

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Gallery Room at The Whitworth on Wednesday 15th April 2026

In attendance were Town Cllrs Chapman, Bishop, Godber, Mordue, Oakley, Parkes, Taylor, Wilson and Wheeler and County Cllr Hobson and District Cllr Shelley. Also in attendance were RFO Ian Adkin and CEO Sarah Rivett.

- FC0426/1** **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from the Town Clerk Jason Hedley, Town Councillor Farmer, District Cllrs Burton and Franks and PCSO Radcliffe.
- FC0426/2** **Consider any variations to the order of business** – None.
- FC0426/3** **Co-option of Councillor** – Carol Taylor requested to be co-opted onto the Council. The candidate left the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Carol onto the Council.
- FC0426/4** **Declaration of members’ interests** – Cllr Wheeler has declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of The Whitworth.
- FC0426/5** **To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting** – No exclusions.
- FC0426/6** **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on 18th March 2026.
- FC0426/7** **Public participation** – None.
- FC0426/8** **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police** – District Cllr Shelley provided the following update:
- District Cllr Shelley attended Severn Trent Water meeting on 15th April – questions were asked about extra housing developments and the effects. Made some good contacts.
 - Went out with members of DDTC knocking on doors at the weekend to get flooding and housing development surveys completed.
 - Cllr Parkes raised concerns about the “fleece-holding” arrangements affecting residents on newer housing estates — including Boden Close, Normanhurst and Whitworth Dale — where households are paying a private service charge which is often increasing yearly, for grass-cutting and grounds maintenance. As these residents already pay council tax, which covers these services elsewhere in Darley Dale, he asked whether DDDC could adopt these areas so that residents are not required to pay an additional charge.
 - The land next to Church Road allotments – ask allotment association to cc District Cllr Shelley into emails regarding any queries they have.
 - Cllrs Parkes and Chapman discussed the ongoing issues faced by a resident at Boden Close, where raw sewage has been entering their home.

County Cllr Hobson provided the following update:

- Cllr Bishop raised an issue with the yellow lines at Morledge as a resident puts cones to save spaces and it makes it difficult to access the estate and the ARC Leisure Centre safely.
- Attended DDTC flooding event on 4th April and the Severn Trent Water meeting on 15th April.
- Planning information has been sent to the Clerk’s office, still awaiting dates on various DCC Planning meetings - Farley Moor.
- VAS system – still the same issue, however someone different from DCC is now leading on this issue so will hopefully be resolved soon.
- Churchtown Primary School have received their S106 money and provided information about what they will be spending it on.
- Consultation regarding Glossop recycling tip is potentially going to close.
- School buses dedicated email if you have any issues – schooltransport@derbyshire.gov.uk

A number of issues were raised during the discussion, and it was agreed that councillors would email their concerns to the Clerk’s office so they can be collated and forwarded to DDDC and DCC.

FC0426/9 Finance –

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

BANK RECONCILIATION	
Balance from 2024-25	£84,174
Plus receipts	£0
Less payments excl. VAT	£0
Less VAT paid	£0
Balance to date	£84,174
Bank balances	
Current	£7,110
Deposit	£77,064
Total	£84,174

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

15 April 2026	Clarity Copiers	Inv 262268	-22.66	-18.88	-3.78
15 April 2026	Ashover Business Centre Ltd	SI 12603 (Matlock Print) Flood event	-7.20	-6.00	-1.20
15 April 2026	Reimburse J Hedley	Special Delivery of Payter Machine	-11.25		
15 April 2026	Reimburse J Hedley	CPRE Membership	-60.00		
15 April 2026	Twinning	Onzain gifts	-159.00		
15 April 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 2647 (Make room hire April)	-90.00	-75.00	-15.00
15 April 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 2642 (Library hire)	-55.00	-45.83	-9.17
15 April 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 2641 (Gallery hire)	-115.00	-95.83	-19.17
15 April 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 2640 (Office hire)	-1,097.75	-914.79	-182.96
15 April 2026	Contactless Donation Box Ltd	Inv 1590 (Remaining balance)	-1,182.00	-985.00	-197.00
15 April 2026	Shelter Maintenance	Inv 17242	-96.49	-80.41	-16.08
15 April 2026	SJR Carpentry	Inv 159 (Donation box installation)	-250.00		
15 April 2026	Amazon UK	GB6SDTTABEY (stationery)	-24.94	-20.78	-4.16
15 April 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 2606 (Library hire)	-23.00	-19.16	-3.84
15 April 2026	Staff	Wages	-4,328.96		
15 April 2026	HMRC	PAYE	-1,521.23		
15 April 2026	Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff Pensions	-1,074.10		
15 April 2026	Whitworth Centre	S19 (Centre)	-7,500.00		

Delegated payments:

01/04/2026	Whitworth Centre	S19 (Park)	-35000
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- iii. To approve any S137 grant applications –
Church Warden Steve Walker addressed any questions councillors had regarding the grant application from April's meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to award £1000 for a projector.

