

Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale
Town Council
Held in the Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale
At 7-00 p.m. on Thursday 21st April 2011

Present:

Councillor J Evans (Town Mayor)

Councillors A Bullock, D Oakley, R Johnson, K Dyson
A Brookes, S Shaw, R Smith

Also Present

Mrs T Ingham (Town Clerk), District Councillor D Fearn and 4 members of the public

54/11 **Apologies**

RESOLVED

That apologies be accepted from Councillor Pasteur (holiday) and Councillor Bennett (a previous appointment).

55/11 **Variation of Order of Business**

None. An extra agenda item to be added regarding a decision from the inspecting officer of the determining committee of the Standards Board on a supposed breach of the Code of Conduct. This issue is to be discussed in the private session as it concerns individual Councillors.

56/11 **Declarations of Interest**

- 1 Councillor Bullock declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 6 of the planning applications –LB3/0311/172 – Listed building consent – proposed change of use, alteration & conversion to form 7 self contained dwellings – Darley Dale Primary School, Greenaway Lane, Darley Dale – and left the meeting during discussion of the matter.
- 2 Councillor Johnson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 1 of the planning applications – 11/00184/FUL – Erection of garden room/double garage with dependent relative accommodation above – Leehurst, Blind Lane, Hackney and left the meeting during discussion on this matter.

Report from Police

None

Report from District Councillor David Fearn

Councillor Fearn reported that the District Council were busy with work for the forthcoming local elections and referendum.

Public Participation

Comment on the flower beds at the bottom of Whitworth Road.

57/11

Planning Applications 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	11/00061/LBALT	Alterations to listed building – erection to porch (revisions to approved scheme) – Fir Tree Cottage, Sydnop Hill, Two Dales	Mr N Walker		Granted
2	11/00089/FUL	Single storey rear extension – 29 Columbell, Two Dales	Mr David Walton		Granted
3	11/00113/FUL	Erection of satellite (retrospective) – 4 Masson Mill View, Matlock	Mrs Loan Plant		Granted
4	11/00118/FUL	Two storey extension – The Orangery, Sydnop Hall, Sydnop Hill, Two Dales	Mr Richard Tarbatt		Granted

The Following applications have been received for Comments from Town Council

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1.	11/00184/FUL	Erection of Garden Room/double garage with dependent relative accommodation above – Leehurst, Blind Lane, Hackney	Mr Jed Lowe	No objection
2.	11/00221/FUL	Single/two storey extension – 2 Holt Cottages, Ladygrove Road, Two Dales	Mr Lee Silcock	No objection
3.	11/00233/FUL	Erection of detached garage – Arbor Hill, Darley Hill Estate, Hackney	Mr Garry Sims	No objection
4.	11/00217/FUL	Alterations & extension (amendments to previously approved scheme 10/00790/FUL) – 20 The Parkway, Darley Dale	Mr Bill Cox	Object to the three windows built as overlook neighbouring properties and invade privacy
5	11/00167/LBALT 11/00166/FUL	Alterations to listed building – erection of replacement conservatory link & conservatory extension – West Lodge, Dale Road North, Darley Dale	Mr & Mrs E Hynes	No objection

6	LB3/0311/172	Listed building consent – Parish Council consultation – Proposed change of use, alteration & conversion to form 7 self contained dwellings – Darley Dale Primary School, Greenaway Lane, Darley Dale	DCC	**Object – See copy of letter sent to DCC at bottom of planning applications
7	11/00197/LBALT	Alterations to listed building – First floor extension – Fir Tree Cottage, Sydnoppe Hill, Two Dales	Mr N Walker	No objection
8	11/00272/FUL	Two storey side extension – 7 Lonsdale Grove, Matlock	Mr & Mrs C Hargreaves	No objection

The Following revised plans/amended plan/appeals have been received from District Council for information and further comments if applicable

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1	11/00063/FUL	Installation of hydro turbine – Ladygrove Mill, Two Dales	Mr Perez	Application withdrawn
2	11/00221/FUL	Single/two storey extension – 2 Holt Cottages, Ladygrove Road, Two Dales	Mr Lee Silcock	Revised Plans
3	APP/P1045/C/10/2 135465	Breach of Agricultural Occupancy – Ameycroft Farm, Bowler Lane, Farley		Inquiry cancelled. Appeal on May 19th
4	11/00118/FUL	Two storey Extension – The Orangery, Sydnoppe Hill, Two Dales	Mr Richard Tarbatt	Revised Plans
5	11/00166/FUL	Erection of Conservatory link and conservatory extension – West Lodge, Dale Road North, Darley Dale	Mr & Mrs E Hynes	Revised Plans

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Environmental Services
Derbyshire County Council
26th April 2011

Dear Madam

Application LB3/0311/172 – Listed Building Consent for Darley Dale Primary School, Greenaway Lane, Darley Dale

I write on behalf of Darley Dale Town Council, in response to the consultation of the above application.

