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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Gallery at The Whitworth on Wednesday 18th November 2026

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

FC1126/1 **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Town Councillor Taylor and District Cllr Shelley. No apologies were received from District Cllr Franks and PCSO Hart.

FC1126/2 **Consider any variations to the order of business** – None.

FC1126/3 **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.

FC1126/4 **To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting** – No exclusions.

FC1126/5 **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on 21st October 2026.

FC1126/6 **Public participation** – None.

FC1126/7 **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police** –

District Cllr Burton provided the following update:

- Trees will be pruned at bottom of Greenaway Lane (Platform Housing) and Alton Rise.
- Very constructive meeting with Cllrs Chapman and Wheeler and David Hughes (Vice Chair of Planning for DDDC) regarding the sewage issue in Darley Dale.
- Cllr Wilson questioned if the Planning Officers are impartial and what checks are in place. District Cllr Burton expressed that any issues as Chair of Planning these should be brought directly to him.
- Cllr Adkin asked for an update on the wall at Stancliffe Quarry, no update was given Cllr Burton will pursue this and get back asap.

County Cllr Hobson provided the following update:

- Sadly aware of the accident on A6 at the end of last week.
- Thanked DDTC for organising their Remembrance Service and Parade.
- Stancliffe Quarry – Highways have been asked to rectify the pavement and kerb.
- Cones seem to reappear on Morledge to reserve parking, DCC will keep taking these away.
- Hoolies complaints regarding the state of the verge along the A6. DCC can't stop the parking along this stretch.
- Local Government re-organisation update may be given in December.

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- VAS System – met again yesterday, with no further update.
- Yew Tree at St Helen's Church – Cllr Hobson will keep raising this at public meetings to raise awareness that it hasn't been resolved.
- Next DCC Planning meeting is on 9th December.
- When DDTC request planning training, please cc Cllr Hobson into the emails.
- There are Highways issues that were raised by DDTC, these are still outstanding and Cllr Hobson will get back to CEO regarding these when an update is available.
- Heritage streetlamp outside Co-op hasn't been working for some time, for this to work again will cost £3,500 to reconnect. DDTC would like a site meeting, Cllr Hobson to organise this.
- S106 funding – Cllrs Wilson, Adkin and Oakley observed that S106 money does not appear to reach Darley Dale when new developments are built, and DDTC will challenge this more firmly going forward. Cllr Adkin asked for details of S106 spending in Matlock and Bakewell to be passed to DDTC. The Town Clerk asked about his query on S106 funding for The Whitworth, raised at a meeting with Ash Watts, and Cllr Burton will chase this up.
- Contaminated land opposite Enthovens – Cllr Wilson saw a family riding their bikes over the contaminated land by Enthovens. Cllr Wheeler has confirmed that the contamination levels are very low, a survey was done in the 90s. The land is owned by a private individual not Enthovens, Cllr Hobson will pick this up.

FC1126/8 **Finance** –

i. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the November bank reconciliation.

BANK RECONCILIATION	
Balance from 2025-2026	£84,962
Plus receipts	£306,953
Less payments excl. VAT	£183,167
Less VAT paid	£3,232
Balance to date	**£205,517**
Bank balances	
Current	£5,850
Deposit	£199,667
Total	**£205,517**

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

18 November 2026	Wish Cloud Ltd	Inv 2571 Annual email hosting	-240.00		
18 November 2026	Staff	Wages	-4,314.19		
18 November 2026	HMRC	PAYE	-1,591.87		
18 November 2026	Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff Pensions	-1,297.46		
18 November 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 3205 (Room hire)	-72.00	-60.00	-12.00
18 November 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 3204 (Remembrance drinks)	-75.00	-62.50	-12.50
18 November 2026	LM Creative	81126DDTC	-1,700.00		
18 November 2026	Derwent Treescapes	Inv 2578 (Wood chip DDiB)	-255.60	-213.00	-42.60
18 November 2026	LM Creative	811262DDTC (Remembrance booklets)	-135.00		
18 November 2026	Sara Wilson	Inv 5/26	-225.00		
18 November 2026	Amazon UK	GB62TFSFABEY (Stationery)	-37.24	-31.03	-6.21
18 November 2026	Wish Computers Ltd	Inv 8789 (MS annual Subs)	-105.00	-87.50	-17.50
18 November 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 3180 (Make room hire)	-132.00	-110.00	-22.00
18 November 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 3172 (Office hire)	-1,097.75	-914.79	-182.96
18 November 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 3151 (Room hire)	-50.00	-41.66	-8.34
18 November 2026	Shelter Maintenance	Inv 17644	-309.72	-258.09	-51.63
18 November 2026	Clarity Copiers	Inv 266463	-64.99	-54.16	-10.83
18 November 2026	Whitworth Centre	S19 (Centre)	-7,500.00		
18 November 2026	SJR Carpentry	Inv 242 (Removal of pigeon loft)	-2,600.00		

Delegated payments – None.

ii. To approve any S137 grant applications – None.

