

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Gallery Room at The Whitworth on Wednesday 17th June 2026

In attendance were Town Cllrs Farmer, Hood, Mordue, Oakley, Taylor, Wheeler and Wilson. Also in attendance were Town Clerk Jason Hedley, CEO Sarah Rivett, County Cllr Hobson and District Cllr Franks.

- FC0626/1** **To elect a Chair for the year 2026/27** – It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Farmer as Chair for the year 2026/27.
- FC0626/2** **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr Chapman, District Cllr Shelley and the PCSO. No apologies were received from District Cllr Burton.
- FC0626/3** **To elect a Deputy Chair for the year 2026/27** – It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Wheeler as Vice Chair for the year 2026/27.
- FC0626/4** **Declaration of member's interests** – Cllr Wilson declared a possible pecuniary interest.
- FC0626/5** **To consider any variations to the order of business** – None.
- FC0626/6** **Exclusion of press and public** – None.
- FC0626/7** **Minutes from previous meeting** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on 20th May 2026. Cllrs Farmer and Wilson abstained.
- FC0626/8** **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police**

District Cllr Franks provided the following update:

- Pub consultation for the Local Plan will be mid-August, it is very important people have their say.
- The Farley Moor planning application is expected to be considered at the planning meeting on 30th June, subject to confirmation. District Cllr Franks will speak against the application.
- The cemetery path linking The Whitworth and the cemetery is expected to be completed in July, subject to confirmation.

Country Cllr Hobson provided the following update:

- Concern was expressed about the yew tree at St Helen's and the District Council's handling of the matter. An update is still awaited, and the Community and Environment Group will be asked for further information.
- Ecobat planning update.
- Darley Dale surface repairs due to start in June 2026 – Number 66.

- Verges at Hoolies, council staff parking along Station Road and the doctor's surgery – no update on these issues as of yet.
- White Peak Loop – extending the rail line discussions have opened again. Awaiting a Department of Transport feasibility study.
- Nursery in Darley Dale primary opening in September – DCC nursery.
- Churchtown received the S106 money to carry out numerous projects on the building.
- VAS system – no update. System is still not working.
- Cllr Oakley thanked County Cllr Hobson for addressing concerns about lorries travelling along Whitworth Road to Hallmoor Quarry.
- The Town Clerk raised residents' concerns about noise from the Council yard on Station Road.

FC0626/9 **Committees –**

- i) It was **RESOLVED** to convene the Full Town Council at 7pm on the third Wednesday of each month.
- ii) It was **RESOLVED** to convene all Planning Committee Meetings at 7pm on the Monday before the Full Council. It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllrs Farmer, Chapman, Hood, Oakley and Wheeler to the Planning Committee.
- iii) It was **RESOLVED** to convene the Finance Advisory Committee tri-annually at 6pm prior to that month's full Council meeting. All Councillors are welcome to be part of the FAC and can attend meetings ad hoc as they feel necessary. It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllrs Farmer, Hood, Oakley and Wheeler.
- iv) No other committees were agreed to be formed.

FC0626/10 **Working Groups –**

- i) It was **RESOLVED** no Personnel Working Group is needed.
- ii) It was **RESOLVED** no Environment Working Group is needed, but Cllr Mordue will be the lead councillor on Environment.
- iii) Other – It was decided that no community working group was needed at this time.

FC0626/11 **To nominate council representatives for the Whitworth Trust** – Cllr Wheeler to continue to sit on the Whitworth Trust and it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Wilson would join so the Trust are able to operate as currently The Whitworth only have three trustees.

FC0626/12 **To consider appointing lead councillors as required including –**

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint the following councillors:

- i) Darley Dale in Bloom – Cllr Hood
- ii) EcoBat – Cllr Wheeler
- iii) Twinning – Cllrs Farmer and Wilson
- iv) Platform Housing – Cllr Oakley
- v) Fairtrade – **RESOLVED** not to renew membership after the renewal date of April 2027
- vi) Youth Provision – no lead councillor
- vii) Town of Culture – Cllr Wheeler
- viii) Active Derbyshire – Cllr Wheeler
- ix) Others – Speedwatch – Cllr Wilson

FC0626/13 **Governance** –

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following for 2026/27:

- i) Data and Information Handbook

FC0626/14 **Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2026-2027** –

- i) The internal auditor provided a very positive report.
- ii) a) Unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the figures presented in the Accounting Statement are correctly reconciled.
b) Unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Town Council has complied with all the necessary regulations and the Council are fully compliant.

