

**Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale**  
**Town Council**  
**Held in the Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale**  
**At 7-00 p.m. on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

**Present:**

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

**Also Present**

Mrs T Ingham (Town Clerk), District Councillor A Statham, a reporter from the Matlock Mercury and eight members of the public (including four young people from Lady Manners School).

**Welcome**

The Town Mayor welcomed the two new Councillors, Councillor Julie Morrison and Councillor Ian Walker to their first Council meeting.

**196/11      Apologies**

**RESOLVED**

That apologies for absence be accepted from :

County Councillor M Longden (another meeting)

**197/11      Variation of Order of Business**

None.

**198/11      Declarations of Interest**

None

**Public Participation**

**Presentation from Kevin Senior from the Darley Dale and District Twinning Association**

Kevin Senior gave a brief history of the Twinning Association and a resume of some of the activities that the association gets involved in. He reminded all the Councillors that a party from Darley Dale will be going over to Onzain in May 2012 and extended an invite to Councillors.

**Report from District Councillor Andrew Statham.**

District Councillor Andrew Statham reported on the following issues :

- 1      Lack of resolution on the issue of the disabled ramp from Lime Grove.
- 2      Parking at Hoolies Estate.

**Public Participation**

- 1      Update on the parking situation at Hoolies
- 2      Grant application from Darley Hillside Residents Association

## Police Report

No police present at the meeting

## Members declaring a prejudicial interest to speak at this stage

None

## 199/11 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	11/00545/EXF	Extension of time limit for implementation – change of use and conversion of mill buildings to provide 22no. residential apartments (including 6 no. holiday units), office accommodation (Use class B1) , erection of 8 no. dwellings for local needs, business unit (Use Class B1), car parking, open space & associated highway works (09/00209VCOND0 – Ladygrove Mill, Ladygrove Road, Two Dales	Mr Sebastian Perez		Granted
2	11/00689/FUL	Increase height of existing boundary wall to 1.8 metres – 4 Porteous Close, Two Dales	Mr Philip Burnham		Granted

### **2 That the under mentioned comments be submitted to the District Council on the following applications.**

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1	11/00760/ADV	Display of freestanding V sign – St Elphins Park, Dale Road South, Darley Dale	Audley St Elphins Ltd.	No objection
2	11/00761/FUL	Two storey extension, alterations to access & creation of parking space – Albany, Moor Lane, Darley Dale	Ms Dawn Kinley	No objection
3	11/00848/VCOND	Occupation of premises without compliance with condition 3 of planning permission 02/12/0990 (holiday occupancy restriction) – Bumper Castle Farm, Bent Lane, Darley Dale	Mr John Wholey	No comment

**3To report attendance at any District Council Planning meeting**

None

**200/11 Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 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 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011 and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes be received.

**Minutes of the Finance and General Purpose Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes be received.

**201/11 Finance including Accounts and Budget Report**

**RESOLVED**

1. That payment of accounts detailed in the attached schedule in the sum of £5695.64 plus salaries be approved.
2. That the budget report be noted
- 3 That the Recommendations regarding the Grant Aid applications be (as set out below) be approved.

That the following organisations be awarded the following amounts of grant aid.

1	Darley Dale Juniors Football Club	£200
2	Memory Lane	£350
3	Darley Dale and District Twinning Association	£100
4	Darley Dale Cricket Club	£300
5	Darley Dale Indoor Bowls Club	£200
6	Federation of Mental Health - Flower in the Field Project	£300
7	Long Meadow Residents Association	£200
8	Greenaway Lane Residents Association	£300
9	Church Road Allotment Society	£265
10	The Whitworth Billiards	£260

The following was also **RESOLVED** in relation to the above grant applications

- 1 That the cheque amount of £300 currently sitting in the cheque book for Darley Dale Juniors (previously awarded for changing rooms) be released for them to add to the £200 agreed this time for buying new kit.
- 2 That the Town Clerk write to Darley Hillside Residents Association explaining that we cannot give them a grant on this occasion as the association was asking for a grant to subsidise the cost of personal transport for helping the elderly with transport and grant aid cannot give grants for this purpose.
  
- 4 That a final decision on the revised budget and the proposed budget for 2012/2013 be postponed until the December Council meeting (held after a further Finance and General Purpose meeting) for the following reasons :
  - A There have been discussions between the District Council and the Whitworth Centre regarding a possible big increase in the park maintenance grant which will have a bearing on this year's revised and next year's budget (as the Town Council give a grant to the Whitworth Centre to cover the amount owed to the District Council).
  - B The Whitworth Centre may need more than the £15,000 allocated in next year's budget to underwrite a possible loss and it was felt that more time was needed to fully discuss this view and how it may impact on the other budget allocations.
  
- 5 It was further resolved that the Town Clerk would organise a further Finance and General Purpose Committee meeting after 7<sup>th</sup> December, when the Whitworth centre Board would know the full extent of rises in park maintenance and will have discussed the budget proposal from the Town Council.
  
- 6 That the precept would remain at £78,00 for the year 2012/2013.

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**Town Mayors Announcements**

The Town Mayor reported on the Remembrance Day Parade and Service. Thanks to all who helped to make it a special day and a thank you to the Whitworth Centre staff who prepared such a lovely buffet.

