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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 19th November 2025

In attendance were Town Cllrs A. Atkin, G Atkin, Bishop, Chapman, Farmer, Godber, Mordue and Wheeler and County Councillor Hobson and PCSO Radcliffe and PCSO Boswell. Also in attendance were Town Clerk Jason Hedley and CEO Sarah Rivett.

FC1125/1 **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from District Cllrs Shelley and Burton. No apologies were received from Cllr Wilson and District Cllr Franks.

FC1125/2 **Consider any variations to the order of business** – None.

FC1125/3 **Declaration of member's interests** – None in addition to those advertised.

FC1125/4 **To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting** – None.

FC1125/5 **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on 15th October 2025.

FC1125/6 **Public participation** – David Gray attended the meeting to raise a proposal on behalf of Shirley Davidson, requesting the council's support for a commemorative tribute to Iris Wagstaff. The suggested options include a plaque, bench, or tree planting in Whitworth Park, in recognition of Iris's dedicated service to the community. This will be discussed further in the confidential section of the meeting (item 16).

FC1125/7 **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police** –
PCSO Radcliffe provided the following update:

- A number of incidences have been reported this month, these included - rogue trader, drug dealing, youths pushing a dirt bike, dangerous driving at DFS car park, teenagers letting of fireworks and drinking alcohol, suspicious behaviour over at the Tippin, knock a door run, suspected drug dealing, possible stolen motorbike, violence in a car park and complaint about parking.

- PCSO advised that ASB behaviour should be reported via the ASB Hub (multi agency approach to ASB) – information about the Hub was provided to Town Council. PCSO will share on their Facebook page, Town Council to reshare and highlight that it can be anonymously reported.

Cllr Bishop noted that residents have informed her that the grit bins in Morledge are being used to store drugs. PCSO Radcliffe emphasised the importance of reporting incidents immediately upon witnessing them, so that officers can intervene promptly.

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County Councillor Hobson provided the following update:

- Attended the Remembrance Service and Parade in Darley Dale. Positive feedback was received regarding the new parade format, with several attendees expressing appreciation for the revised route and overall organisation.
- Caught up with fruit and veg man in Whitworth Park who is doing fabulously and he is now attracting other stallholders to join him.
- Yellow lines at St Josephs have now been reinstalled after road was resurfaced. Ironworks still need some attention and this is being chased.
- Passed on information about free health checks in the workplace.
- Primary school children need to apply for their place for September 2026 by 15th January.
- Need volunteer snow, ice and flood wardens. Town Clerk has been chasing for a response for Darley Dale's quota of grit, still has had no reply.
- Sustainable Transport Manager – no electric charging points for bikes along the White Loop Peak potential for them to be installed in Darley Dale.
- The Mayor's Transport Plan Vision consultation will help shape the transport priorities for 2026, visit www.eastmidlands-cca.gov.uk Council office to share this information on social media platforms.
- VAS System at Darley Bridge – no progress will keep us informed.

FC1125/8 **Finance** –

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

BANK RECONCILIATION	
Balance from 2024-25	£83,742
Plus receipts	£251,859
Less payments excl. VA	£149,386
Less VAT paid	£2,721
Balance to date	**£183,495**
Bank balances	
Current	£2,295
Deposit	£181,200
Total	**£183,495**

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

19 November 2025 RBL - Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Wreaths	-£170.00		
19 November 2025 Hellison Trophies	Inv 208172 (Allotment Trophies)	-£18.50		
19 November 2025 Clarity Copiers	Inv 259726	-£46.77	-£38.97	-£7.80
19 November 2025 Twinning	Insurance contribution (1/3 of total)	-£122.24		
19 November 2025 Whitworth Trading	SI 2262 (Remembrance Tea/Coffee)	-£75.00	-£62.50	-£12.50
19 November 2025 BNP Paribas	Photocopier lease (Paid by DD)	-£371.88	-£309.90	-£61.98
19 November 2025 Wish Computers Ltd	Inv 7809 (Microsoft Office annual Subs)	-£105.00	-£87.50	-£17.50
19 November 2025 Whitworth Trading	SI 2255 (Office hire)	-£1,061.65	-£884.71	-£176.94
19 November 2025 Whitworth Trading	SI 2254 (Room hire)	-£67.99	-£56.66	-£11.33
19 November 2025 Whitworth Trading	SI 2253 (Room hire Make - November)	-£90.00	-£75.00	-£15.00
19 November 2025 Shelter Maintenance	Inv 16884	-£96.49	-£80.41	-£16.08
19 November 2025 Staff	Wages	-£4,932.33		
19 November 2025 HMRC	PAYE	-£1,605.84		
19 November 2025 Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff Pension	-£1,527.34		
19 November 2025 MDS Events	Remembrance Audio Equipt	-£100.00		
19 November 2025 Whitworth centre	S19 (Centre)	-£5,000.00		
19 November 2025 Amazon UK	GB52IA7OABEY (Stationery + First Aid)	-£34.05	-£28.37	-£5.68
19 November 2025 Wish Computers Ltd	Inv 7743 (Norton Security)	-£80.00	-£66.67	-£13.33

