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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Gallery at The Whitworth on Wednesday 21st October 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, County Cllr Hobson District Cllr Shelley and PCSO Hart.

FC1026/1 **Apologies for absence** – No apologies were received from District Cllrs Burton and Franks.

FC1026/2 **Consider any variations to the order of business** – **RESOLVED** to move item 13 and discuss during 7.

FC1026/3 **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.

FC1026/4 **To consider exclusion of press and public for any part of the meeting** – No exclusions.

FC1026/5 **Previous minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on 16th September 2026.

FC1026/6 **Public participation** – None.

FC1026/7 **Update from District Councillors, County Councillor and Police** –

PCSO Hart confirmed that the quarterly priorities have now been set which include speeding and drug dealing. Numerous reports have also been received about parking outside Darley Dale Primary School. PCSO Hart confirmed he would contact the parking enforcement officers and arrange a visit with them.

Cllr Farmer discussed what had happened on the A6 (Stancliffe Quarry) with regards to the heritage wall and dropping of the pavement. Cllr Shelley confirmed there is now a crime reference number and passed this onto PCSO Hart (595-041026).

County Cllr Hobson provided the following update:

- Yew tree at St Helen's - there has been a lot of correspondence regarding this. District Cllr Shelley confirmed the church is in agreeance about putting up a temporary wooden fence (15m around the tree).
- Disruption on A6 by Stancliffe Quarry - Stephen Brent, Senior Solicitor at DCC is looking into this.
- ASB – will speak to members of the public regarding reporting ASB especially those living in housing associations. CEO to add this on Facebook/Community Voice which is relevant to the general public.
- VAS System – awaiting an update after the meeting that was held 20th October.

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- Local Government Reorganisation – is paused and district councillor elections will go ahead.

District Cllr Shelley provided the following update:

- Planning – national government legislation meaning district council were legally obliged to adhere to the changes. Most decisions will now be taken by only a District Planning Officer and apart from larger schemes of 10 dwellings or more, applications will no longer go to the District Council Planning Committee – and even then a decision by committee is not assured. Cllr Wheeler asked for some clarification on grade II listing buildings, District Cllr Shelley said he would get some clarity on this.
- Cllr Oakley listed all the issues along the A6 issues, including the fallen wall under the underpass, the unsafe wall at the Molyneux etc all of which have been reported. County Cllr Hobson and District Cllr Shelley asked that anything reported should be sent to them with reference numbers so they can chase these up.
- Regeneration project – DDDC is seeking submissions from Parish and Town Councils on potential projects that could contribute to a developing pipeline of regeneration opportunities across the Derbyshire Dales. Submissions need to be in by 12th February 2027.
- Planning enforcement team are progressing with their research regarding the demolition of the heritage wall along the A6 and should have an update in a few days time.

FC1026/8 **Governance** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** that the Town Council is content with the outcome of the 2025/2026 external review and no further action is needed.

FC1026/9 **Update from Chair of the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC)** – Cllr Adkin updated Councillors on the matters discussed at the FAC meeting, including the recommendations for the remaining six months of the current financial year. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the FAC's recommendations.

FC1026/10 **Finance** –

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

BANK RECONCILIATION	
Balance from 2025-2026	£84,962
Plus receipts	£306,707
Less payments excl. VAT	£160,867
Less VAT paid	£2,447
Balance to date	**£228,355**
Bank balances	
Current	£13,688
Deposit	£214,667
Total	**£228,355**

