

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Gallery Room at The Whitworth on Wednesday 18th March 2026

In attendance were Town Cllrs Chapman, Farmer, Godber, Mordue, Oakley, Parkes and Wheeler. Also in attendance was Town Clerk Jason Hedley.

FC0326/1 **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Town Councillors Wilson and Bishop, County Cllr Hobson, District Cllrs Burton and Shelley and PCSO Radcliffe. No apologies were received from District Cllr Franks.

Cllr Farmer informed the council that Cllrs G Atkin and A Atkin had resigned from the Town Council with immediate effect. The Town Clerk was asked to write to them to thank them for their time on the council and to request that they drop off their council IDs into the office.

FC0326/2 **Consider any variations to the order of business** – None.

FC0326/3 **Declaration of members’ interests** – Cllr Wheeler has declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of The Whitworth.

FC0326/4 **To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting** – No exclusions.

FC0326/5 **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on 18th February 2025.

FC0326/6 **Public participation** – None.

FC0326/7 **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police** – An update from County Cllr Hobson had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

FC0326/8 **Finance** –

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

| BANK RECONCILIATION | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance from 2024-25 | £83,742 |
| Plus receipts | £252,896 |
| Less payments excl. VAT | £219,717 |
| Less VAT paid | £4,237 |
| Balance to date | £112,683 |
| Bank balances | |
| Current | £5,619 |
| Deposit | £107,064 |
| Total | £112,683 |

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

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| 18 March 2026 | Derbyshire Pension Fund | Staff Pensions | -£2,873.10 | | |
| 18 March 2026 | Staff | Wages (incl payrise backdated 1/4/2025) | -£9,578.67 | | |
| 18 March 2026 | HMRC | PAYE | -£4,248.76 | | |
| 18 March 2026 | Hazel Accountancy | PAYE | -£70.00 | | |
| 18 March 2026 | Design Union UK | Inv 4011 (Website support) | -£144.00 | -£120.00 | -£24.00 |
| 18 March 2026 | LM Creative | Inv 110326DDTC (CV) | -£2,000.00 | | |
| 18 March 2026 | LM Creative | Inv 110326DDTC (Energy event + local plan) | -£529.00 | | |
| 18 March 2026 | Peak Advertiser | Inv 153748 (local plan) | -£207.00 | -£172.50 | -£34.50 |
| 18 March 2026 | Whitworth Trading | SI 2578 (Room hire - Make) | -£120.00 | -£100.00 | -£20.00 |
| 18 March 2026 | Whitworth Trading | SI 2577 (Office hire) | -£1,061.65 | -£884.71 | -£176.94 |
| 18 March 2026 | Mark Gwynne Jones | Underhall Presentation | -£300.00 | | |
| 18 March 2026 | Shelter Maintenance | Inv 17178 | -£96.49 | -£80.41 | -£16.08 |
| 18 March 2026 | Tudor Environmental | ln0448558 (Grit bins) | -£285.89 | -£238.24 | -£47.65 |
| 18 March 2026 | DALC | SI 4922 (Annual Subscription) | -£1,566.67 | | |
| 18 March 2026 | Clarity Copiers | Inv 261727 | -£26.33 | -£21.94 | -£4.39 |
| 18 March 2026 | Whitworth centre | S19 (Centre) | -£5,000.00 | | |
| 18 March 2026 | Three Square Market Ltd | Inv 301198 (Payter card reader) | -£401.60 | -£325.00 | -£66.93 |

- iii. To approve any S137 grant applications – It was **RESOLVED** to defer an application from St Helens Church to the April Full Council meeting, and to invite a representative to the meeting to address questions from the councillors.

FC0326/9 Planning –

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

- **26/00160/FUL:** Mr Martin Hudson
DEVELOPMENT : Erection of 5 Glamping Pods
LOCATION: Former Quarry In Hallmoor Wood Hallmoor Road Darley Dale Derbyshire

Darley Dale Town Council are unable to submit a recommendation on this application due to a lack of information on all services (i.e. foul water, waste management, electricity, drinking water etc.). More information is also needed on the makeup of the access road.

- **26/00189/FUL:** Southwell & Burgess
DEVELOPMENT: Dormer roof extension to detached garage
LOCATION: White House Church Road Churchtown Darley Dale Derbyshire

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

- **26/00190/VCOND:** Southwell & Burgess
DEVELOPMENT: Variation of condition 2 of application number 25/00819/FUL – Erection of a rear extension and internal and external alterations.
LOCATION: White House Church Road Churchtown Darley Dale Derbyshire

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

- **26/00162/LBALT:** Southwell & Burgess
DEVELOPMENT: Extension of the rear gable
LOCATION: White House Church Road Churchtown Darley Dale Derbyshire

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

- **26/00212/FUL:** Mr and Mrs Brown
DEVELOPMENT: Widened entrance and parking area.
LOCATION: 16 The Parkway Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2FW

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

- ii. Consultations/Planning issues requiring Full Council consideration - None

FC0326/10 The Whitworth Trust and Trading –

It was **RESOLVED** to give the Town Clerk delegated authority to pay The Whitworth Trust £35,000 S19 for The Whitworth Park on 1st April 2026.

Cllr Wheeler discussed the Whitworth reports sent prior to the meeting.

FC0326/11 Community initiatives update –

- i. Town of Culture – Cllr Wheeler updated Cllrs on the proposed bid.
- ii. Station Rd Carpark – The donation post has been fabricated and the card reader has now been received. We are hopeful to have it installed by the end of April.
- iii. Allotment rent increase – It was **RESOLVED** to raise the rents for 2026/27 by the RPI on 31st March 2026.
- iv. Local Plan Review – Cllr Chapman update Cllrs on the LPR and DDTC's intended feedback. Councillors **RESOLVED** to allocate a £1,500 budget to a Local Plan Working Group. Saturday 4th of April is the date set to hold a flooding information event at The Whitworth.

FC0326/12 Councillor updates –

- i. Cllr Farmer update Cllrs on a proposed visit of Twinning to France. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should use his delegated authority to contribute towards the cost of gifts to be presented during the visit.
- ii. Cllr Mordue informed the Council that new repayment schedules were available for solar panel installation.
- iii. Cllr Oakley is in correspondence with Sue Hobson over repairing damage caused to the newly resurfaced paths on the A6.

FC0226/13 Clerk's updates and correspondence –

- i. The Town Clerk is in contact with National Grid regarding the unsatisfactory way the grass verge has been left following works outside the Coop. We are demanding that the flower

bed be reinstated and that the verge should have all lose stones removed and be reseeded.

FC0226/14 **Date of the next meeting** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 15th April.

Meeting ended at 20.58