

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

Present:

I Pasteur, Chairman
Councillors A Bullock, K Dyson, D Cliff, R Kennion
D Oakley, A Brookes, S Bettany, P Diggle

Also Present

Mrs T Ingham (Town Clerk), District Councillor D Fearn (for a small part of the meeting), PC Malcolm Spencer and four members of the public.

128/11 Apologies

RESOLVED

That apologies for absence be accepted from :

Councillor D Nuttall (work)
Councillor J Nuttall (retrospectively the next day – late back from work)

129/11 Variation of Order of Business

The Town Mayor requested that we bring item 12 – resolution of parking at Hoolies Estate – to the front of the agenda as some residents present at the meeting wish to speak on this issue.

130/11 Declarations of Interest

None

Public Participation

- 1 Residents from the Hoolies Estate spoke on the continuing problems of parking and the safety aspect. A petition has been given to Derbyshire County Council. They would welcome help and support from the Town Council.
- 2 A Darley Dale resident read out a statement protesting about the Whitworth Centre Ltd. and the Whitworth Centre (Trading) Ltd. Board meeting now being closed to the public. Councillor Pasteur explained why and stated that there were to be user group meetings more frequently at the Centre. Councillor Diggle (chair) explained that the matter would be discussed at the next Board meeting.
- 3 A local resident gave details regarding the threatened closure of Darley Birth Centre and urged all Councillors to attend the public meeting arranged for 26th September at the Whitworth Centre.

Police Report

PC Malcolm Spencer reported on the 13 offences committed in Darley Dale over the last month.

Report from District Councillors

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131/11 Resolution of Parking Issues at Hoolies Estate

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132/11 Planning Applications

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2	11/00414/FUL	Insertion of first floor window to garage – The Chase, Greenaway Lane, Hackney	Mr Patrick Tsang		Granted
3	11/00339/FUL	Engineering operations to facilitate formation of driveway – The Willows, Bumper Castle Farm, Bent Lane	Mr John Wholey		Granted
4	11/00406/EXF	Single storey extension – Hall Dale House, Chesterfield House, Two Dales	Mr Simon Hollin		Granted
5	11/00379/FUL	Change of use of agricultural building to vehicle repair workshop – The Outlook, Bowler Lane, Farley	Mr James Twyford		Granted
6	11/00368/FUL	Erection of supporting structure for installation of solar panels – Garvagh, Hallmoor Road	Mr Duncan Heath		Granted
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		alterations to access and car parking arrangements & landscaping – Sainsburys Ltd. Cawdor Way, Matlock			
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2 To note that the Following Applications have been refused by the District Council

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments	Refused by District Council
1	11/00348/FUL	Partial change of use of premises from residential use to beauty – Grove Farm, Greenaway Lane, Hackney	Mrs J Walford		Refused
2	11/00411/FUL	Demolition of existing outbuilding & erection of holiday let – Holt Road Farm, Holt Road			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	11/00503/FUL	Insertion of dormer windows and pitched roof to existing conservatory – Florina, Darley House Estate	Mr Sean Healey	No objection
2	11/00472/ADV	Display of non-illuminated external signage – Old Road Mill. Old Road, Darley Dale	Mr David White	No objection
3	T/11/00058/TPO	Works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order – 6 Normanhurst Park & land to SW of 6 Normanhurst Park, Darley Dale	Alex Burd	No objection
4	11/00386/FUL	Formation of driveway & hardstanding, landscape bund & creation of pond – Land at Flash Lane, Darley Moor	Mr Robert Ball	No objection

4To note that the following information has been received from the District Council

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1	APP/P1045/E/11/2 153793/NWF	Alterations for listed building Fir Tree Cottage, Sydnope Hill, Two Dales	Mr N Walker	Appeal Process commenced

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- 1 That the Town Clerk in consultation with the Town Mayor and Councillor Bullock write to the Secretary of State objecting to the decision made by the Planning Authority.
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133/11 Planning applications received in August

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134/11 Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 16th June 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.held on 7th July 2011

The minutes had previously been distributed as there had been an extra meeting of the Whitworth Centre Ltd. and Whitworth Centre (Trading) Ltd. held on July 20th.

135/11 Accounts and Budget Report

RESOLVED

1. That payment of accounts detailed in the attached schedule in the sum of £6053.65 plus salaries be approved.
- 2 That consideration be given at a future meeting to e mailing Update due to the increase in printing costs.
- 3 That the budget report be noted
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Action Update

Additional Car Parking for Hoolies Estate

Discussed as a separate agenda item.

