

**Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in  
the Community Room at the ARC Leisure Centre on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
March 2024**

**In attendance were Town Cllrs Farmer, Adkin, Bishop, Curtis, Mellor, E. Walker and Wilson. Town Clerk Ian Akin, Assistant Clerk Jason Hedley and CEO Sarah Rivett. County Cllr Hobson.**

- FC0324/1**     **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Godber, Mordue and I. Walker, District Cllrs Burton, Franks and Shelley and PCSO Mattison.
- FC0324/2**     **To consider any variations to the order of business** – None.
- FC0324/3**     **Declaration of members’ interests** – Cllrs Mellor, Farmer, E Walker, I Walker and Wilson declared their interest as members of The Whitworth Trust.
- FC0324/4**     **To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting** – None.
- FC0324/5**     **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Full Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- FC0324/6**     **Public participation** – A resident summarised the history of the double yellow lines on Morledge, noting that Willaim Davis who built the houses had them installed and they were then removed by DCC when they adopted the road.

Another resident who rents out space at his property to an accountancy firm confirmed that he has received a revised plan where there is now a break in the double yellow lines. He reiterated that the accountancy firm needs this space to park in order for the company to survive.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the office would keep in touch with the ARC Leisure Centre to reiterate the parking restrictions when galas are held at the leisure centre and ensure they ask those attending not to park on Morledge.

County Cllr Hobson noted that there was a massive backlog with TROs and she will go back and ask where Darley Dale’s TROs are on the list. She suggested that the clerks’ office writes to the Cabinet Member of the Highways, Charlotte Cupit to stress the Town frustration with these delays.

**FC0324/7     Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police –**

County Cllr Hobson provided the following update:

- The auction for the car park by the cricket club will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> April.
- The recycling centre consultation has now ended and the decision has been made to reduce centre opening times by 2 hours each day, now closing at 5pm. They will trial a separate service for small businesses and sole traders for building waste, asbestos and tyres.
- Two open letters have been published regarding potholes and highways. Cllr Hobson confirmed she would circulate these.
- She met with Heritage Lottery Fund and will send a factsheet as to what funding can be applied for.
- Boundaries are under review for county wards.

PCSO Mattison provided an update which was sent in the supporting papers.

Further publication participation –

A member of the public noted that there were two no-mow areas near Alton Rise that have no wildflowers growing but there is an area at the top of Morledge that has wildflowers and is mowed!

The Town Clerk confirmed that DDDC are now scarifying areas, such as Parkway, to plant wildflowers. The member of the public will send the Town Clerk further information so he can get in touch with DDDC regarding rewilding in the area and what the plans are.

**FC0324/8     Finance –**

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

<b>BANK RECONCILIATION</b>	
Balance from 2022-23	220,178
Plus receipts	185,217
Less payments excl. VAT	225,143
Less VAT paid	6,843
Balance to date	<b>173,408</b>
<b>Bank balances</b>	
Current	29,791
Deposit	143,618
No 2 a/c	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>173,408</b>

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

01/03/2024	Whitworth Centre	S19 Recreational and Community Serv	-£30,000.00	App FC 29/02/2024
12/03/2024	SJR	INV 051 (Planter Station Rd)	-£780.00	App FC 21/02/2024
20/03/2024	SJR	INV 052 (Planter @ ARC)	-£825.00	App FC 21/02/2024

iii. It was **RESOLVED** to approve proposed payments for March.

20 March 2024	Shelter maintenance	Inv 15427 (Feb shelter cleaning)	-£83.88	-£69.90	-£13.98
20 March 2024	S Rivett	Reimburse Cllr IDs (Yazzle Inc.)	-£11.73		
20 March 2024	Amazon UK	2024-15467 (Stationary)	-£12.06	-£10.02	-£2.04
20 March 2024	Amazon UK	2024-57155 (Stationary)	-£9.99	-£8.32	-£1.67
20 March 2024	Amazon UK	BG478KWABEY (IT)	-£22.06	-£18.38	-£3.68
20 March 2024	Amazon UK	GB47LENABEY (Stationery)	-£8.49	-£7.07	-£1.42
20 March 2024	Clarity Copiers	Inv 249325 (Photocopier)	-£43.04	-£35.87	-£7.17
20 March 2024	Whitworth Trading	SI 1119 (Office hire March 24)	-£1,061.65	-£884.71	-£176.94
20 March 2024	Whitworth Trading	SI 1123 (Room hire Env Event)	-£129.00	-£107.48	-£21.52
20 March 2024	Whitworth Trading	SI 1130 (Room hire Xtreme Wheels)	-£360.00	-£300.00	-£60.00
20 March 2024	Whitworth Trading	SI 1135 (Room hire Full Council)	-£76.00	-£63.32	-£12.68
20 March 2024	A6 Tree Care	Inv 0358 (Willow Way Tree Works)	-£3,792.00	-£3,160.00	-£632.00
20 March 2024	Shelter maintenance	Inv 15454 (Callout & Repair of shelter)	-£949.20	-£791.00	-£158.20
20 March 2024	Amazon UK	2024-126923 (Stationery)	-£23.85	-£19.86	-£3.99
20 March 2024	S Rivett	Reimburse biscuits for Env Event	-£7.25		
20 March 2024	Staff Wages	Combined	-£4,585.38		
20 March 2024	HMRC	PAYE	-£1,384.18		
20 March 2024	LGPS	Pension contributions	-£1,000.85		
20 March 2024	Hazel Accountancy	PAYE	-£30.00		

iv. Proposed expenditure requiring approval –

It was agreed to defer the proposal for the restoration of the bench on Hallmoor Road until the new financial year.