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**Action Update**

**Additional Car Parking for Hoolies Estate**

As there were only 7 residents who wanted a public meeting, that suggestion did not take place.  
 DCC have painted white lines (advisory) and made good some of the footways. Unfortunately they have not done such a good job of the footways and complaints have gone back to the County Council.

**Willow Way Wood**

The "Pay Back" team will clear the wood of weeds and rubbish on November 27<sup>th</sup>. The Town Clerk has organised a skip , free of charge and has leafleted all the residents informing them of what will be happening that day.

### **Footway at Grove Lane**

Some attempts made at clearing up mess left behind. Need a full report on how bad it is still.

### **Youth representation**

Four pupils from Lady Manners were present at this Council meeting. The Town Clerk asked them if the Town Council could have some feed back on their thoughts and views on the meeting.

### **Local Recognition Award**

Councillor Cliff and the Town Clerk passed around to all the Councillors details and pictures of the awards they had chosen from catalogues.

### **RESOLVED**

- 1 That the clock chosen as the personal award should be purchased.
- 2 That the unveiling of the wall plaque and the presentation of the personal award should be performed at the Carol Singing event on 17<sup>th</sup> December. The Town Clerk to ensure that John Evans (the first recipient of the Local Recognition Award) will be attending.
- 3 That the Town Clerk will liaise with the Business Manager of the Whitworth Centre to ascertain which room/space in the Centre the board can reside. When this is decided the correct size board can be purchased.

### **Disabled access from Lime Grove to Broadwalk**

Still no decision from the District Council as to which option they will pursue to rectify the disabled ramp.

### **RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk write Mike Galsworth/ Ben Hurford asking them to meet with herself and Councillor Bettany to see if this issue can be resolved.

### **Darley Dale in Bloom**

The group have decided to enter the "East Midlands in Bloom" competition in 2012 and at the next meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> one of the judges will be talking to the group on what will be expected.

The Open Gardens weekend will be held Sat/Sun 21/22 July 2012.

Advertising for Open Gardens etc will be in the next edition of Update but all letters to organisations, schools, businesses etc and advertising generally will not commence until after Christmas.

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### **Reports from Outside Bodies**

Councillor Pasteur reported that she had attended the Parish and Town Council's Liaison meeting and the following was discussed :

1 Grants available for community groups.

2 Plans to reduce street lighting to between the hours of 12midnight and 6am in safe areas. Darley Dale Town Council will be asked to comment when it is decided which areas and streets etc. will be affected.

3 The winter gritting service.

**205/11 Grit bins requests from local residents**

Further requests had been received by the Town Clerk.

**RESOLVED**

That, due to the increased cost of bins and grit and given that a large amount of money that was spent on grit alone last year, the Town Council decided that they would set a budget of £2000 (within the Environmental budget) to ensure that all grit bins presently in Darley Dale can be filled when necessary. However no new bins are to be purchased this winter.

**206/11 Youth Activities**

After much discussion the Town Council felt that the Youth Club was understaffed and that they are not meeting the criteria of the original constitution. There has been some incidents and some damage and many of the Councillors are not comfortable with the continuation of the Youth Club under its present format and especially with no strong management in place.

Councillor Diggle (as Chair of the Whitworth Centre and Councillor) asked that it be minuted that he does not want the Youth Club to continue at the moment and ~~it~~ should cease operating ~~as of~~ immediate effect.

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**RESOLVED**

- 1 That with immediate effect the Youth Club closes until after the meeting scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup> November and may even stay closed until a suitable management and volunteer plan is in effect.
- 2 That Councillor Kennion attend this meeting, along with Councillor Oakley and Councillor Pasteur, on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**207/11 Allotment Issues**

The issues had been resolved and at this stage no further action needs to be debated.

**208/11 Correspondence**

- 1 Letter from Isobel Frenzel the District Council's Rural Housing Enabling Officer. The letter was an invitation for Councillors to attend a day (January 12<sup>th</sup> 2012) to produce a concept statement for the proposed development of affordable housing at Gracelands, Bakewell Road, Darley Dale.

**RESOLVED**

- 1 That Councillors Walker, Kennion and Bullock attend this day and possibly the Town Clerk (if no other Councillor wishes to attend).
- 2 That the Town Council will pay for the teas and coffees during the day and not the cost of the room as had been suggested by the District Council.

**209/11      Information Received**

None

**210/11      Councillor needed for the Board of Directors of the Whitworth centre Ltd and Whitworth Centre (Trading) Ltd.**

Councillor Diggle, Councillor Pasteur and the Town Clerk realised that they had forgotten to include this issue on this month's agenda. None of the present Councillors (who were not already on the Board) had wished to be on the Board when the matter was raised on the agenda a few months ago and it had been agreed to ask one of the new Councillors if they were interested. Both Councillors wanted to know more about the position and so Councillor Diggle talked to them both after the meeting. This will be an agenda item for December's Council meeting.

**Public Participation**

- 1 Remembrance Day.

**The Meeting ended at 9.30p.m.**

Signed *Ingrid Pasteur*

**Town Mayor**

**Dated** 15.12.11.