

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Gallery Room at The Whitworth on Wednesday 19th August 2026

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

FC0826/1 Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from PCSO Hart and County Cllr Hobson. No apologies were received from District Cllr Franks.

FC0826/2 Consider any variations to the order of business – None.

FC0826/3 Declaration of members' interests – Cllrs Taylor, Wilson and Wheeler have declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of The Whitworth. Cllr Wilson has declared a pecuniary interest as the spouse of an external contractor.

FC0826/4 To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting – No exclusions.

FC0826/5 Previous minutes – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on 22nd July 2026.

FC0826/6 Public participation – None.

FC0826/7 Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police –

County Cllr Hobson provided the following update in advance of the meeting:

- She was disappointed to be told by DDDC that there would be no extension to the consultation process for the Local Plan Review. Mentioned DDDC and St Helen's Church regarding the yew tree and has visited the site herself and the fencing doesn't stop access to the tree. Has asked DDDC about the costing for the fencing but has yet had a reply.
- Reports of anti-social behaviour at Olympian Way with the police being involved.

District Cllr Burton provided the following update:

- District Cllr Burton is going to meet on site at St Helen's Church with the tree officer to see how they can move forward that's best for both parties.
- The path between The Whitworth and Darley Dale Methodist Church has now been laid, which is excellent news and has received much positive feedback.

District Cllr Shelley provided the following update:

- District Cllr Shelley was dissatisfied with the consultation process but noted some positives, including that PD10 would provide a lasting legacy to 2042. He found the proposal for 14 houses on Old Hackney Lane difficult to accept and had personally submitted an objection.

- Cllr Taylor asked District Cllr Shelley to report back that the Local Plan Review consultation workshop display was poor, as the maps were barely readable and the wording was difficult to understand and should have been simpler.
- Cllr Chapman mentioned the format of the online survey at the consultation workshop and was informed it was apparently government led and the same for other areas also doing a consultation.
- Cllr Wilson questioned what's happening with the infrastructure delivery plan, no money seems to be allocated for Darley Dale in comparison to what Matlock is likely to receive. Seems to be at odds with the Tier 2 settlement allocated to Darley Dale.
- Cllr Farmer mentioned the asset transfer of the Church Road allotments which still hasn't occurred. District Cllr Shelley is going to look into what the delay is. Also, the Tippin recreational ground is another asset the Town Council would like to see transferred over but would like to know what the costs are involved in both of these assets.
- District Cllr Shelley noted that a formal decision on the local government reorganisation has now been announced.

FC0826/8 **Governance** – It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Town Council Guidelines on the use of AI subject to review every 6 months.

FC0826/9 **Finance** –

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

<i>Receipts</i>	
Precept	£290,434
Other receipts	£1,057
Interest	£781
Allotments rents	£2,312
VAT refund	£10,662
TOTAL	£305,246
BANK RECONCILIATION	
Balance from 2025-2026	£84,962
Plus receipts	£305,246
Less payments excl. VAT	£121,837
Less VAT paid	£1,675
Balance to date	£266,696
Bank balances	
Current	£13,238
Deposit	£253,458
Total	£266,696

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

19 August 2026	SJR Carpentry	Inv 226 (Repair Hallmoor bench)	-325.00		
19 August 2026	Clarity Copiers	Inv 264434	-55.87	-46.56	-9.31
19 August 2026	Amazon UK	GB68Z4R03AEUD (Walkie talkies)	-104.00	-86.67	-17.33
19 August 2026	J Singleton	GITP Sound Engineer	-615.00		
19 August 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 2937 (Room hire)	-72.00	-60.00	-12.00
19 August 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 2936 (Office hire)	-1,097.75	-914.79	-182.96
19 August 2026	Shelter Maintenance	Inv 17467	-106.14	-81.19	-7.26
19 August 2026	Sara Wilson	Inv 2/26	-175.00		
19 August 2026	Staff	Wages	-5,095.94		
19 August 2026	HMRC	PAYE	-2,058.46		
19 August 2026	Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff Pensions	-1,507.79		
19 August 2026	Whitworth Centre	S19 (Centre)	-7,500.00		
19 August 2026	Amazon UK	GB6201AABEY (GITP supplies)	-16.55	-13.79	-2.76

Delegated payments – None.

iii. To approve any S137 grant applications – None.

