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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Gallery Room at The Whitworth on Wednesday 15th October 2025

In attendance were Town Cllrs Bishop, Farmer, Godber, Mordue, Paterson, Wilson and Wheeler and District Cllr Burton and County Councillor Hobson. Also in attendance were Town Clerk Jason Hedley RFO Ian Adkin and CEO Sarah Rivett.

FC1025/1 **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllrs A. Atkin, G. Atkin and Chapman, District Cllr Shelley and PCSO Radcliffe. No apologies were received from District Cllr Franks.

FC1025/2 **Consider any variations to the order of business** – None.

FC1025/3 **Declaration of member's interests** – None in addition to those advertised.

FC1025/4 **To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting** – None.

FC1025/5 **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on 17th September 2025.

FC1025/6 **Public participation** – None.

FC1025/7 **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police** –
County Councillor Hobson provided the following update:

- Sent an email asking town/parish councils to vote for two minor roads that are in need of repair.
- Fruit and veg van information will be shared amongst other town/parish councils.
- The VAS system at Darley Bridge continues to receive frequent emails expressing concerns about users' lack of confidence in the system.
- Farley Wood application is likely to be a standalone meeting – still waiting for a date for this meeting.

District Councillor Burton provided the following update:

- Confirmed he should know by Wednesday 22nd October when the Farley Wood meeting will be for us to announce.
- The Stancliffe Homes appeal for Old Hackney Lane was successful. If District Council lose the next two planning application appeals, the government will decide on Darley Dales planning application outcomes. Look at the DDDC planning meeting online on 14th October towards the end to see this outcome.

No update from PCSO Radcliffe.

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FC1025/8 **Finance** –

i. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the October bank reconciliation.

BANK RECONCILIATION	
Balance from 2024-25	£83,742
Plus receipts	£251,859
Less payments excl. V/	£132,079
Less VAT paid	£2,030
Balance to date	**£201,493**
Bank balances	
Current	£10,293
Deposit	£191,200
Total	**£201,493**

ii. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the proposed payments to be made in September/October including those made under delegated powers.

15 October 2025 Amazon UK	2025-517413549 (Stationery)	-£13.59	-£11.32	-£2.27
15 October 2025 Amazon UK	GB51ZARBABEY (Stationery)	-£91.69	-£76.39	-£15.30
15 October 2025 Acclimbatize	Inv 3411 (Climbing Wall/Health event)	-£475.00		
15 October 2025 Amazon UK	GB52031FABEY (Docking Station)	-£37.17	-£30.98	-£6.19
15 October 2025 National World Publishing Ltd	Inv 1025045 (Health event)	-£108.00	-£90.00	-£18.00
15 October 2025 Shelter Maintenance	Inv 16800	-£96.49	-£80.41	-£16.08
15 October 2025 Hazel Accountancy	Inv 3325 (PAYE)	-£77.00		
15 October 2025 Wish Cloud ltd	Inv 2336 (Email hosting)	-£240.00		
15 October 2025 SJR Carpentry	Inv 133 (Toilet sign installation)	-£30.00		
15 October 2025 Whitworth Trading	SI 2167 (Room hire/ Health event)	-£473.00	-£394.15	-£78.85
15 October 2025 Whitworth Trading	SI 2185 (Office hire)	-£1,061.65	-£884.71	-£176.94
15 October 2025 Whitworth Trading	SI 2186 (Room hire - Make)	-£90.00	-£75.00	-£15.00
15 October 2025 Whitworth Trading	SI 2187 (Room hire)	-£67.99	-£56.66	-£11.33
15 October 2025 Mark Gwynne Jones	Invoice for Health Event	-£700.00		
15 October 2025 Wish Computers Ltd	Inv 7715 (Computer Support)	-£240.00	-£200.00	-£40.00
15 October 2025 Whitworth Trading	SI 2196 (Whitworth Siver memb. Judy)	-£77.50	-£64.58	-£12.92
15 October 2025 Amazon UK	GB526EQ5ABEY (Stationery)	-£35.55	-£29.62	-£5.93
15 October 2025 PFK LittleJohn	Inv SB20253102 (EXT Audit)	-£756.00	-£630.00	-£126.00
15 October 2025 RBL - Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Wreaths	-£125.00		
15 October 2025 Clarity Copiers	Inv 259085	-£17.40	-£14.50	-£2.90
15 October 2025 Wendy Godber	Reimburse for Fairtrade Hamper/Health Event	-£66.81		
15 October 2025 Staff	Wages	-£4,168.81		
15 October 2025 HMRC	PAYE	-£1,458.22		
15 October 2025 Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff Pension	-£1,261.57		
15 October 2025 Penguin Internet Ltd	Inv 89898 (Annual website subs)	-£99.00	-£82.50	-£16.50
15 October 2025 Whitworth Centre	S19 (Centre)	-£5,000.00		

No payments made under delegated powers.

iii. To approve any S137 grant applications – None.