The Town Council object to this application for the following reasons :

- 1 They understand that the Conservation officers of the Derbyshire Dales District Council and English Heritage have raised concerns and objections (and the Town Council support their view of a wide ranging review of the plans). The concerns range from overuse of an historic listed building to the concerns over the loss of curtilage listed structures and design layout.
- 2 There are very few listed buildings in Darley Dale of historic value but this is one of them and it is essential that its integrity is kept for future generations.
- 3 It would seem that, if this application goes ahead, that there would be significant loss to the playground, green play space and the toilet block which would also have a detrimental effect on the children of the school's future.
- 4 The proposed application will have a detrimental effect on the appearance of the whole site as part of our local environment. The impact would be considerable and would not enhance the setting for the "George ~~Widdows~~" building.

Yours sincerely

58/11

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 17th March 2011

RESOLVED

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

Minutes of the Whitworth Centre Ltd and Whitworth Centre (Trading) Ltd. meeting held on 13th April 2011.

RESOLVED

That the minutes be received.

59/11

Accounts and Budget Report

RESOLVED

1. That payment of accounts detailed in the attached schedule in the sum of £5619.71 plus salaries be approved.
2. That the budget report be noted.

60/11

Town Mayors Announcements

None

61/11

Action Update

Additional Car Parking for the Hooley Estate

Cllr Evans reported that he is still awaiting verification on the two main points in the draft contract from William Davis. This issue will need to be taken up and chased by the new Council after the election.

Memorial Plaque

Derbyshire Dales District Council have offered to take the plaque and place it in the cemetery as it will fit in better there. The Town Clerk will chase Keith Posthewaite again.

Dispensations for Councillors who are also Whitworth Centre Directors

Awaiting written confirmation from Sandra Lamb at Derbyshire Dales District Council. Will need to send a reminder after the elections.

Art Competition Paintings

Paintings now in the office ready to be hung. Now becomes a Whitworth centre issue as they will be responsible for putting them up.

Seat Replacement at Junction of Greenaway Lane/ Grove Lane

The Town Clerk will organise a plaque to be fitted onto the bench.

2011 Pantomime

Councillor Shaw will chase up South Darley and Darley Dale Primary Schools to see if they want tickets for the 2011 pantomime.

Snow Plough

Councillor Shaw and Bullock are investigating the viability of purchasing a snow plough for severe weather. They have spoken to Tideswell Parish Council who purchased one last year and are really pleased with it. This issue will be discussed when the new Council is appointed.

Willow Way Wood

Tenders for the work (together with work on the Whitworth Park) on the trees are due to be returned at the end of the month.

Town Clerk to contact probationary Service to ask if they will do some clearing work on the wood.

Councillors Shaw and Bullock to produce a letter of consultation for local residents to see what activities they might like to see take place in the wood.

62/11

Reports from Outside Bodies

Churchtown Primary School Governor.

Councillor Fearn reported on the falling numbers at the school.

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Reports from Working Parties

Road Safety Working Party

Councillor Evans and the Town Clerk met with Peter Leigh from the Highways Department of the County Council. They looked at three main areas of Darley Dale

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1 Whitworth Road as there are severe parking problems. Peter Leigh felt that the problem would be resolved once the County Council vacated their offices at the Molyneux Business Centre.

2 Disabled access to Broadwalk shops and further up the A6. Ramp available but there is a kerb at both end which prohibits mobility scooters and wheelchairs. Peter Leigh investigated and we understand that the land belongs to Derbyshire Dales District Council. This issue is now in hand to resolve.

The dropped kerb at the Broadwalk shop was another area of contention as very often there are cars parked there making it impossible for people in mobility scooters or wheelchairs to get across the Broadwalk road and on up the A6 on that side of the road (the other side is too narrow). Peter Leigh is investigating the possibility of putting some obstruction at the dropped kerb to stop motorists parking there.

