

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Darley Dale
Town Council
Held in the Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale
At 7-45 p.m. on Thursday 19th May 2011**

Present:

Councillors I Pasteur, A Bullock, R Kennion, K Dyson, D Cliff
D Oakley, P Dodds, P Diggle, S Bettany, J Nuttall
Also Present

Mrs T Ingham (Town Clerk), District Councillor D Fearn, PC Malc Spencer and ten members of the public.

73/11 Election of Town Mayor

RESOLVED

That for 2011/2012 Councillor I Pasteur be elected Town Mayor.

74/11 Election of Deputy Town Mayor

RESOLVED

That for 2011/2012 Councillor D Oakley be elected Deputy Town Mayor.

75/11 Declarations of Acceptance of Office

RESOLVED

To note that :

The Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor had signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

76/11 Apologies

RESOLVED

That apologies for absence be accepted from :

Councillor D Nuttall (Children)
Councillor Brookes (work)

77/11 Variation of Order of Business

The Town Clerk asked if item 15 of the agenda (Insurance provision) could be brought forward to be discussed before item 7(a) – accounts for approval as the insurance premium is on the accounts for approval schedule.

78/11 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Bullock declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 1 of the revised plans section of the planning applications – 11/00083/FUL – Redevelopment of site to include classroom extension, erection of 15 dwellings, change of use, conversion & alterations of existing school to form 7 self contained dwellings & provision of associated car parking – Darley Dale Primary School, Greenaway Lane, Darley Dale – and left the meeting during discussion of the matter.

Public Participation

- 1 Fun Day
- 2 Arts for schools & Mencap
- 3 Paths at the Tippin (Broadwalk) in disrepair
- 4 Litter picks
- 5 Overgrown trees
- 6 Congratulations on the retirement of John Evans from the Town Council
- 7 Grove Lane

As members of the public were very concerned about this issue the Council decided to discuss the matter and the responses to the letters sent at this time.

79/11

Spillage of sewage down Grove Lane

The Town Clerk had been asked at the last meeting to write to Severn Trent Water, Mike Longden, County Councillor, The Environmental Department at the County Council, The Environment agency and Audley Court (the owners of the land) as the matter of sewerage from the broken manhole in the field and running down Grove Lane had not been resolved. The Town Clerk had had various replies back each indicating that the responsibility lay with the Environmental Department of the County Council and Audley Court as the main sewer had never been connected it was not the responsibility of Severn Trent, although they had investigated the matter.

A site meeting and survey with all agencies was to be arranged soon.

Police Report

PC Malc Spencer gave a report on the latest crime figures for Darley Dale. Fuel thefts are becoming prevalent at the moment. He also issued an invite to the next Safer Neighbourhood meeting to be held at Rowsley next week.

PC Spencer also suggested that we could use the community service offenders to do the town litter picks.

Report from District Councillor

Councillor Fearn had no issues to raise.

Members declaring a prejudicial interest to speak at this stage

Councillor Bullock spoke to the public and Council on the revised planning application – 11/00083/FUL – Redevelopment of site to include classroom extension, erection of 15 dwellings, change of use, conversion & alterations of existing school to form 7 self contained dwellings & provision of associated car parking. He asked the Council to continue to oppose the proposed development at Darley Dale School.

RESOLVED**1 To note that the following applications have been granted by the District Council.**

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments	Granted by District Council
1	TPO 62-1989	Work on Lime Tree – Wellow House, Normanhurst Park, Darley Dale			Granted
2	11/00134/FUL	Erection of coffee shop extension, toilet extension & detached store room – Forest Nurseries, Oddford Lane, Two Dales	Forest Nurseries		Granted
3	11/00166/FUL	Erection of replacement conservatory link & conservatory extension – West Lodge, Dale Road North	Mr & Mrs Hynes		Granted

2 To note that the Following Application has been refused by the District Council

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments	Refused by District Council
1	11/00184/FUL	Erection of garden room/double garage with dependent relative accommodation above – Leehurst, Blind Lane, Hackney	Jed Lane		Refused
2	11/00197/LBALT	Alterations to listed building – First floor extension – Fir Tree Cottage, Sydnope Hill, Two Dales	Mr N Walker		Refused

