

**Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in
the Brunel Room at The Whitworth on Wednesday 24th April 2024**

In attendance were Town Cllrs Atkin, Curtis, Godber, Mellor, Mordue, Walker and Wilson. Town Clerk Ian Adkin, Assistant Clerk Jason Hedley and CEO Sarah Rivett. County Cllr Hobson. District Cllr Shelley.

- FC0424/1** **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Bishop, Farmer, District Cllrs Burton and Franks and PCSO Mattison.
- FC0424/2** **To consider any variations to the order of business** – None.
- FC0424/3** **Declaration of members’ interests** – Cllrs Mellor, Farmer, Walker and Wilson declared their interest as members of The Whitworth Trust.
- FC0424/4** **To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting** – None.
- FC0424/5** **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Full Council Meeting held on 20th March 2024.
- FC0424/6** **Co-option of Councillor** – It was agreed to defer this item to the May meeting.
- FC0424/7** **Public participation** – Mike Walton, a local resident of Morledge spoke about the biodiversity sub meeting he attended with DDDC and discussed the no-mow areas around Morledge and the importance of managing the areas better. He suggested more ‘Bee Kind’ signs be put in place and better communication to inform residents as to what is happening with these areas.
- FC0424/8** **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police** –

District Cllr Shelley provided the following update:

- Still in discussions regarding speed indicator devices on Chesterfield Road, Two Dales.
- Crossing by Whitworth Hospital – no update to provide. He asked that County Cllr Hobson pick this up with Highways to find out how this is progressing.
- The Town Clerk was asked to write to the Monitoring Officer regarding Darley Dale’s S106 money.
- Cllr Wilson asked for some clarity regarding recycling and the separation of items.

County Cllr Hobson provided the following update:

- The Town Clerk was asked to write to DCC about where the S106 money is for Darley Dale.
- Wishes us well with our progress with the car park on Station Road that is up for auction.

- A local plan sub committee group has been formed and DDTC will be involved in this, Cllr Hobson will inform us when this meeting is.
- Halldale Quarry – validated planning permission has yet to be received. Cllr Mellor had been informed of a planning reference number which when checked on the planning portal did not work. County Cllr Hobson will check for Cllr Mellor.
- Sydnop Hill – the one.network announcement was incorrect the road would only be closed for one day for resurfacing and not until August.
- It was confirmed that DCC could provide no assistance with the River Derwent clean up.
- Please keep reporting any potholes on the DCC portal.

There was no update from PSCO Mattison.

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Planning –

- i. Cllr Walker invited comments on the planning decisions in April that were distributed before the Council Meeting.
 - **24/00205/FUL: Andy Topley Darley Dale Cricket Club**
DEVELOPMENT: Installation of cricket net practice facility
LOCATION: Darley Dale Cricket Club Cricket Ground Main Road Darley Bridge Derbyshire.
It was **RESOLVED** to submit a recommendation of **NO OBJECTION**.
 - **24/00201/FUL: Mr and Ms Alan Blyth and Jen Maynard**
DEVELOPMENT: Alterations to windows and doors and erection of porch
LOCATION: Old Mill House Ladygrove Road Two Dales Derbyshire DE4 2FG
Cllrs have concerns regarding the design of the windows on the Northeast elevation not being in keeping with the style of the building and will defer to the recommendation of the District Planning Officers.
 - **T/24/00063/TPO: Archie Walker**
PROPOSAL: Prune 5 beech trees. T1, T2, T3, T4 and T5.
LOCATION: The Beeches 4 Normanhurst Park Darley Dale
The Town Council defer to the expertise of the District Tree Officer.
 - **24/00278/OUT: Mr Dominic Goutorbe**
DEVELOPMENT: Demolition of outbuildings and erection of dwellinghouse for rural workers - approval being sought for access, layout and scale.
LOCATION: Upperwood Boarding Kennels The Moorlands Back Lane Darley Moor Matlock
Cllrs **RESOLVED** to submit a recommendation of **NO OBJECTION**.
 - **24/00299/FUL: Sarah Powell, Statham Properties Ltd**
DEVELOPMENT: Erection of 2 no. dwellinghouses
LOCATION : Plantation Cottage Hallmoor Road Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2HF

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

- i. The development is not in keeping with the surrounding streetscape, all of which are single storey on the roadside.
 - ii. Applicant lists parking for 3 cars at each dwelling, however, Cllrs do not consider this possible given the dimensions of the site leading to concerns about overflow parking on the narrow road.
 - iii. Cllrs have concerns regarding the overall size of the development on the available land.
- ii. Consultations requiring full council consideration (if any) – None.
 - iii. General updates – Cllr Wilson suggested that the office reaches out to other Councils who have had similar developments to the future plans of Matlock Moor to gain further feedback of its success/failure.

