

**Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Gallery Room at The Whitworth on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**In attendance were Town Cllrs Atkin, Bishop, Farmer, Godber, Wheeler and Wilson. PSCO Thompson. Also in attendance were Town Clerk Ian Adkin, Assistant Clerk Jason Hedley and CEO Sarah Rivett.**

- FC1224/1** **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Town Councillors Chapman, Curtis, Mordue, Paterson and District Cllrs Shelley, Franks and Burton. No apologies were received from County Cllr Hobson.
- FC1224/2** **Consider any variations to the order of business** – None.
- FC1224/3** **Declaration of member’s interests** – None in addition to those advertised.
- FC1224/4** **To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting** – None.
- FC1224/5** **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024.
- FC1224/6** **Public participation** – None.
- FC1224/7** **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police**  
PCSO Thompson provided the following update:
- Incident at the Co-op person in question was arrested.
  - ASB seems to have calmed down.
  - Crime advice session at St Elphin’s, brought up that there is no level crossing outside the building.
  - Greenaway Lane lots of issues near the school for parking. CEO to contact DCC about the abuse residents are receiving to get an update on the yellow lines that are due to be installed.
  - Greenaway Wellbeing Hub – reports of glue sniffing in the car park.
- FC1224/8** **Update from Northwood & Tinkersley** – None.
- FC1224/9** **Planning** –
- **24/01062/FUL**: Mr Simon Clifford  
DEVELOPMENT: Installation of new recessed rooflights to existing roof slope  
LOCATION: 2 Ashtree Close, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3SJ  
It was **RESOLVED** to submit the recommendation of **NO OBJECTION**.

- **T/24/00223/TPO:** Mrs Tom Boardman  
PROPOSAL: Reduce crown of 1no Copper Beech to a height of 13 metres and thin crown to 6 metres.  
LOCATION: Grove House 3, The Park, Two Dales  
It was **RESOLVED** to defer to the expertise of the District Tree Officer.

Cllr Wilson suggested a meeting should be arranged before the Forest Holidays planning meeting late January for DDTC to work out who from the TC will present. Key residents should also be invited.

**FC1224/10 Finance –**

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

18 December 2024	Clarity Copiers	Inv 254159 (printer services Nov)	-£137.52	-£114.60	-£22.92
18 December 2024	S Rivett	Reimburse postage for CV to Ozain	-£7.65		
18 December 2024	S Rivett	Reimburse Cllr IDs	-£14.35		
18 December 2024	J Singleton	Deposit for Gig in the Park 2025	-£169.88		
18 December 2024	Design UK	Inv 3599 (Website business support)	-£99.00	-£82.50	-£16.50
18 December 2024	Shelter Maintenance	Inv 15982 (Nov bus shelter/bins maintenance)	-£87.72	-£73.10	-£14.62
18 December 2024	H&CO Pest Control	Inv 2024-1130 (Allotment pest control)	-£1,260.00		
18 December 2024	Bolsover District Council	Inv 217887 (Xtreme Wheels)	-£8,892.00		
18 December 2024	Hellison Trophies	Inv 20756 (sign for Billiards)	-£50.50		
18 December 2024	Wish Cloud Ltd	Inv 2092 (annual email hosting)	-£240.00		
18 December 2024	Whitworth Trading Ltd	SI 1568 (Room booking)	-£68.00	-£56.66	-£11.34
18 December 2024	Whitworth Centre	SI 72 (Assorted Invoices)	-£5,951.90		
18 December 2024	Amazon Uk	GB41T6RGABEY (No entry signs)	-£12.25	-£10.21	-£2.04
18 December 2024	Amazon Uk	GB41T6Y CABEY (Stationery)	-£9.37	-£7.80	-£1.57
18 December 2024	Amazon Uk	2024-35066 (Stationery)	-£18.79	-£15.65	-£3.14
18 December 2024	LM Creative	12122024DDTC (Remembrance service)	-£120.00		
18 December 2024	Staff wages	Wages	-£6,873.02		
18 December 2024	HMRC	PAYE	-£2,765.09		
18 December 2024	Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff Pensions	-£1,762.07		
18 December 2024	Hazel Accountancy	Inv 3161 (Oct-Dec PAYE)	-£63.00		

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

28/11/2024	LM Creative	Inv 281124DDTC (Com Voice)	-£1,840.00			App by C & RFO 28/11/2024
28/11/2024	Signs of Cheshire Ltd	Inv 11366	-£51.00	-£42.50	-£8.50	App by C & RFO 28/11/2024

Request Delegated Authority to pay the following:

- i. Up to £350 from the ringfenced H&S budget for a new freezer in the Café.
- ii. Up to £250 for new car park signs and fitting at Station Rd car park.

iii. It was **RESOLVED** to reimburse the listed Whitworth invoices.

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Invoice Date	Supplier	Date Paid	Amount
27/10/2024	Waterplus	09/11/2024	633.2
22/10/2024	Phennex	27/11/2024	760
07/11/2024	British Gas	21/11/2024	1667.44
03/12/2024	Total	17/12/2024	2891.25
			<b>5951.89</b>

iv. Grants – None.

**FC1224/11 The Whitworth Trust and Trading –**

Cllr Wheeler provided an update on The Whitworth:

- Handed out a sheet of H&S updates for Cllrs to read.
- Boiler issues continue, there are now only two boilers working out of the four. Valliant may have community grant funding that The Whitworth can apply for to help with potentially replacing the boilers.
- The staffing issues are being resolved, the Events and Community Co-ordinator has been appointed and starts on 6<sup>th</sup> January.
- Awaiting payment from fireworks display company.

Proposal to authorise the clerk’s office to pay The Whitworth up to £2.5k emergency funding based upon the financial summary from Finance Officer on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – **RESOLVED**.

**FC1224/12 Town Council Precept 2025-26 –**

A precept summary document was sent in advance before the meeting to Cllrs. A brief summary was provided by the Town Clerk.

**RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the December meeting of the Finance Advisory Committee and set the precept for 2025-26 at £246,554.

**FC1224/13 Community initiatives –**

- Gig in the Park – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025. It was discussed that porta loos will be needed. Vendors to make a donation to The Whitworth. CEO and Cllr Atkin to proceed with organising.
- Bingo – Cllr Atkin has all the equipment to run a bingo evening. Cllr Wheeler to speak to the new Whitworth Events and Community Co-ordinator regarding running this event.

**FC1224/14** **Councillor updates** –

- Cllr Godber – Fairtrade meeting with the café. Town Clerk to set a meeting up with the supervisors of the café and Cllr Godber.
- Cllr Wheeler – provided an update on Ecobat. Lots of effort has gone into the noise pollution project by Ecobat. Planned road closure on 28<sup>th</sup> January to install VAS system at Darley Bridge.
- Cllr Wilson - any Town Council CSR events held at The Whitworth to be reported to Cllr Wilson to be included in the Trustee report.

**FC1224/15** **Clerks' updates/correspondence** –

- Christmas drinks to be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

**FC1224/16** **Date of the next meeting** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Meeting ended at 8.27pm.