

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Gallery Room at The Whitworth on Wednesday 22nd July 2026

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

- FC0726/1** **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Town Councillor Mordue, District Cllr Shelley, PCSO Radcliffe and County Cllr Hobson. No apologies were received from District Cllrs Burton or Franks.
- FC0726/2** **Consider any variations to the order of business** – None.
- FC0726/3** **Co-option of Councillor** – Ian Adkin requested to be co-opted onto the Council. The candidate left the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Ian onto the Council.
- FC0726/4** **Declaration of members' interests** – Cllr Wheeler has declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of The Whitworth. Cllr Wilson has declared a pecuniary interest as the spouse of a possible external contractor.
- FC0726/5** **To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting** – No exclusions.
- FC0726/6** **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on 17th June 2026.
- FC0726/7** **Public participation** – None.
- FC0726/8** **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police** –

County Cllr Hobson updated Cllr Wilson prior to the meeting that there were only 25 speakers at District Council meeting for the Local Plan on 22nd July.

The PCSO requested that Cllrs let them know any issue which may affect the new quarterly priorities.

FC0726/9 Finance –

- i. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the July bank reconciliation. Cllr Wilson abstained.

Receipts	
Precept	£290,434
Other receipts	£922
Interest	£781
Allotments rents	£2,312
VAT refund	£10,662
TOTAL	£305,111
BANK RECONCILIATION	
Balance from 2024-25	£84,962
Plus receipts	£305,111
Less payments excl VAT	£100,921
Less VAT paid	£1,216
Balance to date	£287,936
Bank balances	
Current	£14,478
Deposit	£273,458
Total	£287,935

- ii. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the proposed payments to be made in July.

22 July 2026 Whitworth Trading	SI 2906 (Room Hire)	-132.00	-110.00	-22.00
22 July 2026 LM Creative	130726DDTC (GITP + Local Plan Mag)	-1,855.00		
22 July 2026 Derwent Treescapes	Inv 5/1834 (DDiB)	-288.00	-240.00	-48.00
22 July 2026 Amazon UK	GB61QS3LABEY (stationery)	-20.56	-17.12	-3.44
22 July 2026 Voice Magazines Ltd	SI 0026632 (CV Distribution)	-838.68	-698.90	-139.78
22 July 2026 Design Union UK Ltd	Inv 4107 (Web maintenance)	-36.00	-30.00	-6.00
22 July 2026 Whitworth Trading	SI 2870 (Room hire)	-72.00	-60.00	-12.00
22 July 2026 Whitworth Trading	SI 2869 (Office hire)	-1,097.75	-914.79	-182.96
22 July 2026 Whitworth Trading	SI 2865 (Room hire MAKE)	-99.00	-82.50	-16.50
22 July 2026 Shelter Maintenance	Inv 17386	-106.14	-88.45	-7.26
22 July 2026 Clarity Copiers	Inv 264073	-64.03	-53.36	-10.67
22 July 2026 David Wheeler	Reimburse Planning maps	-31.21		
22 July 2026 David Wheeler	Reimburse Planning maps	-137.00		
22 July 2026 Sarah Rivett	Reimburse GITP materials	-108.41		
22 July 2026 Sarah Rivett	Reimburse IDs	-17.59		
22 July 2026 Sarah Rivett	Reimburse IDs	-30.09		
22 July 2026 Whitworth Centre	S19 (Centre)	-7,500.00		

Delegated payments -

30/06/2026 Derbyshire Pension Fund	Pension Correction	-£547.94	RFO
03/07/2026 John Marriot	332G (Internal Audit payment)	-£230.00	RFO
16/07/2026 Staff	Wages	-£5,342.02	App Chair + V.Chair
16/07/2026 HMRC	PAYE	-£1,982.82	App Chair + V.Chair
16/07/2026 Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff Pensions	-£1,374.16	App Chair + V.Chair

- iii. To approve any S137 grant applications – None.

