

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Gallery Room at The Whitworth on Wednesday 20th May 2026

In attendance were Town Cllrs Chapman, Bishop, Farmer, Hood, Mordue, Oakley, Parkes, Wilson and Wheeler. Also in attendance were Town Clerk Jason Hedley and CEO Sarah Rivett.

- FC0526/1** **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Town Councillor Taylor, RFO Ian Adkin, District Cllr Shelley, PCSO Radcliffe and County Cllr Hobson. No apologies were received from District Cllrs Burton or Franks.
- FC0526/2** **Consider any variations to the order of business** – None.
- FC0526/3** **Co-option of Councillor** – David Hood requested to be co-opted onto the Council. The candidate left the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt David onto the Council.
- FC0526/4** **Declaration of members’ interests** – Cllr Wheeler has declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of The Whitworth. Cllr Wilson declared a pecuniary interest as the spouse of our accountant, Sarah Wilson.
- 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 15th April 2026.
- FC0426/7** **Public participation** – None.
- FC0426/8** **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police** – None.
- FC0426/9** **Finance** –
- i. It was agreed to defer the May bank reconciliation until the June 2026 Town Council meeting.
 - ii. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the proposed payments to be made in May.

20 May 2026 Amazon UK	GB616L8IABEY (Stationery)	-28.21	-23.51	-4.70
20 May 2026 Amazon UK	GB6006JJQNVYJI (Stationery)	-7.18	-5.98	-1.20
20 May 2026 Fairways	Inv 130526 (DDiB plants)	-1,123.16	-935.97	-187.19
20 May 2026 Whitworth Trading	SI 2732 (Room hire)	-72.00	-60.00	-12.00
20 May 2026 Whitworth Trading	SI 2726 (Office hire)	-1,097.75	-914.79	-182.96
20 May 2026 Whitworth Trading	SI 2725 (Room hire - Make)	-99.00	-82.50	-16.50
20 May 2026 Shelter Maintenance	Inv 17293	-106.14	-88.45	-17.69
20 May 2026 Whitworth Trading	SI 2677 (room hire)	-72.00	-60.00	-12.00
20 May 2026 Whitworth Trading	SI 2676 (room hire)	-35.00	-29.16	-5.84
20 May 2026 Clarity Copiers	Inv 262841	-65.48	-54.57	-10.91
20 May 2026 Jason Farmer	Reimburse travel cost to France	-159.10		
20 May 2026 Jason Farmer	Reimburse travel cost from France	-115.75		
20 May 2026 James Wison	Reimburse key cutting	-28.00		
20 May 2026 Sarah Rivett	Reimburse Canva	-99.99		
20 May 2026 Sara Wilson	Inv 1/26 (TC AGAR Reconciliation 25/26)	-150.00		
20 May 2026 Staff	Wages	-5,773.23		
20 May 2026 HMRC	PAYE	-2,239.98		
20 May 2026 Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff Pensions	-1,330.15		
20 May 2026 Whitworth Centre	S19 (Centre)	-7,500.00		

iii. To approve any S137 grant applications – None.

FC0426/10 Planning –

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

- **26/00379/FUL:** Mr and Mrs Patrick and Emma Savage

DEVELOPMENT: Re-roof existing single storey dwelling, erection of canopy to front entrance porch, balcony platform area to rear, conversion of existing garage to form utility and guest bedroom, partial render to facade and addition of window to side elevation

LOCATION: Tamarinda Gill Lane Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2HH

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

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

FC0426/11 Governance –

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following for 2025/26 unless noted otherwise:

- Standing Orders
- Code of Conduct
- Asset List – RFO to write a letter of reminder for the payment or the return of the trailer to Cllr Farmer.
- Financial Regulations
- Data and Information Handbook – deferred to the June 2026 Town Council meeting.
- Complaints Procedure
- Co-option Policy
- Risk Register
- Sexual Harassment

It was **RESOLVED** all councillors each year need to read and review all governance documents and confirm via email that they have received and accepted the terms.

FC0426/12 **Update on Annual Governance Audit Review/AGAR return** – The Town Clerk provided a quick update.

Cllr Farmer arrived at 19:37

FC0426/13 **The Whitworth Trust and Trading** – Cllr Wheeler sent a summary before the meeting and discussed this briefly.

He also provided a brief summary of the DDTC and Trust meeting last week.

Cllr Wilson left the meeting at 20:27

FC0426/14 **Community initiatives update** –

- i. Town of Culture – Cllr Wheeler confirmed all the bidders for ToC been asked to resubmit question one again with further information. Bids will be allocated in August. Planning application for the field has now gone into DDDC.
- ii. Local Plan Review – At the DDDC Local Plan Committee meeting on 13th May, members voted to accept all the proposed development sites that were released in April. Darley Dale Town Council had submitted strong objections to every site put forward, highlighting concerns about the scale and suitability of development in the town.

The committee noted that if the Local Plan were submitted with a shortfall in the number of houses required, there was a significant risk that central government could intervene and take control of the process. This risk influenced the decision to approve all proposed sites so the plan could progress.

The next meeting will be heard in June which will show the final proposed Local Plan.

We previously asked for our Tier Settlement status to be reassessed from Tier 2 to Tier 3. It was agreed that Cllr Chapman withdraw this request as we may end up with more houses.

A special edition of Community Voice all about the Local Plan will come out in July for all Darley Dale residents.

- iii. Gig in the Park – All bands are now confirmed for 30th August, subsidising the bouncy castles and offering festival facepainting for a small donation to ensure this is an affordable day out for families.

FC0426/15 **Councillor updates** –

Cllr Mordue – Roger Clough has his book launch at 2pm in the Methodist Church on Tuesday 26th May.

Cllr Farmer – Gave an overview of his recent trip to Onzain and highlighted the many similarities between Darley Dale and our twin town. He spoke about how warmly the group was welcomed throughout the visit and noted that the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who took part. It will be Darley Dale's turn to host in two years.

FC0426/16 **Clerks' updates/correspondence** –

- The pigeon plot at Church Road was briefly discussed. If the current tenant no longer wishes to continue, the plot will need to be taken back by the Town Council. A further decision will then be required on whether it should be re-let as an allotment plot rather than a pigeon plot.

FC0426/17 **Date of the next meeting** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 17th June at 6pm.

Meeting ended at 9.00pm