

Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Gallery at The Whitworth on Wednesday 17th July 2024

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

- FC0724/1** **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Chapman and Wilson, District Cllr Shelley and PCSO Thompson. No apologies were received from District Cllrs Burton and Franks.
- FC0724/2** **Consider any variations to the order of business** – None.
- FC0724/3** **Declaration of member’s interests** – Cllrs Mellor, Farmer, Walker and Wilson declared their interest as members of The Whitworth Trust.
- FC0724/4** **To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting** – None.
- FC0724/5** **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on 19th June 2024 subject to Cllr Mordue’s suggested amendments.
- FC0724/6** **Co-option of Councillor** – Sophie Paterson requested to be co-opted onto the Council. The candidate and County Cllr Hobson left the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Sophie onto the Council.
- FC0724/7** **Public participation** – None.
- FC0724/8** **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police** –
County Cllr Hobson provided the following update:
- The owner of Halldale has applied to change the condition of the previous quarry licence (remove clause 2). DCC Enforcement has confirmed the stone extraction remains paused as does the removal of trees.
 - A meeting has been organised with Emma Alexander Chief Executive of DCC. Cllr Hobson will ask for a named officer for Highways for DDTC.
 - Send information over regarding The Whitworth being a ‘Safe Place’.
 - The Summer Reading Challenge is now up and running for children during the school holidays in all libraries.
 - The pedestrian crossing by Whitworth Hospital will be in place between September-October.
 - DCC is offering ‘Driving Safer for Longer’ information sessions to Derbyshire residents aged 50 years and older via Teams in the coming months.
 - The flood resilience repair grant deadline is 1st August. There have been reports that residents/businesses have had issues with the Flood team due to the amount of

applications being submitted. Any issues regarding this need to be flagged with Cllr Hobson.

- No update from District Cllrs but Cllr Hobson confirmed she didn't support the recommendations for the proposed sites.
- Cllr Godber will send Cllr Hobson information regarding her eco event on 21st September.

FC0724/9 Planning –

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

- **24/00479/FUL:** Mr Clayton Penny Chevin Homes
DEVELOPMENT: Erection of 2 no. dwellings
LOCATION: Warloy House Whitworth Road Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2HJ

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

- i. Layout and density of the development.
- ii. Highways issues: traffic generation, loss of street parking, vehicle access and road safety.
- iii. Capacity of the local infrastructure: drainage is already at full capacity servicing current development on Sir Joseph's Lane.
- iv. The Town Council also has concerns over the lack of consultation of neighbours affected by this development.

- **24/00510/FUL:** Mr Lee Kemp
DEVELOPMENT: Conversion and extension of existing single-story garage to annexe accommodation
LOCATION: Fairmount Grove Lane Hackney Derbyshire DE4 2QF

It was **RESOLVED** to submit the recommendation of **NO OBJECTION** with the following conditions:

- i. The boundary roofline is lowered by 30cm in order to accommodate neighbour's concerns of the development being overbearing/overshadowing a common boundary.
- ii. The annex is only used for the use stipulated in the planning application and that District Planners should make this clear in the consent notice should the application be granted.

- **24/00535/FUL:** Mrs Nicola McDonald
DEVELOPMENT: Proposed two storey rear extension
LOCATION: Sunnyside Cottage Gill Lane Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2HH

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

- **T/24/00123/TPO:** Mr Josh Bull
PROPOSAL: Various works to multiple trees
LOCATION: Land South West Of Normanhurst Park Darley Dale

It was **RESOLVED** to defer to the expertise of the District Tree Officer.

- **T/24/00134/TPO:** Mr John Packard
PROPOSAL: 30% reduction to Horse Chestnut Tree
LOCATION: 6 Normanhurst Park Darley Dale Derbyshire

It was **RESOLVED** to defer to the expertise of the District Tree Officer.

- **24/00572/FUL:** Mr Charles Plumbly Fairways Garden Centre
DEVELOPMENT : Replacement of Glasshouse with Insulated Steel Framed Building
LOCATION : Forest Nurseries Limited Oddford Lane Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2EX

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

- **24/00589/FUL:** Mr Joe Toplis
DEVELOPMENT : Replacement roof, with conversion of garage to home office and erection of garage / storage space.
LOCATION : Whitegates Greenaway Lane Hackney Derbyshire DE4 2QB

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

ii. Consultations requiring full council consideration – None.