FC0424/10 Finance –

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

BANK RECONCILIATION	
c/o from 23-24	£158,920.65
Plus receipts	£1,448.00
Payments ex VAT	£7,418.59
VAT paid	£138.31
Balance to date	£152,811.75
Bank balances	
Current	£7,995.28
Deposit	£144,816.47
Total	£152,811.75

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

09/04/2024	Forest Nurseries	Plants for DDiB	-£829.83	-£691.52	-£138.31	App by VC & RFO
19/04/2024	Staff Wages	Wages	-£4,504.19			App by C & VC
19/04/2024	HMRC	PAYE	-£1,293.08			App by C & VC
19/04/2024	Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff pensions	-£929.83			App by C & VC

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

24 April 2024	DD Community Centre	Room Hire for March Full Council	-£20.00			
24 April 2024	Banner Jones Solicitor	Legal Advice	-£540.00	-£450.00	-£90.00	
24 April 2024	Shelter Maintenance	Inv 15477 (March)	-£83.88	-£69.90	-£13.98	
24 April 2024	LM Creative	INV 80424DDTC Spring CV	-£1,840.00			
24 April 2024	Clarity Copiers	Inv 249891	-£36.57	-£30.47	-£6.10	
24 April 2024	Renewables First	Inv 104898 (Energy Assessment)	-£2,400.00	-£2,000.00	-£400.00	
24 April 2024	Markovitz	Inv 0071/01159040 (Topsoil)	-£78.00	-£65.00	-£13.00	
24 April 2024	Opera	Inv 3389	-£300.00	-£250.00	-£50.00	
24 April 2024	Whitworth Trading	SI 1191 (Office Hire Apr)	-£1,061.65	-£884.71	-£176.94	
24 April 2024	Whitworth Trading	SI 1192 (Room Hire Sust.Growing - ENV)	-£129.00	-£107.48	-£21.52	
24 April 2024	Whitworth Trading	SI 1193 (Room Hire FC)	-£76.00	-£63.32	-£12.68	
24 April 2024	Mrs S E Rivett	Reimburse Canva Software	-£99.99			
24 April 2024	Whitworth Trust	S19	-£35,000.00			
24 April 2024	Churchtown Primary	S137 Grant	-£613.79			

- iv. Proposed expenditure requiring approval –
- It was **RESOLVED** to approve the refurbishment of the bench on Hallmoor Road - £325.
 - It was **RESOLVED** to approve the cost of 6 new blinds for the Whitworth Billiard Room (£692) plus 2 billiard table covers (£100).
 - It was **RESOLVED** to approve the cost of 4-6 bags of topsoil for the Oddford allotment to replace the soil during the winter floods - £65 plus vat per bag.
 - It was **RESOLVED** to approve the cost of the handrail at Church Road allotments - £580.
 - It was **RESOLVED** to commission an external health and safety report for The Whitworth, the Lodge and the Park which will cost £1,500 plus VAT.
- v. Consideration of any grant applications –
- It was **RESOLVED** to pay The Whitworth an S19 Parks and Recreation Grant for £35,000 to provide a community centre and park for Darley Dale residents.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the S137 grant application for Darley Churchtown CoE Primary School for £613.79 to buy equipment to grow plants and vegetables. However, it was suggested that they should approach the garden centre in Two Dales to see if they would donate any items.

FC0424/11 **Recommendations from the April Finance Advisory Committee –**

Cllr Walker gave an overview of the budget for 2024/25. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the budget.

It was agreed that all Councillors should come to the May meeting with ideas of events to be organised for 2024/25.

FC0424/12 **Update on The Whitworth Trust and Trading –**

Cllr Mellor provided an update on The Whitworth.

FC0424/13 **Green energy survey and next steps –**

Cllr Mordue confirmed that Renewables First has nearly completed the report on potential renewable energy sources in Darley Dale. It was agreed that Councillors will read the report to approve this before it is made public. Cllr Mordue will circulate the report when available.

At 20:55 it was **RESOLVED** to extend the meeting to 21:15.

FC0424/14 **DCC land disposal –**

Cllr Wilson provided an update on the land being auctioned on Station Road. The interim Estates Manager at DCC confirmed the selling of the piece of land was not about the sale value it was about the future costs involved in maintaining the area. It was **RESOLVED** to offer DCC £5,000 as a start off offer and to negotiate up to £10,000 plus taking responsibility of the site going forwards.

FC0424/15 **Community initiatives** –

The CEO provided an update on the printing/delivery of the Spring issue of Community Voice. Also, she has been researching youth provision for the holidays for the children of Darley Dale.

FC0424/16 **Councillor updates** –

- Cllr Godber confirmed Darley Dale has been reinstated as a Fairtrade town again. CEO to announce this on Facebook.
- Cllr Mordue gave an update on Derbyshire Dales Community Energy. He confirmed solar panels will soon be installed on the roof of Twiggs. DFS is also another potential location for solar panels.
- Cllr Walker confirmed that the agreement with The Whitworth and DDiB has now been signed and the new planting plan has been presented and agreed. There are now new beds at the bottom of Greenaway Lane and the group are looking into getting compost bins in Whitworth Park.

FC0424/17 **Clerks' updates/correspondence** –

The Assistant Town Clerk will be helping The Whitworth in the office over the next few months.

FC0424/18 **Date of the next meeting** –

Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 15th May at 7pm.

Meeting ended at 21:14.