v. Consideration of any grant applications –

The Twinning proposal was sent in advance with the supporting papers. Kevin Senior, a committee member gave an overview of Twinning. It was **RESOLVED** (two Cllrs abstained) to approve the request of £2,500 to pay for their event they will be hosting in May. Cllr Wilson offered help to find accommodation for those visiting that haven't got a host.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the request from Darley Dale Cricket Club of £3,000 for new cricket nets subject to the Assistant Clerk carrying out due diligence once we have received confirmation regarding land ownership.

**FC0324/09**

**Planning –**

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

- **24/00155/FUL:** Mr Paul Manning  
DEVELOPMENT: Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension  
LOCATION: Yew Villa 59 - 61 Greenaway Lane Hackney Derbyshire DE4 2QA

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

- **24/00206/FUL:** Mr David Gunter

DEVELOPMENT: Erection of single storey rear/side extension and front porch  
LOCATION: 11A Hillside Gardens Matlock Derbyshire DE4 3SH

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

- i. Side elevation is not in keeping with the streetscape.
  - ii. The oak framed porch is not in keeping with the streetscape.
- **T/24/00045/TPO**: Collinge  
PROPOSAL: T1 Silver Birch. 2m reduction & crown lift to 5m. T2 Oak. Overall crown reduction of 2-3m & crown lift to 6m.  
LOCATION: 9 Hackney Road Hackney Derbyshire

The Committee **RESOLVED** to defer to the decision of the District Council Tree Officer.

- ii. Consultations requiring full council consideration –  
**24/00205/FUL**: Andy Topley  
It was **RESOLVED** to ask DDDC to extend the consultation deadline in order for DDTC to submit their recommendations.

**FC0324/10** **Discussion of Whitworth matters** –

Cllr Mellor gave an update on Whitworth matters. On 11<sup>th</sup> April the three remaining Trustees will step back with the new Trust Board then in place. A new governance structure has been proposed and will be finalised on 11<sup>th</sup> April. He discussed the committees that will be formed.

Cllr Wilson will organise a meeting with Thompsons regarding legal matters.

Cllr Mellor thanked the three remaining Trustees for working in this transition period so helpfully.

**FC0324/11** **DCC land disposal** –

Cllr Wilson highlighted his concern again regarding the sale of the land by the cricket ground. It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should write to DCC to ask for a pause on the auction whilst the Town Council decide what to do next.

**FC0324/12** **Closer working with Northwood and Tinkersley** –

Cllr Mellor provided an update on DDTC working more closely with Northwood and Tinkersley (NT). NT are going to discuss the possibility of this at their next Town Council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March and will invite DDTC to their April meeting.

Cllr Wilson would like another Cross Council meeting organised mid/end of May (Stanton in the Peak to be invited). The Town Clerk agreed to organise this with Cllr Wilson chairing the meeting.

**FC0324/13**     **Community initiatives** –

- i.        Public consultation – The CEO summarised the results of the consultation. It was highlighted that young families are not engaged with DDTC due to the alarming low amount of returned questionnaires from the two primary schools.
- ii.       Community Voice – The spring issue will be printed on 4<sup>th</sup> April and distributed to residents from 18<sup>th</sup> April.
- iii.      Green plaques – subject to planning permission these plaques are similar to the blue plaques that can be found highlighting historical places of interest.
- iv.      Town walks – walks are being plotted and will include the green plaques.

**FC0324/14**     **Councillor updates** – None.

**FC0324/15**     **Clerks' updates/correspondence received** – DDIB's planting list has been seen by the Clerks' office and lists an attractive array of plants for the Spring planting season.

Cllr Farmer highlighted that he has been sent a letter by a resident on Poppy Fields Close noting that there is an alarming amount of dog fouling along Bakewell Road towards the ARC Leisure Centre and to Whitworth Hospital. The Town Clerks' office will ensure that residents are asked to continue to report this to DDDC. The more reports received the more likely solutions will be put in place, whether this is more signage, bins or a dog warden. The CEO will put a campaign together to inform residents of the reporting process.

Old Hackney Lane Residents Association have asked DDTC to support them in getting a speed indicator device.

**FC0324/16**     **Date of the next meeting** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.

Meeting ended at 20:57.