FC0724/10 Finance –

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

BANK RECONCILIATION	
Balance from 2023-24	£158,921
Plus receipts	£187,108
Less payments excl. VAT	£80,837
Less VAT paid	£1,801
Balance to date	£263,391
Bank balances	
Current	£138,592
Deposit	£124,800
Total	£263,391

- ii. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the proposed payments.

20/06/2024 LM Creative	190624 (CV)	-£1,840.00	App Chair and RFO
20/06/2024 James Singleton	Sound Eng 25% Deposit	-£148.75	Budget App FC 19/6/24
03/07/2024 Chubb Law	Client A/C (car park)	-£1,500.00	App Chair and RFO

17 July 2024 Hazel Accountancy	PAYE	-£63.00			
17 July 2024 Amazon Uk	2024-293298080 (Ipad cases)	-£30.97	-£25.98	-£4.99	
17 July 2024 Opera	Inv 3486 (Website support)	-£30.00	-£25.00	-£5.00	
17 July 2024 Shelter Maintenance	Inv 15640 (Callout smashed shelter)	-£240.00	-£200.00	-£40.00	
17 July 2024 Amazon Uk	1RC3-JCMR-6DX7 (Ipad charger/cables)	-£36.95			
17 July 2024 Whitworth Trading	SI 1309 (Office hire)	-£1,061.65	-£884.71	-£176.94	
17 July 2024 Whitworth Trading	SI 1310 (Room hire)	-£68.00	-£56.66	-£11.34	
17 July 2024 Whitworth Trading	SI 1311 (Room hire - Hustings)	-£78.00	-£65.00	-£13.00	
17 July 2024 Staff wages	Wages	-£4,705.27			
17 July 2024 HMRC	PAYE	-£1,421.35			
17 July 2024 Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff Pensions	-£1,167.06			

- iii. Consideration of any grant requests -

It was **RESOLVED** to pay Darley Dale Pre-School £1,000 to pay for a canopy over the outside area of the pre-school.

It was **RESOLVED** to defer the decision to provide £1,500 to Darley Dale Croquet Club as it wasn't clear what the exact cost of the chosen lawn mower was. Cllrs were asked to send the Assistant Town Clerk their questions regarding this grant application.

FC0724/11 **Risk assessment** – Cllrs had additional comments, the Town Clerk asked Cllrs to send their comments and these would be added and deferred for sign off at the next meeting.

FC0724/12 **Update on The Whitworth Trust and Trading** –
Cllr Mellor provided an update in advance of the meeting.

FC0724/13 **Update from the Environment Working Group** –
Cllr Mordue provided an update in advance of the meeting which consisted of the plans of the Environmental Working Group for the remainder of the year.

Cllr Mordue will redraft his letter for Labour MP John Whitby.

FC0724/14 **Community initiatives** –

- i. Town signs – it was **RESOLVED** to pay £430 (exc VAT) for the Darley Dale Twinning signs and Fairtrade signs and installation.

At 8:49pm the meeting was extended to 9:10pm

- ii. Gig in the Park – the plans are going well and all performing bands and food vendors have been confirmed. It was agreed that the DDTC marquee should be put up for first aiders to be based.

- iii. Bingo at The Whitworth – deferred for further discussion at the August meeting.

FC0724/15 **Councillor updates** –

- Cllr Mellor – highlighted that Derbyshire Life featured an article about Darley Dale. The CEO will enquire if we can obtain this article to feature on DDTC website.

FC0724/16 **Clerks' updates/correspondence** –

- The Town Clerk has been made aware that the assets of community value list for Darley Dale is due to expire. Cllrs were asked to send their suggested list and reasoning to the Town Clerk to be considered in time for the August meeting.
- The next Ecobat meeting is on 23rd July at 2.30pm. If any Cllrs would like to attend they need to let the Town Clerk know.
- The links with Northwood and Tinkersley Parish Council are working well with them asking DDTC about the footpath warden grants and where the town planters were obtained from. Cllrs have been invited to attend their next parish meeting on 24th July at 7.30pm if they wish.
- Biodiversity concerns at Morledge have been raised. It has been agreed that a meeting will be organised to try and get residents together to discuss these concerns face-to-face.
- The Town Council office has been advised that the cornered off play equipment in Whitworth Park should be decommissioned. The office will enquire with DDDC regarding the costs involved and pass this onto the Trustees of The Whitworth to make a decision. If decommissioned, the Town Council office will begin to apply for grants to replace the equipment with the potential of receiving S106 money that was assigned for recreational use in Darley Dale.

FC0724/18 **Date of next meeting** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 21st August at 7pm.

Meeting ended at 9:13pm.