3 That the under mentioned comments be submitted to the District Council on the following applications.

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1.	11/00287/FUL	Single storey extension – Riber Cottage, 45 Hackney Road, Hackney	Mr Richard Bunting	No objections
2.	11/00295/FUL	Substitution of House Types on plots 441,442,443,445, 447, 448 & 450 – Land at Morledge, Matlock	William Davis Ltd	No objections
3	11/00339/FUL	Engineering operation to facilitate formation of driveway – The Willows, Bumper Castle, Bent lane	Mr John Wholey	No objections

To note that the following information has been received from the District Council

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1	11/00083/FUL	Redevelopment of site to include classroom extension, erection of 15 no. dwellings, change of use, conversion & alterations of existing school into 7 no. dwellings & provision of associated car parking/infrastructure – Darley Dale Primary School, Greenaway Lane, Darley Dale	Derbyshire County Council & Dales Housing	Revised Plans

RESOLVED

That the Town Mayor will write to the planning department at the District Council to voice the objections to the revised plans as they are, in essence, no different than the original plans.

81/11 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 21th April 2011

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Town Mayor.

82/11 Accounts and Budget Report

RESOLVED

1. That payment of accounts detailed in the attached schedule in the sum of £5746.94 plus salaries be approved.
2. That the budget report be noted
3. That the Annual Accounts and Return (including the Internal Audit) and Annual Governance Statement be approved. The Return was duly signed by the Town Mayor and Town Clerk ready to send to the Audit Commission.

83/11 Appointments to Committees/Working Parties for the ensuing year

Finance and General Purposes Committee

RESOLVED

1. That for 2011/2012 the following Councillors be appointed to the Finance and General Purposes Committee :

Town Mayor
Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor D Cliff

Councillor P Dodds
Councillor A Bullock

84/11 Publicity Working Party

RESOLVED

- 1 That for 2011/2012 the following Councillors be appointed to the Publicity Working Party:

Town Mayor
Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor S Bettany
Councillor D Cliff
Councillor R Kennion

85/11 Whitworth Centre Ltd

RESOLVED

1. That for 2011/2012 the following Councillors be appointed to the Whitworth Centre Ltd.

Town Mayor
Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor S Bettany
Councillor P Diggle
Councillor P Dodds
Councillor R Kennion

4 community representatives - Helen Griffiths, Albert Ripamonti, Mike Andrews, Claudia Karklins

Whitworth Centre (Trading) Ltd

1. That for 2011/2012 the following Councillors be appointed to the Whitworth Centre (Trading) Ltd

Town Mayor
Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor S Bettany
Councillor P Diggle
Councillor K Dyson
Councillor R Kennion

86/11 Road Safety Working Party

RESOLVED

- 1 That for 2011/2012 the following Councillors be appointed to the Road Safety Working Party:

Town Mayor
Councillor A Bullock
One County Councillor
One District Councillor

87/11 **Youth Provision Working Party**

RESOLVED

- 1 That for 2011/2012 the following Councillors be appointed to the Youth Provision Working Party:

Town Mayor
Councillor D Oakley
Councillor J Nuttall
Councillor D Cliff

88/11 **Personnel Committee**

RESOLVED

That for 2011/2012 the following Councillors be appointed to the Personnel Committee:

Town Mayor
Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor A Bullock

89/11 **Whitworth Hospital Working Party**

RESOLVED

That for 2011/2012 the following Councillors be appointed to the Whitworth Hospital Working Party -

Town Mayor
Deputy Town Mayor
Co-opted representative Helen Griffiths

90/11 **Town Mayor's Allowance (in pursuance of Section 15(5) of the LGA 1972)**

RESOLVED

That for 2011/2012 the Town Mayor's allowance remain at £100.00

91/11 **Appointments to Outside Bodies**

RESOLVED

- 1 That for 2011/2012 the following appointments be made :

Enthovens/ South Darley Liaison Committee – Cllr Bettany

Darley Dale Primary School – Councillor I Pasteur until September and then possibly Councillor J Nuttall.

Churchtown Primary School – District Councillor D Fearn

Safer Neighbourhood – Councillor I Pasteur

- 2 That the Town Clerk write to the School Governors informing them of the Councillor representative.

92/10 Calendar of Meetings

RESOLVED

That during 2011/2012 meetings of the Town Council be held on the 3rd Thursday in the month subject to a recess in August.