FC0826/10 **Planning –**

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

- 26/00809/FUL

APPLICANT: Mike Blair MOOG Estates LTD

DEVELOPMENT: Change of use to retail and erection of single storey extension (retrospective)

LOCATION: Unit 18 Molyneux Business Park Whitworth Road Darley Dale Derbyshire

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

- 26/00822/LBALT

APPLICANT: Mrs Eve Shaw

DEVELOPMENT: Proposed removal of existing roof skylights in annex bedroom and replacement with new heritage / conservation style skylights

LOCATION: The Cottage Park Lane Two Dales Derbyshire DE4 2FB

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

- 26/00160/FUL: Erection of 5 glamping pods, former quarry in Hallmoor Wood, Hallmoor Road, Darley Dale Derbyshire.

To reconsider the Town Council recommendation following the receipt of further information.

After receiving further information from the applicant addressing concerns raised by the Town Council Planning Committee, the Town Council have no objection in principle subject to the following conditions:

- Environment Agency concerns are addressed.
- Highways Department concerns are addressed.

- iii. Trees and Landscape Officer concerns are addressed.
- iv. The production of a Health & Safety management plan addressing how the site will operate safely with an active quarry adjacent to the site.
- ii. Consultations/Planning issues requiring Full Council consideration – Cllr Chapman wrote a proposed response for Regulation 19 that was written and sent to the Cllrs before the meeting but now needs rewriting due to the changes issued this week in the National Planning Policy Framework. It was **RESOLVED** to delegate authority for the TC formal response to the Regulation 19 Consultation on the Draft Local Plan to the Planning Committee.

FC0826/11 **The Whitworth Trust and Trading** – Cllr Wheeler circulated an update before the meeting and summarised this at the meeting.

An arboriculture risk assessment is required by DDDC Planning Department before they can make a decision on the climbing wall.

FC0826/12 **Community initiatives update** –

- i. Community Walks – Cllr Adkin informed Cllrs that 5 walks have been mapped out, agreed wording for the first walk with a map and will provide at next council meeting. Aim is to have a large map to be displayed outside the Terrace Café and individual walks on the website. Cllr Taylor confirmed Farley Moor has a walking map and two more scheduled and suggested that we could include in our walks as an additional three that do not start at The Whitworth.
- ii. Local Plan Review – already covered.
- iii. GTP – all scheduled for 30th August and plans are now all in place for a great community day.
- iv. Speedwatch – Cllr Adkin confirmed he would like to join which brings the number to 6 volunteers which now means Darley Dale Speedwatch Group can now be formed. CEO to organise training.

FC0286/13 **Councillor updates** –

Cllr Taylor confirmed she is the Whitworth Trustee representative for Darley Dale in Bloom.

FC0826/14 **Clerks' updates/correspondence** –

- To record that resolution FC0726/12 listed in July's minutes was not able to be actioned as the Local Government Ombudsman will only investigate complaints from individual residents regarding a particular department/service and not complaints from one government organisation about another.
- The Councillor Essentials Course will be held on 23rd September at 6pm. Both new and existing councillors may attend; please confirm attendance with the Clerk.

- The Town Clerk confirmed that Station Road car park has raised £761.91.
- A Freedom of Information request for the Town of Culture bid was sent into the Clerk's office which has now been actioned.
- Town Clerk to investigate the cost of having a noticeboard at Station Road car park.
- Community Voice – now have a preferred distributor for the Town Council quarterly magazine. Once the distribution area is fully established, the Town Council will discuss how much and who should be charged for advertising to help towards the increased distribution costs now that Peak Advertiser no longer exists.

FC0826/15 **Date of the next meeting** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 16th September at 7pm.

Meeting ended at 8.55pm