FC0726/10 Planning –

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

- 26/00673/FUL: Mr Wayne Bradshaw
DEVELOPMENT: Change of use of a single dwelling into 2no. 1 bedroom flats and associated building works
LOCATION: 84 Oker Avenue Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2GP

It was **RESOLVED** to submit the recommendation of NO OBJECTION with the recommendation that extra car parking space should be considered.

- 26/00726/FUL: Mr Mark Elliott
DEVELOPMENT: Proposed extension of existing garage to create two additional carports
LOCATION: St Helens Cottage Church Road Churchtown Darley Dale Derbyshire

It was **RESOLVED** to submit the recommendation of NO OBJECTION.

- T/26/00110/TPO: Mr Lugg
PROPOSAL: Fell 1no. Beech tree
LOCATION: 45 Porteous Close Two Dales Derbyshire

Refusal has already been issued by DDDC as the applicant has not supplied enough information on the condition of the tree/potential hazards requiring work.

ii. Consultations/Planning issues requiring Full Council consideration –

Concerns were raised about the Old Hackney Lane development, where the roof heights appear considerably higher than those approved under the planning permission. Cllr Chapman will look into this.

FC0726/11 The Whitworth Trust and Trading – Cllr Wheeler circulated an update before the meeting. Cllr Farmer suggested that The Whitworth Trustees may consider having a thank you event for those that contributed to the new boilers for The Whitworth.

FC0726/12 Community initiatives update –

- i. Town of Culture – Cllr Wheeler confirmed that Darley Dale wasn't shortlisted for Town of Culture 2028.
- ii. Local Plan Review – Cllr Chapman confirmed that a meeting was due to take place on 22nd July to approve the draft Local Plan. St Elphin's no longer appears to be included as a proposed site allocation, as it is not close enough to the town centre or recreational facilities. Cllr Wilson asked if we could make a formal complaint to the Ombudsman, Cllr Chapman confirmed they reserve the right not to respond.

It was **RESOLVED** to put an official complaint in about the assessment of this town is inaccurate (tier 3). Also make contact with other town/parish councils i.e. Tansley/Ashbourne who are in a similar situation.

- iii. GTP – CEO will distribute more posters more widely to establishments to raise the profile of the event.
- iv. Allotments – To elect a lead Councillor – Cllr Adkin elected and ask Cllr Mordue to share the responsibility perhaps.
- v. Community Voice distribution – The Town Clerk informed Cllrs that Peak Advertiser has gone into liquidation. Looked into various distribution companies, all are very expensive, decided to go with the cheapest that covers 2,800 houses. Cllr Chapman would ask the old newsagent if they had contacts to help with distribution.
- vi. Speedwatch – Waiting for the Police to confirm when the volunteers can be trained.
- vii. Co-Op bin – Decided to produce a sign ‘Thank you for using this bin, if full please use the bin just outside the Co-op’. Trial this before the discussion with DDDC in September.

FC0726/13 Councillor updates –

Cllr Taylor – Thanked the Councillors who turned up the Save Farley Moor meeting. Cllr Farmer said a huge thank you to Cllr Taylor and the group for saving Farley Moor on behalf of the residents of Darley Dale.

Cllr Wilson – Confirmed Station Road car park has now raised £642.16 from donations received to park at the car park.

Cllr Wheeler – Enthovens confirmed at their latest meeting that they are hoping to build a visitors’ centre.

FC0726/14 Clerks’ updates/correspondence –

Three sites Darley Dale Primary School playing field, Willow Way and the Tippin recreational park which were assets of community value have expired.

FC0726/15 Date of the next meeting – Cllrs **RESOLVED to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 19th August at 7pm.**

FC0726/16 Confidential – It was **RESOLVED to accept the recommendations from the FAC on the future of the RFO position and increase the Town Clerk’s and CEO pay scale.**

Meeting ended at 9.00pm