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iv. The RFO discussed the recommendations from the Finance Committee – changes to be:
   a. Reduce external advice and support to £3,000
   b. Reduce Christmas panto, Remembrance and GITP to £4,000
   c. Reduce marketing to £8,000
   d. £1,500 contingency money

   It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above changes.

FC1025/9 **Governance** – brief overview provided by RFO. It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council is content with the outcome of the 2024/2025 external review and no further action is needed.

FC1025/10 **Planning** –

i. Brief run through of Planning Committee decisions for October.

- **25/00886/FUL: Mr Richard Whiteside**
  DEVELOPMENT: Proposed conservatory and bathroom extension.
  LOCATION: Hill Crest Farley Hill Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5LT
  It was **RESOLVED** to submit a recommendation of **NO OBJECTION**.

- **25/00760/FUL: Mr Nicholas Russel**
  DEVELOPMENT: Proposed erection of dwelling house with associated garage and erection of stores and builders' workshop with associated demolition.
  LOCATION: Red House Stables Old Road Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 4ER

  After due consideration councillors felt unable to draw a conclusion due to the lack of detail on the submitted drawings. Councillors felt more detail should have been submitted on the following:
  i. Drainage
  ii. Sewage
  iii. Sustainability
  iv. Utilities

  Councillors also felt that the drawings failed to provide an accurate scale. There were reservations over the accuracy of the submitted boundary lines as the map is an Ordnance Survey block plan and not a Land Registry document showing ownership.

- **T/25/00137/TPO: Mr Peter Geall**
  PROPOSAL: Fell 2no. Larch tree, fell 2no. unknown species and remove 2 large branches of 1no. Larch tree.
  LOCATION: Saunters Nook Hallmoor Road Darley Dale.

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

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FC1025/11 **The Whitworth Trust and Trading** –
Cllr Wheeler gave a summary of the report that was sent in advance of the meeting.

FC1025/12 **Community initiatives update** –

i. DDiB – Great evening at the celebration event on 10th October. They won a Silver Gilt award for the small town category.
ii. Health and Wellbeing event wash up – Lots of feedback to build on for future events. Looking to potentially host health, environment and history workshops with local schools.
iii. Remembrance (9th November) – There will be no parade on the A6 but it will take place around Whitworth Park, it will begin at 2.40pm at the Station Road park entrance. CEO to put a public statement together noting why the parade is no longer along the A6.
iv. Station Rd Car Park – Final forms need to be singed.
v. Allotment update – Allotment of the Year winners have now been selected.
vi. Asset of Community Value – Plough Inn future status – we've put in an application to make the plough an asset of community value if it ever goes up for sale. District Council want to see evidence of community use, not just as a public house. It was **RESOLVED** to pursue the application.

FC1025/13 **Councillor updates** –

Cllr Godber – Chesterfield Road signage for crossing the road is a concern, Cllr Godber will raise this with County Cllr Hobson at next month's meeting.

The Labour MP John Whitby attended the Health and Wellbeing event. The Fairtrade event on 27th September was well attended.

Cllr Farmer - noted that he spoke to the MP John Whitby at the Health and Wellbeing event regarding a footpath being installed between the Methodist Church and The Whitworth. District Cllr Burton confirmed that in April 2026 a proper footpath from the Methodist Church and The Whitworth will be laid.

Cllr Wilson – basement of Town Council paperwork still hasn't been looked at. RFO to put together some guidance of what we need to keep and not keep.

FC1025/14 **Clerk's updates and correspondence** –

- A concerned resident has raised concerns about a number of issues involving the police. They claim to have had unsatisfactory responses from DDDC, District Councillors and the Police & Crime Commissioner's Office. The Town Clerk has passed the local MP's contact details onto them.
- Workplace Health Checks were offered to the Councillors, all in attendance at the meeting declined.
- Cllr Mordue would like Mark Gwyne Jones to run an event at Underhall to do a presentation on the local history of Darley Dale for Memory Lane members. Cllrs agreed to fund the £250 cost of the talk.

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FC1025/15 **Date of the next meeting** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 19th November.

Meeting ended at 20:57