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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 18th February 2026

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

FC0226/1 **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from County Cllr Hobson, Cllrs Bishop and Mordue and PCSO Radcliffe. No apologies were received from District Cllrs Burton and Franks.

FC0226/2 **Consider any variations to the order of business** – It was **RESOLVED** to move The Whitworth Trust and Trading to agenda item 7.

FC0226/3 **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.

FC0226/4 **To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting** – None.

FC0226/5 **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on 21st January 2025.

FC0226/6 **Public participation** – David Tidd gave the Town Council an update on Twinning. He asked if another councillor could attend if Cllr Bishop was unable to attend any meetings. Cllr Farmer agreed he would attend in her absence if needed.

FC0226/7 **The Whitworth Trust and Trading** – Cllr Wheeler discussed his report he sent prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that letters were to be sent to previous Whitworth Trustees regarding the boiler investigation being closed. These should be sent from the current Whitworth Trustees.

The land next to The Whitworth (next to Darley Dale Methodist Church) which is owned by The Whitworth will have its lease reviewed before the end of the current term.

19:29 Cllr Godber arrived.

The front of The Whitworth is closed due to a loose ridge tile near the chimney, requiring scaffolding. Scaffolding quotes are being obtained.

The climbing wall equipment for Whitworth Park requires planning permission before funding can be sourced.

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FC0226/8 **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police** –
District Cllr Roger Shelley provided the following update:

- Severe issues with surface water flooding in some areas in Darley Dale. Greenaway Lane is particularly bad, Cllr Shelley is looking into this with DCC who are responsible.
- Cllr Oakley is putting together a document which highlights flooding issues along Station Road and Whitworth Road and will send this to Cllr Shelley and will also send to County Cllr Hobson.
- Ecobat meeting is coming up and Cllr Shelley will be attending.
- Assisting in a new housing survey – Whitworth Dale and Boden Close which will help with the Local Plan.
- RFO asked how is the Tax Base calculated, RFO to send Cllr Shelley an email requesting information on this.

No update was provided by PCSO Radcliffe or County Cllr Hobson.

FC0226/9 **Finance** –

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

BANK RECONCILIATION	
Balance from 2024-25	£83,742
Plus receipts	£252,770
Less payments excl. VAT	£197,251
Less VAT paid	£3,698
Balance to date	**£135,562**
Bank balances	
Current	£3,451
Deposit	£132,111
Total	**£135,562**

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

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18 February 2026 DDiB	Sensory Gdn Works	-£475.00		
18 February 2026 Clarity Copiers	Inv 261363	-£6.88	-£5.73	-£1.15
18 February 2026 Caroline Dale-Leech	DDiB water bowser	-£180.00		
18 February 2026 Everedge	DDiB flower bed edging	-£390.72	-£325.60	-£65.12
18 February 2026 Amazon UK	GB601931NIRP1I (Stationery)	-£7.59	-£6.32	-£1.27
18 February 2026 Peak Advertiser	Inv 153437 (Energy Event)	-£252.00	-£210.00	-£42.00
18 February 2026 Amazon UK	GB66HPCABEY (Stationery)	-£47.85	-£39.88	-£7.97
18 February 2026 James Singleton	GIP Sound Engineer Deposit	-£205.00		
18 February 2026 Jack Briant	CV Delivery	-£20.00		
18 February 2026 Whitworth Trading	SI 2469 (Room hire)	-£42.50		
18 February 2026 Whitworth Trading	SI 2470 (Room hire)	-£23.00	-£19.16	-£3.84
18 February 2026 Iconic Media	Inv 1067725 (M Mercury - Energy Event)	-£120.00	-£100.00	-£20.00
18 February 2026 Shelter Maintenance	Inv 17097	-£96.49	-£80.41	-£16.08
18 February 2026 Projan Electrical	Inv 921 (Xmas Tree Lights)	-£763.20	-£636.00	-£127.20
18 February 2026 Whitworth Trading	SI 2492 (Room hire Make)	-£90.00	-£75.00	-£15.00
18 February 2026 Whitworth Trading	SI 2493 (Office hire)	-£1,061.65	-£884.71	-£176.94
18 February 2026 Whitworth Trading	SI 2494 (Room hire)	-£67.99	-£56.66	-£11.33
18 February 2026 Whitworth Trading	SI 2495 (Room hire - Energy event)	-£215.00	-£179.16	-£35.84
18 February 2026 SJR Carpentry	Inv 154 (brass plaque + fix DD sign)	-£60.00		
18 February 2026 SJR Carpentry	Inv 153 (repair notic board + lay paving)	-£430.00		
18 February 2026 Cuttlefish Multimedia	Inv 2684 (Domain hosting)	-£90.00	-£75.00	-£15.00
18 February 2026 Whitworth Centre	S19 (Centre)	-£10,000.00		
18 February 2026 Staff Wages	Wages	-£4,181.46		
18 February 2026 HMRC	PAYE	-£1,415.41		
18 February 2026 Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff Pension	-£1,232.84		
18 February 2026 Darley Dale Cricket Club	S137 Grant (att separately)	-£1,162.80		

iii. To approve any S137 grant applications – It was **RESOLVED** to approve Darley Dale Cricket Club for £1162.80 for a junior bowling machine. Cllr Parkes abstained from the vote.

