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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 17th December 2025

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

FC1225/1 **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from PCSO Radcliffe and District Cllrs Shelley and Franks. No apologies were received from District Cllr Burton.

FC1225/2 **Consider any variations to the order of business** – None.

FC1225/3 **Co-option of Councillor** – David Parkes 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.

FC1225/4 **Declaration of member's interests** – None in addition to those advertised.

FC1225/5 **To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting** – None.

FC1225/6 **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on 19th November 2025 with the following amendment:

"Mark Gwynne Jones local history presentation will be held on 17th February not 7th February".

FC1225/7 **Public participation** – None.

FC1225/8 **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police** –
District Cllr David Hughes provided the following update regarding the Local Plan:

- DDDC are trying to reduce the proposed number of houses that are to be built in the Derbyshire Dales from 580 to 460 every year until 2045. It was noted that the Peak Park need to have their share of houses also. The aim is to reduce this number further.
- The EMCA are working on a spatial plan.
- December 2026 is when the Local Plan needs to be in place for the planning inspectorate – sites are currently being evaluated. By spring/summer DDDC should be able to determine what sites will go in the Local Plan.
- DDDC have outsourced work to help with the Local Plan.
- Consultation – final consultation on the draft Local Plan should happen from July onwards – runs for 6 weeks.
- Cllr Farmer highlighted that residents should be fully aware of what is happening and it was agreed that a letter be drafted to Paul Wilson outlining concerns about how the Local Plan is being communicated to residents.

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County Councillor Hobson provided the following update:

- She has had dialogue with District Cllr Burton regarding the flooding issue on the A6 this weekend. The pressure of having extra housing will only increase flooding issues further.
- Farley Wood planning application meeting will be held in January/February 2026.
- The sale of Ecobat was completed in November. HJV Enhovens will be the new name.
- VAS System at Darley Bridge – no update.
- Darley Dale Pre-School – no update.

PCSO Radcliffe confirmed that there has been a number of burglaries happening in the area. Also, car thefts are occurring.

FC1225/9 **Finance** –

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

BANK RECONCILIATION	
Balance from 2024-25	£83,742
Plus receipts	£251,859
Less payments excl. VAT	£164,474
Less VAT paid	£3,059
Balance to date	**£168,069**
Bank balances	
Current	£26,869
Deposit	£141,200
Total	**£168,069**

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

17 December 2025 Amazon UK	GB529HNIABEY (H&S SIGNS)	-£33.49	-£27.91	-£5.58
17 December 2025 Amazon UK	GB529HWFABEY (Paint Brushes)	-£17.97	-£14.98	-£2.99
17 December 2025 Clarity Copiers	Inv 260168	-£31.35	-£26.12	-£5.23
17 December 2025 LM Creative	91225DDTC (CV)	-£1,840.00		
17 December 2025 LM Creative	91225DDTC (Remebrance Booklet)	-£130.00		
17 December 2025 Whitworth Trading	SI 2337 (Farley Moor meeting)	-£164.00	-£136.66	-£27.34
17 December 2025 Whitworth Trading	SI 2336 (FC)	-£67.99	-£56.66	-£11.33
17 December 2025 H&CO Pest Control	REF: 87422805 (Allotments Annual fee)	-£1,300.00		
17 December 2025 Whitworth Trading	SI 2330 (Make Dec room hire)	-£90.00	-£75.00	-£15.00
17 December 2025 Whitworth Trading	SI 2329 (Dec Office hire)	-£1,061.65	-£884.71	-£176.94
17 December 2025 Shelter Maintenance	Inv 16934	-£96.49	-£80.41	-£6.60
17 December 2025 Markovitz	Inv 0071/01517402 (Rock Salt)	-£270.00	-£225.00	-£45.00
17 December 2025 Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff Pension	-£1,210.98		
17 December 2025 Staff	Wages	-£4,028.33		
17 December 2025 HMRC	PAYE	-£1,211.09		
17 December 2025 S Rivett	Reimburse Plaque for Ingrid Pasteur	-£55.85		
17 December 2025 Whitworth Centre	S19 (Centre)	-£5,000.00		

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iii. To approve any S137 grant applications – It was **RESOLVED** to approve Darley Dale Scout Group £960 for the installation of handwashing facilities (£480 to be paid by District Cllrs). Total project cost £1,440.00.

FC1225/10 **Governance** –

i. Cllrs were asked to review the Town Council's Sexual Harassment Policy to discuss/approve. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Sexual Harassment Policy.

ii. Local Government Transparency Code – update provided by the Town Clerk.

FC1225/11 **Planning** –

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

- **25/01111/FUL: Mr and Mrs Mann**
  DEVELOPMENT: Erection of conservatory to rear
  LOCATION: 20 Palatine Gardens Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 3UH

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

- **25/01168/FUL: Ms J Battell**
  DEVELOPMENT: Erection of 2no. garden sheds (Retrospective)
  LOCATION: Rectory Farm Church Road Churchtown Darley Dale Derbyshire

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

- **25/01169/VCOND: Joe Toplis**
  DEVELOPMENT: Variation of condition 2 of application no. 24/00589/FUL – Replacement roof, with conversion of garage to home office and erection of garage/storage space.
  LOCATION: Whitegates Greenaway Lane Hackney Derbyshire DE4 2QB.

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

Cllr Chapman provided an update on Stancliffe Homes development. He is in liaison with The Whitworth Hospital and has informed them that the hospital may flood if these houses are built.

FC1225/12 **The Whitworth Trust and Trading** –
Cllr Wheeler gave a summary of the report that was sent in advance of the meeting.

Major concern is the lighting in the car park. Water tested for legionella and passed.

Cllr G. Atkin highlighted that she and other members of The Whitworth staff have not seen the staff handbook which is currently under review.

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The boiler installation should be finished by the end of this week.

FC1225/13 **Community initiatives update** –

i. The Big Green Energy Event – Cllr Mordue provided an update on the presentations and stallholders being organised for the day.

20:57 **RESOLVED** to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

ii. Wild Beaver Introduction – meeting taking place in January. Cllr Wheeler will attend the meeting.
iii. Station Road car park – Cllr Wilson is investigating alternative accounts for parking payment facilities.
iv. Christmas 2026 – possible ice-skating rink to be discussed at next meeting. CEO investigating costs.
v. MAKE community group update – Town Clerk to write a letter of thanks for all the group's hardwork to date.

FC1225/14 **Councillor updates** –

Cllr Mordue - 17th February Mark Gwynne Jones local history presentation which will be held at Underhall with Memory Lane Darley Dale attending.

Roger Clough of St Elphins would like to do a talk about his book.

FC1225/15 **Clerk's updates and correspondence** –

A query was received by the Clerk's office following the death of an allotment holder, asking whether they could take on the individual's pigeon plot. The CEO will contact the enquirer to request that they continue caring for the pigeons, and the matter will be reviewed at the next meeting.

FC1225/16 **Date of the next meeting** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 21st January.

Meeting ended at 21:17