

## **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Gallery Room at The Whitworth on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

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

- FC1124/1** **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from District Cllr Shelley and PSCO Thompson. No apologies received from District Cllrs Burton and Franks.
- FC1124/2** **Consider any variations to the order of business** – None.
- FC1124/3** **Declaration of member’s interests** – None in addition to those advertised.
- FC1124/4** **To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting** – None.
- FC1124/5** **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and Extraordinary meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024.
- FC1124/6** **Public participation** – Carol Taylor updated us on resident’s objections to the plans for the proposed development of 75 cabins to be built at Farley Woods. On 1<sup>st</sup> December at 11am ‘Save Farley Moor’ are meeting so local people can see what the proposed development from Forest Holidays means for this small well used walking area.
- FC1124/7** **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police**  
County Cllr Hobson provided the following update:
- Thanked DDTTC for being invited to participate at Darley Dale’s Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service.
  - Possible County Councillor boundary changes.
  - Rowsley traffic situation along Chatsworth Road – meeting this coming Friday afternoon with DCC and Chatsworth on site.
  - Double yellow lines at 7 sites in Darley Dale still in progress, consultation ended with objections, awaiting to see these.
- FC1124/8** **Update from Northwood & Tinkersley** – None.
- FC1124/9** **Planning** –
- i. **T/24/00240/TPO** APPLICANT: Mr Matthew Lawrence  
PROPOSAL: Various works to 1no. Turners Oak  
LOCATION: 39 Porteous Close Two Dales Derbyshire  
It was **RESOLVED** to defer to the expertise of the District Tree Officer

- ii. **T/24/00237/TCA** APPLICANT: Ms Niah Gaynair  
PROPOSAL: Fell 1no. Ash Tree to ground level  
LOCATION: Dale View 3 Holt Road Hackney  
It was **RESOLVED** to defer to the expertise of the District Tree Officer

**FC1124/10 Finance –**

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

<b>BANK RECONCILIATION</b>	
Balance from 2023-24	£158,921
Plus receipts	£203,876
Less payments excl. VAT	£150,946
Less VAT paid	£3,927
Balance to date	<b>£207,923</b>
<b>Bank balances</b>	
Current	£91,095
Deposit	£116,828
<b>Total</b>	<b>£207,923</b>

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

20 November 2024	Whitworth Centre	SI 69 (Assorted Invoices)	-£5,991.40		
20 November 2024	MDS Events	Inv 397 (Remembrance PA)	-£75.00		
20 November 2024	Wish Computers Ltd	Inv 6769 (MS Office subscription)	-£80.00	-£66.67	-£13.33
20 November 2024	Whitworth Trading	SI 1500 (Room hire)	-£45.60	-£38.00	-£7.60
20 November 2024	Amazon UK	GB41I2S3ABEY (Pressure washer)	-£379.99	-£316.66	-£63.33
20 November 2024	Amazon UK	GB41HYU3ABEY (Fire Door Retainer)	-£382.35	-£318.63	-£63.72
20 November 2024	Amazon UK	GB41HO98ABEY (Washing machine)	-£263.95	-£219.96	-£43.99
20 November 2024	Twinning	Reimbursement of 1/3 PLI	-£122.24		
20 November 2024	Shelter Maintenance	Inv 15920	-£87.72	-£73.10	-£14.62
20 November 2024	Amazon UK	GB41GPB7ABEY	-£17.94	-£14.95	-£2.99
20 November 2024	Amazon UK	2024-26504 (Halloween rosette)	-£7.45	-£6.21	-£1.24
20 November 2024	Wish Computers Ltd	Inv 6722 (Norton Security)	-£80.00	-£66.67	-£13.33
20 November 2024	J Hedley	Reimburse skip from Peak Waste	-£288.00		
20 November 2024	Clarity Copiers	Inv 253660	-£22.06	-£18.38	-£3.68
20 November 2024	Survey Monkey	Proforma Inv 46063000	-£384.00	-£320.00	-£64.00
20 November 2024	RBL	Remembrance wreaths	-£125.00		
20 November 2024	Richard Nelson Solicitors	Inv 44598 (legal services for EHO investigation)	-£600.00	-£500.00	-£100.00
20 November 2024	Staff Wages	Wages	-£5,827.46		
20 November 2024	HMRC	PAYE	-£2,093.03		
20 November 2024	Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff Pensions	-£1,507.32		
20 November 2024	Whitworth Centre	S19 Grant approved FC 20/11/2024	-£20,000.00		

Delegated payments made:

22/10/2024	Whitworth Trading	SI 1486 (Office hire Nov/Dec)	-£2,123.30	-£1,769.42	-£353.88	App by C & RFO 22/10/2024
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- iii. It was **RESOLVED** to reimburse the listed Whitworth invoices. Cllrs Wilson and Wheeler abstained.

