** **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr Halliwell and PCSO Mattison.

**FC0124/2** **To appoint a Chair** – **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Farmer as Chair with one abstention.

**FC0124/3** **To appoint a Vice-Chair** – **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Walker as Vice-Chair.

**FC0124/4** **Declaration of Members' interests** – Cllrs Curtis and Mellor have declared interests as members of The Whitworth Trust.

**18.06** Cllr Mellor left the meeting.

**FC0124/5** **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Full Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**FC0124/6** **Update from District Councillors, County Councillors and Police** – PCSO Mattison provided an update which was sent in the supporting papers.

District Cllr Shelley provided an update:

- Chasing section 106 money for Darley Dale
- Asked for the progress on the Tippin – The Town Clerk confirmed that DDDC are currently looking at the transfer of the land over to DDTC, we won't have an answer until March. The Town Clerk also confirmed that DDDC are due to confirm if planning position is required for a container to be placed at the Tippin. We have now been waiting over 3 months for an answer, Cllr Shelley to chase regarding this.
- Meet with the NCHA at Boden Close regarding building standards of new houses.
- Stanton Close – service water overflowing. DCC to get in touch with the landowner to resolve this issue.
- Speeding on Chesterfield Road – Cllr Shelley to catch up with the Town Clerk regarding the PCC's speed device initiative.

- Recent application for 37 houses to be built on Old Hackney Road, view previous application and compare against new application.
- Many of DDTC emails regarding Planning to DCC are not being replied to. Cllr Shelley has asked that going forward he is cc'd into all emails.

County Cllr Hobson provided an update:

- Confirmed Sydnop Hill has been closed to fill potholes.
- Trees adjacent to Ladygrove Road will be trimmed back.
- Flooding at Baslow Village Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> January was well attended. It was confirmed that there will now be money for a resilience grant to prevent flooding.
- Mark Sellick is now longer looking after the double yellow lines that are due to be in place in several locations in Darley Dale. Steve Allcock is now looking after the consultation process for this.
- The recycling plant consultation ended on Boxing Day, awaiting results.
- Emphasises that residents need to report all issues with flooding, roads, bins etc online.
- Attended Warm Wednesday on 24<sup>th</sup> January and is hoping to attend more.
- Please contact Cllr Hobson via email.

The Town Clerk to send Cllr Hobson an email regarding the S106 money owed to Darley Dale.

**FC0124/7**    **Committee and Working Group memberships –**

Cllr Mellor was appointed to the Planning Committee. Cllr Halliwell has resigned from the committee.

Cllr Mellor and Cllr Wilson were appointed to the Finance Advisory Committee.

Environmental Working Group – still needs a Chair.

The lead councillor for Platform Housing is now Julie Bishop.

**FC0124/8**    **Precept** – It was **RESOLVED** to set the precept for 2024/2025 at £180,054 – a rise of 4.5%.

**FC0124/9**    **Allotments** – It was **RESOLVED** to increase the allotment rents by 2.5%.

The Town Clerk had written to all allotment holders explaining the increase and had received positive comments regarding the increase which equates to approximately £1 extra a year for most allotment holders.

The Town Clerk will look into applying for the resilience flooding grant for the allotments.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk could waiver the fees for 6 allotment holders equating to approximately £150.

**FC0124/10**    **Community energy initiative explained –**

John Mordue gave a brief overview of why we should opt to Communities for Renewables to build an energy report for Darley Dale. It was agreed that Cllr Mordue to proceed with organising the report at £4,000 plus VAT.

**18.51** District Cllr Burton arrived at the meeting.

**18.52** District Cllr Franks arrived at the meeting.

**FC0124/11** **Retrofit event** –

Cllr Mordue gave an update on The Big Green Energy Event (Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February).

**FC0124/12** **Finance** –

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

<b>BANK RECONCILIATION</b>	
Balance from 2021-22	220,178
Plus receipts	182,176
Less payments excl. VAT	162,866
Less VAT paid	4,785
Balance to date	<b>234,703</b>
<b>Bank balances</b>	
Current	41,050
Deposit	193,653
No 2 a/c	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>234,703</b>

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

16/01/2024	I Adkin	Wages	-£1,210.17	App by Vice Chair & RFO
16/01/2024	J Hedley	Wages	-£1,707.92	App by Vice Chair & RFO
16/01/2024	S Rivett	Wages	-£1,453.79	App by Vice Chair & RFO
16/01/2024	HMRC	PAYE	-£1,338.45	App by Vice Chair & RFO
16/01/2024	Govt Pension Scheme	Staff Pension	-£946.39	App by Vice Chair & RFO