Payments made under delegated powers:

21 October 2025 Fairways Garden Centre	Inv 071025 (DDiB Plants)	-£376.44	-£313.70	-£62.74
21 October 2025 Survey Monkey	Inv 47133150	-£384.00	-£320.00	-£64.00

iii. To approve any S137 grant applications – None.

FC1125/9 **Governance** – Cllrs were asked to review the Town Council's Sexual Harassment Policy to discuss/approve. It was **RESOLVED** to defer to the December meeting.

FC1125/10 **Planning** –

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

- **25/00982/LBALT: Mr Walker**
  DEVELOPMENT : Erection of timber orangery
  LOCATION : Holt House Ladygrove Road Two Dales Derbyshire DE4 2FG

  It was **RESOLVED** to submit a recommendation of **NO OBJECTION** subject to the decision of the District Conservation Officer.

- **25/00981/FUL: Mr Walker**
  DEVELOPMENT : Erection of timber orangery
  LOCATION : Holt House Ladygrove Road Two Dales Derbyshire DE4 2FG

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

- **25/01001/FUL**: **Mr & Mrs Andrew Lessiter**
  DEVELOPMENT : Proposed single storey rear extension to dwelling and incorporation of additional land into domestic curtilage

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

ii. Consultations/Planning Issues requiring full council consideration (if any).

- **25/01093/FUL: Mr and Mrs Beffery**
  DEVELOPMENT: Proposed single storey rear extension.
  LOCATION: Lynchmere Old Hackney Lane Hackney Derbyshire DE4 2QJ

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

- **T/25/00140/TPO: MR Keith Bradley**
  PROPOSAL: Fell to ground level 1no. Cypress tree
  LOCATION: Oak Tree Grange 5 The Park Two Dales

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

FC1125/11 **The Whitworth Trust and Trading** –
Cllr Wheeler gave a summary of the report that was sent in advance of the meeting.

The Chair expressed sincere thanks to Councillors Wheeler and Chapman for their dedication and hard work in securing the new boilers for The Whitworth. Their efforts have been instrumental in making this vital upgrade possible.

FC1125/12 **Community initiatives update** –

i. The Bigger Green Energy Event – Saturday 7th February 2026. Cllr Mordue asked Cllrs to send him questions on heat pumps and soiler panels and he will put these to the speakers on the day.
ii. Remembrance wash-up – Service and parade went well. It was **RESOLVED** to keep the format the same i.e. parade within the park not on the A6.
iii. Station Road car park – AIB refused the Town Council's application for an a 0% fee merchant account. Cllr Wilson is investigating alternative accounts.
iv. Asset of Community Value – Ian Adkin it trying to find the evidence to keep the Plough Inn as a community value.
v. Carol Signing around the Christmas tree - Sunday 21st December at 2pm, Councillors invited to attend.

FC1125/13 **Councillor updates** –

Cllr Mordue – Darley Dale Memory Lane is hosting a Christmas event on Saturday 6th December at St Helen's, all Councillors are welcome to attend. Also, 7th February Mark Gwynne Jones will be carrying out his history presentation at Underhall, all are welcome.

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FC1125/14 **Clerk's updates and correspondence** –

Safe Farley Moor are hosting a meeting on 4th December at The Whitworth to keep people involved even though the DDDC planning meeting for Farley Moor isn't being discussed until January/February 2026.

- Report from resident about a part of the wall collapsing near the underpass on the A6 by Limetree Avenue. This has been reported.

FC1125/15 **Date of the next meeting** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 17th December.

20.59 **RESOLVED** to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.

FC1125/16 **Confidential** – Discussed a proposal for a commemorative tribute to Iris Wagstaff.

Meeting ended at 21:09