

Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Library at The Whitworth on Wednesday 19th June 2024

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

- FC0624/1** **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from District Cllrs Shelley and Franks and PCSO Mattison. No apologies were received from District Cllr Burton.
- FC0624/2** **Consider any variations to the order of business** – None.
- FC0624/3** **Declaration of member’s interests** – Cllrs Mellor, Farmer, Walker and Wilson declared their interest as members of The Whitworth Trust.
- FC0624/4** **To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting** – None.
- FC0624/5** **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Full Council Meeting held on 22nd May 2024.
- FC0624/6** **Co-option of Councillor** – David Wheeler requested to be co-opted onto the Council. The candidate and County Cllr Hobson left the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt David onto the Council.
- FC0624/7** **Public participation** – None.
- FC0624/8** **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police** – County Cllr Hobson provided the following update:
- Local Plan deadline to complete the survey is Thursday 20th June.
 - Email sent confirming that drawings for the TROs have now been completed to reflect the changes.
 - Darley Dale Picnic Site on Station Road – procedures now need to be discussed.
 - Halldale Quarry – no update, however, Cllr Mellor confirmed he is briefing residents where he can. Concerns are with regards to the amount of stone leaving the site. Cllr Mellor is informing Andy Porter who has confirmed he has no concern regarding this at present.
 - Community Leadership Fund is now available which has increased to £7,720 for community, voluntary, youth and other local organisations. This will be communicated.
- FC0624/9** **Planning** –
- i. Cllr Farmer invited comments on the planning decisions in June that were distributed before the Council Meeting.

- **24/00461/PDA:** Mr K White
DEVELOPMENT: Change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse.
LOCATION: St Elphins Cottage Blind Lane Hackney Derbyshire DE4 2QE

The committee felt that there is insufficient detail in the application as submitted and would request a site visit to determine more facts including the chronology of use of the building.

- **24/00401/FUL:** Michelle Waters Defib4life Ltd
DEVELOPMENT: Alteration and extension and change of use of existing structure to form class E premises
LOCATION: The Ruin Old Road Two Dales DE6 2ET

The committee felt that the application should be resubmitted with correct details. The site is not located in Two Dales and the posted code stated as DE6 2ET is actually located in Darley Moor, south of Ashbourne. It has also been pointed out that access to the site has already been knocked through a wall with no dropped kerb being installed therefore highways should be notified.

- **24/00476/PDA:** MS S Marshall
DEVELOPMENT: Change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse.
LOCATION: Barn Opposite Hazel Farm Back Lane Darley Moor Matlock Derbyshire

The committee feel there is insufficient detail in the application as submitted and would request a site visit to determine more facts.

- **24/00482/FUL:** Deborah Williamson
DEVELOPMENT: Proposed conversion of former Chapel to create a 2 dwellings and creation of new vehicular access and closing off of existing access and construction of new double garage and associated works.
LOCATION: Darley Hillside Methodist Church Moor Lane Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2HG

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

- i. Excess surface run-off issues are suitably addressed.
- ii. A suitable planting scheme is approved by Planning Dept. to maintain the streetscape.

- **T/24/00086/TPO:** Ashbrook
PROPOSAL: 1 lime tree - removal of lower epicormic growth up to first branch.
LOCATION: 18 Blagdon Close Darley Dale Derbyshire

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

- **T/24/00099/TPO:** Claire Wright
PROPOSAL: Various works to multiple trees
LOCATION: Darley Hall Park Lane Two Dales

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

- ii. Consultations requiring Full Council Consideration – **RESOLVED** to defer application 24/00510/FUL until the next Planning meeting due to the latest that it was received.

FC0624/10 Finance –

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

BANK RECONCILIATION	
Balance from 2023-24	£158,921
Plus receipts	£182,186
Less payments excl. VAT	£63,905
Less VAT paid	£1,558
Balance to date	£275,644
Bank balances	
Current	£151,723
Deposit	£123,921
Total	£275,644

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

28/05/2024	Blue Diamond UK Ltd	Matlock Nurseries (DDiB)	-£1,147.89	-£956.60	-£191.29	App FC 22/05/2024
20/06/2024	LM Creative	190624 (CV)	-£1,840.00			
20/06/2024	James Singleton	Sound Eng 25% Deposit	-£148.75			