Memorial Plaque

Keith Postlethwaite has arranged collection of 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. This is now to be taken off the list as Councillors have had a verbal response before, backed up by Brian Wood from DALC.

Seat Replacement at Junction of Greenaway Lane & Grove Lane

The Plaque is now ready for collection and for putting on the bench.

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.

Councillors Bullock and Oakley will meet to discuss this issue in August and present a report to the Councillors at the September meeting.

Willow Way Wood

Councillor Oakley will now work with Councillor Bullock on this project. They still need to produce the letter of consultation for local residents asking them what they would like to see happen in the wood. The Town Clerk has met with the Probationary Service who will do some clearing work later in the year.

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Footway at Grove Lane

Severn Trent, The Environment Agency and DCC (Environmental Department) were meeting on site to resolve the situation.

As we have not received any notification of resolution on this matter the Town Clerk will chase our County Councillor, Mike Longden, for an update on the situation.

Youth representation

The Town Clerk has been asked to ask Brian Wood from DALC for advice on this subject and she read out his e-mail response. There was a suggestion that a better

vehicle to get the views of young people was to do it through the Whitworth Centre Ltd.

RESOLVED

- 1 That the Town Clerk write to Highfields and Lady Manners Schools inviting any young people that may be interested to join the public at the Town Council's meetings and asking them for their views.
- 2 That Councillor Oakley ascertain if any young people attending the Youth Club may be interested in the Council meetings.

Local Recognition Award

Working party have not had their meeting yet to discuss ideas to present to the Council.

David Gibbons, a local artist, has offered to use his calligraphy skills on any award if we need him to. He would not charge for this service.

138/11

Reports from Outside Bodies

Councillor Pasteur reported that she has resigned from the School Governor's of Darley Dale Primary School but that, for the future, Councillor Cliff will be the Town Council's representative on the Board of Governors.

Councillor Pasteur reported that there are issues with public access now that the school is completely fenced off.

RESOLVED

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Youth Activities

Councillor Oakley reported that the Youth Club was now on the Summer break until September 13th.

The Town Clerk reported that the Summer Holiday Activity Programme will start on August 15th for two weeks.

RESOLVED

That the reports be received.

140/11

Street Lighting

The County Council is considering switching off up to half of its street lighting and consultation documents should be out to all towns and parishes.

141/11

Disabled access from Lime Grove to Broadwalk

Requests to make this ramp actually accessible to people in wheelchairs and mobility scooters is now in the hands of the District Council.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk contact Mike Galsworthy to see if there is progress with a solution.

142/11

Darley Dale in Bloom

Requests have been received from residents asking the Town Council to consider making the town prettier and entering the East Midlands in Bloom.

RESOLVED

- 1 That a small working party consisting of the Town Mayor, The Town Clerk, Councillor Cliff, Councillor Dyson and Councillor Oakley organise a meeting for early September to start the ball rolling with ideas and how we can encourage other individuals and organisations to join in with this plan.
- 2 That the Town Clerk contact the two individuals who suggested this scheme and invite them to the meeting.

143/11

Correspondence

- 1 DDDC – Proposal to grant 25 year license of proposed cycle route between Northwood and Rowsley to Peak Cycle Links,
- 2 DALC – Election of Executive Committee 2011 - 2015
- 3 Severn Trent Water – Improvements to Water Services

144/11

Information Received

- 1 DDDC – Changes to cardboard collection
- 2 DDDC – Changes to Waste Collection Service
- 3 DDDC – Walking for Health leaflets
- 4 DDDC – Changes to the Handyvan Service
- 5 Rowsley Parish Council – Agenda & Minutes

145/11

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

Public Participation

Report from District Councillor D Fearn

Councillor Fearn reported on some current issues :

- 1 That the Code of Conduct undertaken by all newly elected Councillors may become voluntary instead of statutory although the register of interests will remain statutory. There will also be a statutory requirement for each Town and Parish Council to register any community land they may own.
- 2 That Councillors will need to become involved in the Local Development Framework, currently being put together to get the views expressed in the Town Plan, included within the framework.

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1. Darley Dale in Bloom
2. The Queens Diamond Jubilee

RESOLVED

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146/11 Exclusion of the Public and Press.

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147/11 Correspondence from DNS Planning

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148/11 Request from Kath Potter, Chair of Rowsley Parish Council

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The Chair had requested if Darley Dale Town Council could second her motion.

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