

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Gallery Room at The Whitworth on Wednesday 21st January 2026

In attendance were Town Cllrs A. Atkin, G. Atkin, Chapman, Farmer, Mordue, Oakley, Wilson and Wheeler, District Cllr Burton and County Cllr Hobson. Also in attendance were Town Clerk Jason Hedley, RFO Ian Adkin and CEO Sarah Rivett.

FC0126/1 **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Bishop and Godber and PCSO Radcliffe. No apologies were received from District Cllr Franks.

FC0126/2 **Consider any variations to the order of business** – None.

FC0126/3 **Co-option of Councillor** – Dave Oakley requested to be co-opted onto the Council. The candidate and County Cllr Hobson left the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Dave onto the Council.

FC0126/4 **Declaration of member's interests** – Cllr Wheeler has declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of The Whitworth. Cllr G. Atkin has declared pecuniary interest as an employee of The Whitworth. Cllr A. Atkin has declared pecuniary interest as the spouse of a Whitworth employee.

19.13 District Cllr Shelley joined the meeting.

FC0126/5 **To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting** – None.

FC0126/6 **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on 17th December 2025.

FC0126/7 **Public participation** – None.

FC0126/8 **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police** – County Cllr Sue Hobson provided the following update:

- Received an update from Hillside Residents Association regarding evidence of mud.
- Will raise a question to DDDC regarding the flooding risk on the proposed development on Hackney Lane. Cllr Parkes raised that a letter to Whitworth Dale developer needs writing regarding the sewage issues on the estate.
- White Peak Loop partially closed between recycling centre and Rowsley in January and February due to maintenance.
- Farley Moor still waiting for planning meeting date.
- Air quality figures are available at the end of March and will be on the DDDC website.
- VAR system at Darley Bridge is an ongoing issue.
- Any Halldale Quarry queries or concerns need to be sent to County Cllr Hobson.
- Town Clerk queried grit bins in Darley Dale and salt supply, DCC website is now noting that DCC grit bins are now the responsibility of Darley Dale Town Council. Also, a lot of

the new developments do not have grit bins. County Cllr Hobson will find out regarding the amount of grit the Town Council receives and who will be filling them.

District Cllr David Burton provided the following update:

- Farley Moor planning meeting should be in April.
- Highlighted the incident outside the Co-op on Saturday 17th January.
- David Brown sadly passed away and was heavily involved with youth work in Darley Dale. District Cllr Burton asked if someone from the Town Council attend his funeral on 29th January at Darley Dale Methodist Church.

District Cllr Roger Shelley provided the following update:

- Roger passed the documents from the meeting he had attended with DDDC which are the proposed workplan for the Local Plan which includes the timings for us to share with residents.

No updated was provided by PCSO Radcliffe.

FC0126/9 **Finance** –

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

BANK RECONCILIATION	
Balance from 2024-25	£83,742
Plus receipts	£252,770
Less payments excl. VAT	£180,786
Less VAT paid	£3,364
Balance to date	£152,362
Bank balances	
Current	£10,251
Deposit	£142,111
Total	£152,362

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

21 January 2026	Clarity Copiers	Inv 260875	-£28.35	-£23.62	-£4.73
21 January 2026	Sarah Rivett	Reimbursement for carol mince pies	-£9.20		
21 January 2026	Amazon UK	GB61B7DABEY (Stationery)	-£30.20	-£25.15	-£5.05
21 January 2026	Amazon UK	GB62OGZABEY (Printer ink)	-£29.98	-£24.98	-£5.00
21 January 2026	Amazon UK	GB62OGKABEY (Printer ink)	-£38.91	-£32.43	-£6.48
21 January 2026	Amazon UK	GB68YG8NAEUD (Stationery)	-£5.73	-£4.77	-£0.96
21 January 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 2412 (Room hire FC)	-£67.99	-£56.66	-£11.33
21 January 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 2411 (Office hire)	-£1,061.65	-£884.71	-£176.94
21 January 2025	Whitworth Trading	SI 2408 (Make Jan room hire)	-£120.00	-£100.00	-£20.00
21 January 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 2394 (Christmas Carols refreshments)	-£44.50	-£37.07	-£7.43
21 January 2025	Shelter Maintenance	Inv 17012	-£96.49	-£80.41	-£16.00
21 January 2026	Hazel Accountancy	Inv 3371 (PAYE)	-£70.00		
21 January 2026	Staff	Wages	-£4,956.02		
21 January 2026	HMRC	PAYE	-£1,950.80		
21 January 2026	Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff Pension	-£1,590.48		
21 January 2026	Whitworth Centre	S19 (Centre)	-£5,000.00		
21 January 2026	IOC	Annual Fee paid by DD	-£47.00		
21 January 2026	Friends of Matlock Forest	S137 Grant (Save Farley Moor)	-£250.00		
21 January 2026	Wish Computers Ltd	Inv 8012 (New laptop)	-£480.00	-£400.00	-£80.00