3 Oddford lane at the crossing that the Lollipop lady uses to take children across the road. She had corresponded that this bend is really dangerous as it is difficult for her to see around the bend and especially as cars park along the road

there. Peter Leigh offered to ask the Lollipop Lady's supervisor to discuss the issue with her in detail before seeing if there were any practical solutions to the problem.

64/11

Youth Activities

Councillor Oakley reported on the activities planned for the senior youth club after the Easter break.

The Town Clerk reported that the younger youth club has now appointed a youth worker to run the junior club and that it will be reopening after the Easter break

65/11

Summer Holiday Programme

Councillor Shaw reported on the progress made and that three weeks of activities will be on offer to the primary school children of Darley Dale and surrounding areas from August 8th to August 26th.

66/11

Emergency Grant

Councillor Evans reported that Fairplay (who provide services for children with disabilities) has had funding cut and were told they could no longer provide funding for the Monday evening youth club that is presently held at the Whitworth Centre. As most of the children attending were from Darley Dale, Matlock and Bakewell Fairplay has asked each Town Council if they would be prepared to contribute around £400 each to keep the youth club running until next year. To this end they have completed a Darley Dale Town Council grant aid application form.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council approve grant aid to Fairplay of up to £400 subject to clarity on 2 points :

- 1 The exact amount they are claiming from each Parish Council and why they are asking for more from Darley Dale and
- 2 An explanation of their accounts and restricted funds.

67/11

Footway at Grove Lane

Councillor Johnson reported on the state of the footway at Grove Lane which is constantly covered in sludge and running water. Over the wall (on property of Audley Court) is a broken manhole. The Town Clerk has reported this to the County Council although there has been no resolution. It was also reported that Severn Trent have looked at this frequently but again the issue does not get resolved.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk write to Severn Trent and copy this to County Councillor Mike Longden, Audley Court and the Environmental Agency.

68/11

Correspondence

- 1 DDDC by e mail – Off Street parking places amendment – order 2011 the new leisure centre.
- 2 Local resident – Hackney Well Dressing

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk write to the resident telling him that we can advertise the Well Dressing in Update and asking for some photos from last year. The Town Clerk will also ask the footpath officer to trim all the weeds along the area. As the Well Dressing Group are not an official group with a bank account and a constitution they cannot apply for a grant but the Town Council could consider donating some flowers.

- 3 DCC – Future needs for bus shelters
- 4 DDDC – Property & land disposal – Down Station Site, Church Road
- 5 DDDC – Letter of pending hearing of recommendation of investigating officer for alleged breach of Code of Conduct. To be discussed in private session as it concerns 3 individuals on the Council.

Information Received

Rowsley Parish Council – agenda and minutes

SACRE – Annual report

Farewell and thank you to retiring Councillors

Councillor Evans expressed his thanks to all the present councillors for all their work over his 8 years as Chairman and to those who wish to be re-elected, wished them the best of luck for the new Council.

Councillor Johnson, on behalf of the Council gave thanks to Councillor Evans for leading the Town Council so effectively over 8 years and for everything he has achieved both on the Council and at the Whitworth Centre.

Public Participation

Proposal for bus shelter at Greenaway Lane

Conclusion of the Public and Press.

SOLVED

That in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public be excluded for the following item in the following terms :- “That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are directed to withdraw”

Report from Investigating Officer for the Determining committee of Standards Board

Complaint brought against three councillors for not declaring an interest (as set out in the Code of Conduct) in the matter of the resolution of the Art

Competition paintings was recommended NOT to be taken to the Standards committee. This recommendation was given to the hearing to determine this which happened on Monday 18th April. Councillor Evans attended the hearing and reported that the committee concurred with the recommendation and a notice was to be published to this effect. However he also reported that the investigating officer and committee had questioned the transparency of the Town Council, because they use the Action Monitoring Sheet as part of the agenda. The Town Council were appalled that such a statement should go on the notice as it is very clear that the Action Monitoring sheet IS part of the agenda and minutes and NOT AOB (as we do not use that at all) they resolved the following :

- 1 That the Town Clerk contact Brian Wood of DALC to arrange a meeting with him, Councillor Evans and Councillor Johnson as soon as possible.
- 2 That we contact the Town Council's solicitor to ascertain if there is any way we can get this footnote to the notice reversed.

The Meeting ended at 9.45p.m.

Signed *Angrid Pasteev*

Town Mayor

Dated *19.5.11.*