<b>November FC</b>			
<b>Invoice Date</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Amount</b>
31/10/2024	Veolia	15/11/2024	308.31
27/09/2024	Waterplus	11/10/2024	735.27
30/09/2024	Veolia	04/10/2024	336.44
19/09/2024	Trident	25/10/2024	514.8
31/07/2024	Gallagher	11/10/2024	1236.02
15/10/2024	Boxx	24/10/2024	327.51
27/09/2024	British Gas	11/10/2024	1216.21
03/09/2024	Total	17/09/2024	1116.87
19/07/2024	Riber	19/07/2024	200
			<b>5991.43</b>

- iv. Grants – None.

**FC1124/11 The Whitworth Trust and Trading –**

- i. Cllr Wheeler provided an update on The Whitworth:
- Fire Service visit during w/c 11<sup>th</sup> November was positive. A separate risk assessment was done internally and a list of priorities were decided including staff training.
  - Lighting at rear of the building is inadequate and further work is required i.e. no lighting on the steps near the assembly point outside the café and Phoenix entrance.
  - Phoenix door (basement) needs to be looked at.
  - Legionella survey has been completed and action plan needs to be carried out, estimated cost of £2,190.
  - Currently only two boilers are working with maintenance work is being carried out on the third boiler.
  - The lift is still not working company confirmed the lift should be fixed by the end of w/c 25<sup>th</sup> November.
  - Chris Ragg has been appointed Chair of The Whitworth Trust.
- ii. Update from Council/Trust working group to be provided in January.
- iii. The Whitworth Trustees sent their Business Plan in advance of the meeting for Councillors to read.

8.55pm the meeting was extended to 9.40pm

DDTC discussed their financial support package that they feel strikes a balance of what is being asked in the Business Plan and maintaining financial oversight to satisfy our auditors.

9.08pm Cllr Wilson left the meeting.

The following motions were **RESOLVED**:

- The October Council agreed to pay up to £6k of utility and services bills per month until the end of January 2025. Subject to a successful review at that point we would recommend continuing the arrangement until March 2025 – total £30k.
- An immediate \$19 grant payment of £20k to give The Whitworth some operating capital and ensure that staff wages and other key costs can be met.
- The Whitworth Trust produce a monthly financial summary for the Council meeting showing costs, income and projected profit or loss for the month. The Council will then consider making a one-off monthly payment each month to cover any anticipated shortfall.
- Ring-fence an amount of £6k which allows the Trust to carry out the correct health and safety requirements for The Whitworth to operate functionally and legally.

**FC1124/12** **Youth Council** – Cllr Paterson sent Councillors a proposal before the meeting. There will be a callout in the Winter issue of Community Voice for those interested in joining the Youth Council.

**FC1124/13** **Community initiatives** –

- i. Fireworks - The Fireworks event was a success as it was outsourced to an external company who marketed the event and sold tickets. A wash up meeting will take place in December to discuss next year's event. The Terrace Café took £2.5k and a donation from the Fireworks company was £1.8k.
- ii. Community Voice – The Winter issue is currently being put together and will hit doormats from 12<sup>th</sup> December.
- iii. Twinning agreement – Discuss at December meeting to determine what Twinning require from DDTC.

**FC1124/14** **Councillor updates** –

Cllr Wheeler noted that an accident occurred in The Whitworth car park at the Remembrance Parade and Service which has been recorded in the accident book in the Clerks' office.

Cllr Mordue – Workshops with local primary schools is currently being looked into. Mark Gwynne Jones to host a creative language researching and describing workshop about the butterfly life cycle. This may also extend to a visit to Chris Ragg's butterfly garden at Northwood & Tinkersley. Also, The Big Green Energy Event has been organised again for next year on 8<sup>th</sup> February.

**FC1124/15** Clerks' updates/correspondence –

- A grant of £1,000 was promised from the Ernest Bailey Fund for Whitworth Park's play equipment.
- A District Council meeting has been arranged for 21<sup>st</sup> November, any issues that need to be raised should be sent to the Town Clerk's office to take to the meeting.
- Chasing for the £10k from the Derby Railway Angling Club for purchase of the car park at Station Road
- Christmas tree arriving on 2<sup>nd</sup> December and will be put outside The Whitworth.

**FC1124/16** Date of the next meeting – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**FC1124/17** Confidential – Council approved 2024/25 pay awards for office staff.

Meeting ended at 9.40pm