FC0226/10 **Planning** –

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

- **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 Rear Farm Cottage Old Hackney Lane Hackney Derbyshire

  A Consultation response had already been submitted on 21st January 2026.

- **26/00082/FUL: Palfreyman Palfreyman Properties Ltd**
  DEVELOPMENT: Change of use of agricultural barns into 2.no holiday lets with a first floor extension
  LOCATION: Woodside Farm Back Lane Darley Moor Matlock Derbyshire

  Councillors **RESOLVED** to submit the recommendation of NO OBJECTION with the following conditions:
  i. The recommendations submitted by DCC Highways in their consultation response of 16th February are applied.
  ii. The proposed development includes bat boxes to take in account the presence of pipistrelle bats on the site.

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- **26/00070/FUL: Mr D Hirst digital accessories ltd**
  DEVELOPMENT: Change of use of building from use class B8 to mixed use class B8 Ea (Sale of electrical goods)
  LOCATION: Unit A The Old Bus Garage Old Hackney Lane Hackney Derbyshire

  Councillors **RESOLVED** to submit the recommendation of NO OBJECTION.

- **T/26/00022/TPO: Mr Brian Fletcher**
  PROPOSAL: Fell 2No. Ash trees due to Stage 3 Ash Dieback
  LOCATION: 51 Stanton Moor View Matlock Derbyshire

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

- **T/26/00023/TPO: Mr James Dowling**
  PROPOSAL: Fell 1No. White poplar as trunk is abutting a containing stone wall.
  LOCATION: St Katherines Grove Lane Hackney

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

- **T/26/00011/TPO: Miss Jemima Letts**
  PROPOSAL: Fell 4no. elm and 6no. larch trees
  LOCATION: View Cottage Hallmoor Road Darley Dale

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

ii. Cllr Chapman provided an update on the Local Plan, emphasising that the Town Council must submit their opinions by August 2026. The current surface water drainage and sewer systems are inadequate for further housing development, making flooding a significant concern. To highlight this issue, all flooding incidents should be reported. Cllr Chapman intends to conduct a flooding survey, urging residents to recognise the importance of reporting such events. Additionally, a user-friendly guide for reporting flooding is now available on the website. The plan is to have an open day so residents can come speak to the Town Council about flooding and the Local Plan – Cllr Shelley confirmed if DDDC had plenty of notice a few bodies from DDDC would attend to help with the open day.

Darley Dale is noted as a Tier 2 town in the Local Plan – people live and work in Darley Dale. Cllr Chapman is going to carry out a survey for residents on the new housing estates - Whitworth Dale and Boden Close to see if this is the case.

Farley Moor planning meeting still hasn't been confirmed but Cllr Shelley said it would likely be in April 2026 and will ensure that he lets the Town Council know asap once a date is confirmed.

FC0226/11 **<u>Community initiatives update</u>** –

i. The Big Green Energy Event – deferred as Cllr Mordue wasn't able to attend the meeting.

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ii. Town of Culture – Cllr Wheeler informed the council of what the Town of Culture involves. The process being that the TC make an application which is then considered by middle of this year. The towns that are selected will then be awarded a £60k "Bid development grant" to enable them to develop and submit a future bid the government. The winning bid will receive £3m with two runner up awards of £250k each. It was **RESOLVED** that Darley Dale Town Council would enter the Town of Culture.
iii. Station Road car park – Cllr Wilson submitted the application for the payment system. The chip and pin device is going to cost approx. £500 to £300.
iv. MAKE Community Group update – decided that they are happy to stay in the Library. They would like to know if the TC will support a second group for an after school club for children with the aim of starting after September. The cost will be £2k for supporting two groups.
v. TC input into PSCO's priorities in Darley Dale – Councillors were asked to forward any concerns in Darley Dale to the CEO by 1st March.

FC0226/12 **Councillor updates** – None.

FC0226/13 **Clerk's updates and correspondence** – None.

FC0226/14 **Date of the next meeting** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 18th March.

FC0226/15 **Confidential** – Council approved the NALC 2025/26 pay awards for office staff and confirmation of staff salaries 2025-26

Meeting ended at 20.45