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

19 June 2024	Gallagher Insurance	PLI	-£2,022.25		
19 June 2024	Amazon Uk	2024-177784 (Printer paper)	-£71.94	-£59.94	-£12.00
19 June 2024	Wish Comp Ltd	Inv 6398 (MS Office subscription)	-£80.00	-£66.67	-£13.33
19 June 2024	DALC	SI 4259 (Cllr Training)	-£50.00		
19 June 2024	Whitworth Trading	SI 1272 (Office hire)	-£1,061.65	-£884.71	-£176.94
19 June 2024	Whitworth Trading	SI 1261 (Room hire)	-£129.00	-£107.48	-£21.52
19 June 2024	Peak Blinds	Inv 631	-£680.00		
19 June 2024	Wish Cloud Ltd	Inv 2010	-£180.00		
19 June 2024	Shelter Maintenance	Inv 15583 (May)	-£87.72	-£73.10	-£14.62
19 June 2024	Amazon Uk	Inv 2024-230329479 (Cable ties)	-£29.66	-£24.72	-£4.94
19 June 2024	S Rivett	Reimburse gift for PCSO	-£24.50		
19 June 2024	S Rivett	Reimburse Biscuits Growing Spaces (Env)	-£7.10		
19 June 2024	J Hedley	Reimburse postage for tax return	-£3.25		
19 June 2024	Staff	Wages	-£5,729.84		
19 June 2024	HMRC	PAYE	-£2,028.99		
19 June 2024	Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff Pensions	-£1,381.59		
19 June 2024	Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff Pensions (shortfall)	-£80.33		

iv. Grants – None.

FC0624/11 Update on The Whitworth Trust and Trading –

The Whitworth is now being run by a new Board of Trustees and Cllr Mellor provided the following update:

- Some long-standing maintenance issues were being resolved.
- A formal letter has been sent to the former trustees pointing out an area of alleged negligence.
- Café income is slightly down where it was expected to be.
- Heart of the Park – a proposal suggesting better phasing of the project has been put together which includes more emphasis on green energy and earlier biodiversity improvements and inclusion of sports facilities such as changing rooms. This now needs to be presented to the Heritage Lottery Funding Fund.

FC0624/12 Update from the Environment Working Group –

Cllr Mordue provided the following update:

- Full Council's response to the local plan consultation to be sent onto DDDC.
- Insulation grants will be publicised on the DDTC website.
- Plant based event on 21st September is being organised by Cllr Godber.
- Energy efficiency grants available have been printed in the summer issue of Community Voice.
- Green energy strategy is currently being developed.

FC0624/13 Renewables First Report – Decision on next steps –

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would send the report to the Councillors only at this stage.

FC0624/14 DCC Heads of Terms for purchase of Darley Bridge "Picnic Site" –

DCC want to retain an interest in the site for 80 years, if the land is sold 50% of any profits will be given to DCC. DCC have confirmed they will not remove these terms. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these terms.

FC0624/15 **Community initiatives** –

- i. Music Festival – it was **RESOLVED** to budget £2,000 for a music festival in Whitworth Park on Sunday 25th August.

At 8:50pm the meeting was extended to 9:15pm

- ii. Bingo – it was agreed that Cllr Aktin should bring this idea back to Council at the next meeting.

FC0624/16 **Councillor updates** –

- Cllr Mellor – Northwood and Tinkersley Chair is now Chris Ragg and is a member of The Whitworth Trust.
- Cllr Mordue – Twiggs now has 200 solar panels on its roof which was supplied by the Big Solar Company.
- Cllr Walker – DDiB have a new ‘chatty bench’ in situ in their sensory garden in the Park. It was agreed that a formal thank you should be sent to Audley Group who paid for the cost of installing the bench. DDiB are also organising new compost bins to be situated in the Park. The noticeboard at the entrance of the Park (Station Road) needs new Perspex in order for DDiB to use it to highlight the plants they’ve planted and why.
- Cllr Godber – now has some marketing material for Fairtrade and would like a leaflet designed to pass onto potential stallholders at the sustainable event she is organising during Fairtrade Fortnight on Saturday 21st September.
- Cllr Farmer – meet with DDDC on 19th June to discuss having public toilets in Darley Dale. They confirmed that there wouldn’t be the finances to support this and agreed to help fund new signage in Whitworth Park to signpost people to the building.
- Cllr Atkin had posted a request for help for an event to support The Whitworth on social media and had received several replies criticising the previous board’s strategy. It was clear that many people locally did not realise that The Whitworth was now under management who wanted to encourage a much closer relationship with the local community. It is important that the Council and Trustees now take every opportunity to deliver this message and encourage local involvement going forward.

FC0624/17 **Clerks’ updates/correspondence** –

- The Town Clerk wrote to DCC Highways to enquire about the cones on Hackney Lane and Morledge which many residents have complained about. Highways have now confiscated the cones and will be monitoring the situation.
- Twinning refunded the Town Council £2,454.37 of their grant money. Their AGM is on 27th June, Councillors were asked to show their support and attend.
- The office received a thank you letter from the Billiards Club for paying for new blinds in the Billiard Room.
- A Political Hustings has been organised at 6:30pm on Tuesday 2nd July in the Ballroom at The Whitworth.

FC0624/18 **Date of next meeting** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 17th July at 7pm.

Meeting ended at 9:10pm.