93/10 Cheque and Bank Signatories

RESOLVED

That during 2011/2012 the following members be authorised to sign cheques, bank transfers etc. on behalf of the Council :

Town Mayor

Councillor R Kennion

Councillor D Oakley

Councillor D Cliff

94/11 Reports from Outside Bodies

Darley Dale Primary School

Councillor Pasteur reported that there was now security fencing all around the perimeter of the school.

95/11 Standing Orders

That due to the fact that Council had been in session for 2 and half hours it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting would continue for a further half an hour but would finish by 10pm.

96/11 Action Update

Additional Car Parking for Hoolies Estate

John Evans wrote to William Davis telling them that the new Council will look at the draft lease to resolve the queries.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk ask John Evans if he could give a resume of the history of this matter so that all the new Councillors are aware of this.

Memorial Plaque

The Town Clerk to chase Keith Postlewaite again to collect this plaque.

Dispensations for Councillors who are also Whitworth Centre Directors

To be taken up by the new Councillors who are also Directors. Sandra Lamb has previously stated (verbally) that gaining written dispensation is now not necessary but she has not followed this up in writing.

Seat Replacement at Junction of Greenaway lane & Grove Lane

The Town Clerk to arrange for a small plaque to be installed on the bench.

2011 Pantomime

The Town Clerk wrote again to both school offering them tickets for the performance in November. As there has been no reply, Councillor Pasteur and Councillor Cliff will chase up the schools.

Snow Plough and arrangements for severe weather in winter

As there is still a division within the Council regarding the wisdom of taking on either the purchase of a snow plough or getting the grit, the item will be discussed again in detail later on in the year.

Willow Way Wood

Contract for work has gone to a local company who should be starting work soon in the wood. Councillor Bullock to produce the letter of consultation for local residents, asking them what they would like to see happen in the wood.

Footway at Grove Lane

As local residents were asking questions regarding the broken sewer this was discussed at minute number 79/11 during public participation.

97/11 Insurance Provision

This matter was discussed before the finance part of the agenda as the cheque for the premium was on the accounts for approval.

RESOLVED

That, following the review undertaken by the Town Clerk, the annual quote of £3235.90 from A ON (taken over from Allianz) be accepted (a increase of £274 on last year).

98/11 Town Mayors Announcements

None

99/11 Youth Activities

Councillor Oakley reported on a very successful year for all the youth activities organised by the Town Council.

RESOLVED

That the report be received.

100/11

Twinning Association Sign

The Town Clerk had chased up the County Council to discuss the possibility of getting a licence to put the sign given to the Town Council by Onzain Twinning Association on the grass triangle opposite the Pharmacy on Chesterfield Road. The Officer at the County Council had spoken to the Town Clerk on two occasions to point out the difficulty and time consuming process this would be and he had advised that the sign go in the Whitworth park.

RESOLVED

As the Town Council agreed the easier alternative would be to erect the sign in the Whitworth park, the Town Clerk would put it on the agenda for the next Board meeting of the Whitworth Centre Ltd. as it was now up to them to agree to this and to agree a location.

101/11

Correspondence

- 1 E mail from Inspector Hall at Matlock Police informing the Council that he had put more police officers on patrol around the Flash Lane area to deter the nuisance activity there.
- 2 Invitation to the Town Mayor from the High Sheriff of Derbyshire to attend a Civic Gathering.
- 3 E Mail from Liz Pasteur regarding the new cycle route from Harrison Way to Rowsley (planning application).
- 4 Letter from local resident complaining about the "Keep off the Grass" signs.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk write to the resident to explain that the signs were placed on the grass verges 8 years ago and as the Town Council have the cultivation licence for this the County Council are quite happy to have those signs there.

- 5 E mail from DALC – Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum. This is on 23rd June from 6pm in the Members Room at County Hall, Matlock.

102/11

Information Received

- 1 Derbyshire handyvan leaflets
- 2 Minutes – Rowsley Parish Council
- 3 DALC – Notification of Chairmanship Training – notice given to Councillor Pasteur.

Public Participation

1. Whitworth Birth Centre
2. List of Whitworth Centre Directors to be put on the notice board.

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The Meeting ended at 10.15p.m.

Signed

Town Mayor

Dated