FC1126/9 **Planning** –

i. Brief run through of Planning Committee decisions for November. Please click here to view the November Planning minutes.

FC1126/10 **The Whitworth Trust and Trading** – Cllr Wheeler circulated an update before the meeting and summarised this at the meeting as follows:

- Broken lamppost in car park has now been removed and there is now new lighting in the car park.
- Received a grant for £1.5k for Warm Mondays.
- Still awaiting payment from DDDC to pay £2k for the public toilets within the building.
- 3 requests for memorial trees to be planted in the park.
- Agricultural field – Planning requires a professionally prepared ecological and biodiversity study, flood risk assessment and design and access statement. Grant applications cannot be made until the arbitration with the land's current tenant is resolved. A meeting will be arranged between District Cllrs Burton and Shelley and Cllr Wheeler to explore how DDDC can help, followed by a meeting with the Whitworth Trustees and DDTC.

FC1126/11 **Community initiatives update** –

i. Sewage update – Cllr Chapman confirmed that this approach may protect Darley Dale from further development and prevent overspills into the River Derwent. New homes can be built but not occupied until the sewage infrastructure is in place, which Severn Trent Water has confirmed will be by 2030.

Cllr Wheeler, now a member of the Derwent Independent Paddlers group, reported that pumping water to Carsington Reservoir has stopped, reportedly due to bacteria in the

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water. Pumping would otherwise resume when the reservoir needs topping up if bacteria levels dropped.

ii. Speedwatch – Cllr Wilson – no update.

iii. Communities Working Group – Cllr Hood – if Cllrs have any ideas of community initiatives, please raise this with the group.

iv. Energy and Climate event – Cllr Mordue – at the last meeting Cllr Shelley was asked if we could do a joint event, District Cllr Burton to check with Cllr Shelley regarding a meeting to discuss this in more depth.

v. Allotments (Church Road) – Cllr Adkin – Pigeon plot has now been taken down. Bird Flu guidelines mention pest control which we currently have in place but will expire in January 2027, need alternative pest control company. Town Clerk confirmed Church Road allotments is in the process of being transferred over to DDTC. A solicitor needs to be appointed.

vi. Labour MP meeting – One meeting to be arranged to discuss Sewage with MP John Whitby, Cllrs Wheeler and Chapman, 2 hrs ideally meet before Christmas, CEO to organise. Second meeting to be potentially arranged in the New Year regarding issues with The Whitworth and general funding levels for Darley Dale.

FC1126/12 **Councillor updates** –

- Cllr Wilson - Station Road Car Park – Solar powered battery needs. £1.3k collect so far.
- Cllr Adkins - Walks – now working of walk number 3.
- Cllr Wheeler - Two noise complaints regarding Enthovens, Cllr Wheeler has visited both sites and can't hear any noise.

FC1126/13 **Clerks' updates/correspondence** –

- Judy who litter picks along the A6 is no longer able to volunteer to do this due to ill health. It was agreed that she should be award the 'Freedom of The Whitworth' for all her hard work over the years in helping keep Darley Dale litter free. Cllr Wheeler to organise.

RESOLVED to extend meeting by 10 mins at 20:55

- Xmas tree coming on 30th November, Projan Electrical Services have kindly agreed to putting the lights up.
- 'Carols Around the Christmas Tree' event will be on 6th December at The Whitworth.
- Cllrs to come with their budgetary requirements for 2027/28 to the December meeting.
- Memory Lane Christmas Concert will be held on 5th December, all Cllrs welcome.
- DDiB – contact Carol for The Whitworth and Cllr Hood regarding Council issues.
- Our condolences to the family of Romek, who died in a road accident last week our thoughts are with them during this sad time.

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FC1126/14 **Date of the next meeting** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 16th December at 7pm.

Meeting finished at 21:00.