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

24 January 2024	Whitworth Trading	SI 976 (Office hire)	-£1,061.65	-£884.71	-£176.94
24 January 2024	Whitworth Trading	SI 984	-£270.00	-£225.00	-£45.00
24 January 2024	Whitworth Trading	SI 1005	-£87.48	-£72.90	-£14.58
24 January 2024	LM Creative	Inv 120124DDTC (CV & ENV Posters)	-£1,932.00		
24 January 2024	Shelter Maintenance	Inv 15333 (Installation of bins)	-£852.96	-£710.80	-£142.16
24 January 2024	Clarity Copiers	Inv 248240	-£29.40	-£24.50	-£4.90
24 January 2024	DALC	SI 4006 (Precept training)	-£10.00		
24 January 2024	A6 Tree Care	Inv 324 (Oddford Tree Works)	-£3,840.00	-£3,200.00	-£640.00
24 January 2024	Shelter Maintenance	Inv 15304	-£76.68	-£63.90	-£12.78
24 January 2024	H&CO Pest Control	Inv 765	-£1,260.00		
24 January 2024	Derwent Treescapes	Inv 4/0069 (disposal of Christmas tree)	-£174.00	-£145.00	-£29.00
24 January 2024	DALC	SI 3937 (Sept first aid training J Wilson)	-£140.00		

- iv. Proposed expenditure requiring approval –

It was **RESOLVED** to go with option 2 - Willow Way recommended tree works reducing need for annual works £3,792.00.

- v. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the request from Darley Dale Scout Group for a grant of £990 for camping equipment subject to the Assistant Clerk carrying out due diligence once we have received the bank statements.

**FC0124/13** **Planning –**

- i. Cllr Farmer invited comments on the planning decisions in January that were distributed before the Council Meeting.

- **23/01320/OUT:** Mr Dominic Goutorbe  
DEVELOPMENT: Outline application for demolition of outbuildings and erection of 1no. dwellinghouse with approval being sought for access, layout and scale  
LOCATION: Upperwood Boarding Kennels The Moorlands Back Lane Darley Moor Matlock.

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

- **23/00934/FUL:** Mr Nicholas Russell  
DEVELOPMENT: Installation of concrete foundation pad and siting of railway goods wagon and decking.  
LOCATION: Red House Stables Old Road Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2ER
- **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
- **23/00916/FUL:** Mr Nicholas Russell  
DEVELOPMENT: Change of use from museum and exhibition space to (class E) antique, salvage, recycled and vintage collectables shop  
LOCATION: Red House Stables Old Road Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2ER  
For applications **23/00934/FUL**, **23/01101/OUT** & **23/00916/FUL** Councillors felt that there is insufficient information for the Town Council Planning Committee to make an informed recommendation. After discussing the applications with the applicant and neighbours to the development site the Town Council Planning Committee would again request that District Planning Officers conduct a site visit to examine all three applications in conjunction with each other to better understand the overall development and impact on neighbouring homes/streetscape.
- **24/00020/FUL:** Mr & Mrs Mitchell (Late Submission)  
DEVELOPMENT: Porch extension  
LOCATION: Hackney Lane Farm Old Hackney Lane Hackney Derbyshire DE4 2QJ

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

- ii. Consultations requiring Full Council Consideration – None.

- iii. Public participation – two members of the public came to discuss their concerns over the Wheatly Road development regarding two bungalows.

**FC0124/14** **Discussion on technology available to Councillors** – Cllrs Bishop and Wilson would be keen to know what technology could be offered. The Town Clerk will pull costings together of options.

**FC0124/15** **Councillor updates** –  
District Cllr Burton provided an update:  
Requested site visits for the three applications discussed at the Planning meeting.

District Cllr Franks provided an update:

- Hooley's Estate – two benches need replacing: Stanton Moor View opposite the bus stop and the bench in the playground area at the top of Alton Rise (Platform Housing may potentially be responsible for this).
- Confirmed there will be a new Child and Youth Developer Worker starting at CVS and will pass the contact details onto the CEO.
- Parking is an issue at the Hooley's Estate and there has been the suggestion that the area opposite become a parking area for resident with parking permits. The Clerk's office to contact DCC regarding this.

**FC0124/15** **Councillor updates** –

- The Clerk's office has received an email regarding the consultation of DCC boundaries. No changes were being proposed for this area.
- The Town Clerk has been asked about the cones a resident is putting out on Hackney Road to reserve parking. PSCO Mattison has been informed about this.
- The benches opposite the Co-op will be securely reinstalled in the coming weeks.
- Darley Dale Community Group lead by David Gray is doing an amazing job and will next be at Willow Way on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. All Councillors were asked to ensure they pop down and thank the volunteers.
- It was agreed that the March Full Council meeting should be held at the ARC – CEO to look into booking the community room.

**FC0124/16** **Date of next meeting** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7pm.

**RESOLVED** to extend the meeting by 30 minutes to finish at 8.30pm to cover confidential items.

### **CONFIDENTIAL**

Council **RESOLVED** to allow The Whitworth Trust to appoint their own management team and Chair of The Whitworth Trust.