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

21 October 2026	Ashover Business Centre ltd	Matlock Print SI 13236 (Maps)	-22.80	-19.00	-380.00
21 October 2026	Dalc	Cllr Training SO1485	-110.00		
21 October 2026	PFK Littlejohn	ref DE0069 inv SB20262328 (EXT Audit)	-756.00	-630.00	-126.00
21 October 2026	Clarity Copiers	Inv 265541	-16.21	-13.51	-2.70
21 October 2026	Wish Computers Ltd	Inv 8730 (Norton Security)	-80.00	-66.67	-13.33
21 October 2026	SJR Carpentry	Inv 234 (Car park & DD signs)	-345.00		
21 October 2026	Penguin	Inv #95905 (web hosting)	-108.90	-90.75	-18.15
21 October 2026	Amazon UK	GB62KSN2ABEY (IT)	-56.87	-47.40	-9.47
21 October 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 3117 (room hire)	-72.00	-60.00	-12.00
21 October 2026	Helen Emmerson	DDDC1 (CV delivery)	-570.00		
21 October 2026	Derwent Treescapes	2707 (2025 xmas tree)	-590.40	-492.00	-98.40
21 October 2026	Sara Wilson	Inv 4/26	-200.00		
21 October 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 3064 (Oct room hire Make)	-99.00	-82.50	-16.50
21 October 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 3056 (Office rent)	-1,097.75	-914.79	-182.96
21 October 2026	Whitworth Trading	SI 3071 (room hire)	-16.50	-13.75	-2.75
21 October 2026	Markovitz	Inv 0071/01682898 (Sealant - Cllr Wheeler)	-36.68	-30.57	-6.11
21 October 2026	Wish Computers Ltd	8689 (12 month Comp support)	-240.00	-200.00	-40.00
21 October 2026	Whitworth Centre	S19 (Centre)	-7,500.00		
21 October 2026	Olympian FC	GITP Food	-140.00		
21 October 2026	Staff	Wages	-5,448.41		
21 October 2026	HMRC	PAYE	-1,950.00		
21 October 2026	Derbyshire Pension Fund	Staff Pensions	-1,602.80		
21 October 2026	Twinning	Contribution to insurance	-124.23		
21 October 2026	DDiB	Cash Float (Approved by Cllr Hood)	-250.00		

Delegated payments –

30 September 2026	Royal British Legion	Order 31343402 (Remembrance Wreaths)	-£189.00	-157.5	-31.5	App Clerk
01 October 2026	Waites Tree Survey	Inv 1413 (Tree survey for planning app)	-£696.00	-580	-116	App Chair + Clerk
05 October 2026	Fairways Nursery	Inv 021026 (DDiB flower order)	-£942.79	-785.66	-157.13	App Chair, Hood, Clerk

ii. To approve any S137 grant applications – None.

FC1026/11 **Planning** –

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

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Chapman as Chair of Planning have delegated authority to submit a supporting report to accompany the Planning Committee's consultation response for application 26/01064/FUL.

FC1026/12 **The Whitworth Trust and Trading** – Cllr Wheeler circulated an update before the meeting and summarised this at the meeting as follows:

- An environmental health visit took place in the café due to a complaint from a customer.
- Roof work has been carried out to replace the ridge tile.
- New contractor for the boiler is now in place.
- Progressing with grants.
- The caretaker has completed numerous maintenance repairs, resulting in considerable cost savings.
- Cllr Taylor has applied for two grants one for a literacy workshop day and another for repairing the seats of the antique chairs in the Library.

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FC1026/13 **Issue along the A6** – discussed during item 7.

FC1026/14 **Community initiatives update** –

i. Sewage update – For several months, Cllr Chapman has been seeking a sewage capacity survey for Darley Dale. Requests were submitted through DDDC to Severn Trent Water, but he was subsequently advised that DDDC was not responsible for making such requests. Cllr Chapman met with DDDC and informed them that he did not want any future connections to proceed because the system is already over capacity, in particular CSO11 opposite the ARC.
ii. Speedwatch – Not everyone was available for the training session therefore it hasn't progressed. Try again to advertise and ask PCSO Hart to spread the word that volunteers are needed when he does his walkarounds.
iii. Communities Working Group – Cllrs Adkin, Hood and Taylor are meeting in a few weeks and will discuss further.
iv. Remembrance (Sunday 8th November) – Cllrs Hood and Oakley will put the large poppies up around the town.
v. Allotments – Cllr Adkin summarised the ongoing issues at the Church Road allotments. Judging for the 'Best Allotment of the Year' will not take place due to this summer's weather conditions. Instead, an article will highlight the positive achievements at the allotments. It was **RESOLVED** to approve expenditure of up to £2,000 to remove an unsafe pigeon coop. Allotment holders will be encouraged to report any misuse of the allotments to DDDC.

20:59 **RESOLVED** to extend the meeting to 21:20.

vi. Labour MP meeting – Organise the meeting for an afternoon. Cllr Adkin and Taylor will confirm what the topics to be discussed will be.
vii. Willow Way/Onzain Way spinney – The Communities Working Group will pick this up.

FC1026/15 **Councillor updates** –

Big Green Energy Day – Cllr Mordue is considering holding the event in March, with a different focus that includes ways to keep cool during the summer, resident presentations on their experience of installing heat pumps, solar etc. District Cllr Shelley will explore whether DDDC's next Climate Change event could be held jointly at The Whitworth.

FC1026/16 **Clerks' updates/correspondence** – None.

FC1026/17 **Date of the next meeting** – Cllrs **RESOLVED** to hold the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday 18th November at 7pm.

Meeting ended at 21:19