- iii. To approve any S137 grant applications – It was **RESOLVED** to approve Friends of Matlock Forest (Save Farley Moor) £250 for the setup cost of their website.

FC0126/10 Proposed Budget and Precept 2026/27 –

- i. To consider the recommendations of the Finance Advisory Committee – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the proposed 2026/27 budget and set the precept at £290,434.
- ii. To agree the precept for 2026/27 – It was **RESOLVED** to allocate £130k in 2026/27 budget for The Whitworth support (Cllrs A. Atkin and G. Atkin did not participate in the vote due to the declared pecuniary interest).

FC0126/11 Planning –

- i. Brief run through of Planning Committee decisions for January.

- **25/01161/OUT:** Mr & Mrs Tate
DEVELOPMENT Outline application for the erection of 1 no. dwellinghouse with approval being sought for access
LOCATION : Nether Hall Farm Hallmoor Road Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2QQ

A member of the public was permitted to make representations on the application.

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a recommendation of **OBJECTION** on the following grounds:

- S4 – Development in the Countryside: Outside boundaries identified in the local plan.
- PD5 – Landscape character: To protect the character of the plan area.

c. NP1 – Protecting the landscape character of Darley Dale: any development of this site would be overbearing in design and scale.

- **25/01183/FUL:** Mrs Claudia Karklins
DEVELOPMENT : Proposed single storey side extension
LOCATION : 28 Columbelle Way Two Dales Derbyshire DE4 2SA

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

- **26/00031/VCOND:** Mr Sam Jones, Stancliffe Homes
DEVELOPMENT : Variation of condition 2 of planning application reference no. 23/01275/FUL – Erection of 37 no. dwellings
LOCATION : Land To The Rear Farm Cottage Old Hackney Lane Hackney Derbyshire.

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a recommendation that we defer a decision on this application until after we conduct a site visit with DCC, the developer and stakeholders to better understand the proposals.

FC0126/12 The Whitworth Trust and Trading –

Cllr Wheeler discussed his report he sent prior to the meeting.

Cllr G. Atkin and A. Atkin no longer wish to support the monthly bingo events at The Whitworth or The Gig in the Park.

FC0126/13 Community initiatives update –

- i. The Big Green Energy Event – Cllr Mordue passed the event flyers to the Councillors to help promote the event.
- ii. Wild Beaver Introduction – Cllr Wheeler attended the meeting, there were objections from fishing clubs. A consultation will take place over the next year and a decision will be made afterwards.
- iii. Station Road car park – Cllr Wilson has found a company that can provide a chip and pin device and it should be ready within 8-12 weeks.
- iv. Grit – Town Clerk is planning to purchase a couple of grit bins one for Whitworth Dale estate and another to hand if needed.
- v. MAKE Community Group update – outgrowing the space they are in (Library) it has evolved into a community group not just a Ukrainian group. They will come to us for a grant in the next financial year.

FC0126/14 Councillor updates –

Cllr Mordue - 17th February at 1.30pm Mark Gwynne Jones local history presentation which will be held at Underhall. If anyone would like to attend on behalf of the Town Council please let Cllr Mordue know.

FC0126/15 Clerk's updates and correspondence – None.

FC0126/16 Date of the next meeting – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 18th February.

Meeting ended at 20:54