It was **RESOLVED** to award Darley Dale Twinning £150 to engage young people in the summer cycling event.

It was **RESOLVED** to award Memory Lane Darley Dale £1000 for the ongoing running costs of the community group.

FC0426/10 Planning –

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

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

Despite receiving more information from the agent and considering the Environmental Agency & DCC Highways Department consultation responses, councillors determined that there was insufficient additional information to amend the Town Council's original consultation response.

- **26/00253/FUL:** Mr Mike Hall
DEVELOPMENT: Erection of two bedroom dwelling house
LOCATION: Derwent Cottage Peakland View Darley Dale DE4 2FT

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

- **26/00282/FUL:** Tina and Andrew Reynolds
DEVELOPMENT: Erection of a single storey rear extension, partially built with a dual pitch roof and partially with a flat roof to create a roof terrace.
LOCATION: Woodland House 24 Greenaway Lane Hackney Derbyshire DE4 2QB

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

- **26/00359/FUL:** Mr Roger Cundy
DEVELOPMENT: Proposed single-storey rear extension, formation of off-street parking to the front, involving partial removal of the boundary wall and installation of a dropped kerb and replacement of concrete outbuilding with timber shed
LOCATION: Brockville 4 Station Road Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2EQ

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

- **T/26/00058/TPO:** Mr Lugg
PROPOSAL: Fell 1no. Beech tree
LOCATION: 45 Porteous Close Two Dales Derbyshire

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

- **26/00393/FUL:** C/o Agent
DEVELOPMENT: Raise roof of attached garage and install dormers to front and rear
LOCATION: Galena Whitworth Road Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2HJ

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

- **26/00298/FUL:** Mr D Wardman
Development: Erection of agricultural building
Location: Farley Farm Farley Lane Farley Derbyshire DE4 5LR

In principle councillors have no objection, however, they are unable to submit a recommendation as the plans submitted do not appear to match up.

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

FC0426/11 **The Whitworth Trust and Trading** – Cllr Wheeler discussed The Whitworth reports sent prior to the meeting.

A joint meeting with DDTC and The Whitworth has been arranged for 14th May.

FC0426/12 **Community Initiatives Update** –

- i. Town of Culture – Cllr Wheeler updated Cllrs that an eviction notice has been sent to the person renting the land next to Darley Dale Methodist Church. The bid for Town of Culture was placed at the end of March.
- ii. Station Rd Carpark – The donation post has been installed - donations of £70 have been made. Feedback has been positive. Footpath warden to trim area on his rounds.
- iii. Local Plan Review – Cllr Chapman reported back from the recent Local Plan Committee meeting. The proposed development sites are expected to be published on 28 April. Darley Dale is identified as a Tier 2 Settlement, meaning it is likely to receive around 10% of the district's housing allocation. With 700 homes proposed per year over the next 16 years, this could represent a significant number of new properties in the town. A community group has now been formed to help keep residents informed about the Local Plan Review and what the forthcoming site proposals may mean for Darley Dale.
- iv. Flooding Event Wash-Up – widely advertised via Facebook, flyers in the *Peak Advertiser* delivered across Darley Dale, hand-delivered leaflets to the new housing estates, the Town Council website, and banners outside The Whitworth - yet only 15 residents attended. It was felt that the word "flooding" may have discouraged some people from coming, as many may not have realised that the event covered surface water on roads and footpaths as well as flooding inside homes.

Agreed to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.

FC0426/13 **Councillor updates** –

- Cllr Mordue – looking into talks for older residents in Darley Dale working with different community groups and locations around Darley Dale.
- Cllr Parkes – Asked for £120 to pay to measure the water quality in the river at Warney Brook which was agreed. Cllr Parkes also mentioned having community awards / resident of the quarter in Community Voice. To be discussed further with the Clerk's office.
- Cllr Oakley – Brown water along the White Loop Peak near Church Road allotments, perhaps test here also.

FC0426/14 **Clerk's updates and correspondence** –

- Started work on plotting out walks around the town to be publicised. The aim is to have two finalised for National Walking month in May.
- A resident emailed the Clerk's office regarding residents parking on the grass verge along the A6 near Hooleys. This will be included in the collated email sent to DCC.
- Co-op land left in a mess after National Grid did work and a white van drove across the grass recently. Ian wrote to DCC to inform them they will put a raised bed in and what can

be used to stop people parking on the corner and churning up the verges at the beginning of Station Road.

- Platform Housing have awarded The Whitworth £3,000 for the climbing wall in Whitworth Park. Cllr Wheeler is currently applying for planning permission for this, once confirmed the Clerk's office will continue to apply for funding.
- Speed Awareness – Cllrs Bishop, Wilson, Farmer, Godber, Taylor (reserve) are happy to be speed awareness volunteers. Clerk's office to advertise that more volunteers are needed before organising training.

FC0426/15 **Date of the next meeting** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 20th May.

Meeting ended at 21.13