FC0626/15 **Planning** –

- **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
A consultation response had already been submitted.
- **26/00520/VCOND:** Mr Jack Levine, Levine Developments Ltd.
DEVELOPMENT: Proposed variation of condition 22 (approved plans condition) of planning application reference no. 18/00960/FUL - Erection of residential care home (C2 use), conversion of Darley Lodge to form 7 no. apartments (C3 use), erection of 3no. dwellings (C3 use) and demolition of buildings onsite.
LOCATION: Darley Lodge Dale Road South Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 3BP

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

- **26/00602/FUL:** Mr and Mrs Andy and Bridget Preston and Lamport
DEVELOPMENT: Single storey rear extension and erection of single garage with link lobby to existing dwelling
LOCATION: 4 The Bungalows Sydnope Hill Two Dales Derbyshire DE4 2FN

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

FC0626/16 Finance –

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

BANK RECONCILIATION	
Balance from 2024-25	£84,962
Plus receipts	£292,607
Less payments excl. VAT	£74,308
Less VAT paid	£903
Balance to date	£302,357
Bank balances	
Current	£29,680
Deposit	£272,677
Total	£302,357

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

17 June 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 2819 (Room hire AD)	-54.00	-44.99	-9.01
17 June 2026	Wish Computers Ltd	8419 (MS Annual subscription)	-105.00	-87.50	-17.50
17 June 2026	LM Creative	80626DDTC (CV)	-2,030.00		
17 June 2026	LoobyLoo's	115 (GITP - Face Painting DEPOSIT)	-20.00		
17 June 2026	Wish Cloud Ltd	2490 (Email maintenance)	-60.00		
17 June 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 2795 (Room hire FC)	-72.00	-60.00	-12.00
17 June 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 2794 (office hire June)	-1,097.75	-914.79	-182.96
17 June 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 2793 (Room hire Make)	-165.00	-137.50	-27.50
17 June 2026	Shelter Maintenance	Inv 17340	-106.14	-88.45	-17.69
17 June 2026	Wish Cloud Ltd	2484 (Livedrive annual subs)	-180.00		
17 June 2026	David Wheeler	Reimburse Planning maps	-162.25		
17 June 2026	Clarity Copiers	Inv 263463	-48.24	-40.20	-8.04
17 June 2026	David Chapman	Reimburse AI costs for Local Plan	-290.50		
17 June 2026	Russells	B33365 (Strimmer parts)	-132.82	-110.68	-22.14
17 June 2026	Russells	B33715 (Strimmer parts)	-95.86	-79.88	-15.98
17 June 2026	Staff	Wages	-6,902.36		
17 June 2026	HMRC	PAYE	-2,986.84		
17 June 2026	Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff Pensions	-1,491.04		
17 June 2026	Whitworth Centre	S19 (Centre)	-7,500.00		

Payments made under delegated authority:

11/06/2026	DDDC	Planning app 26/00608/FUL	-305	App by Chair + V.Chair
11/06/2026	Gallagher Insurance	556923810 (TC PLI)	-1751.36	App by Chair+V.Chair+RFO
12/06/2026	DDDC	Planning app 26/00568	-309	App by Chair +V.Chair

- iii. Grants – It was **RESOLVED** to award for the sum of £500 to the Evergreen Club for coach hire. Cllr Farmer abstained.

Cllr Taylor left the meeting at 20:51

FC0626/17 **Public participation and matters arising from the Town Meeting** – Deferred to the July meeting.

FC0626/18 **Councillors' updates** –

Cllr Farmer – wished to discuss any concerns current councillors may have about leaving the Town Council, given the current low number of councillors at present. Also, protocol questions should come via the Chair.

Cllr Wilson – discussed what a Public Works Loan Board is and how it could potentially benefit The Whitworth.

Cllr Wheeler – gave a quick update on The Whitworth. A full report was sent prior to the meeting.

FC0626/19 **Clerk's Office updates** –

Town Clerk – bin outside the Co-op is proving an issue as DDDC won't empty the bin. Defer to July to discuss this further as to what should be done.

FC0626/20 **Date of the next meeting** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 15th July.

FC0626/21 **Confidential** – Future of the RFO role. It was **RESOLVED** to give delegated authority to the Finance Advisory Committee to determine the future of the RFO role once all contract details and financial considerations are determined.

Meeting ended at 21:29