

**Minutes of the ~~Annual~~ Meeting of Darley Dale
Town Council
Held in the Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale
At 7-00 p.m. on Thursday 20th October 2011**

Present:

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

Also Present

Mrs T Ingham (Town Clerk), County Councillor Mike Longden and twelve members of the public.

Presentation

Mr A Allwood was presented with the shield for the best kept allotment on the Oddford Lane allotment site. This was the eighth time running Mr Allwood has won this shield.

173/11 Apologies

RESOLVED

That apologies for absence be accepted from :

Councillor A Brookes (holiday)

174/11 Variation of Order of Business

None.

175/11 Declarations of Interest

None

Public Participation

Presentation from Isobel Frenzel, Rural Development Enabler, Rob Cogins, Head of Housing at Derbyshire Dales District Council and Chris Brown from Westfield Developments.

Chris Brown gave a resume of the reasoning behind the change in the plans for the planning application to develop the Cobb Slater site with 33 affordable houses. The most controversial elements being the three story apartments at the front of the development and the access and highway problems. Concerns were also expressed regarding the material in which these properties would be built.

Questions were asked from the Councillors and the public and Westfield Development promised that they would keep the Town Council informed as to any revised plans before they went to planning application stage.

Greenaway Residents Association

Residents gave a short presentation on saving the proposed Village Green, to which they had applied for three years earlier. Derbyshire County Council (the registration authority) are now

6	11/00385/FUL	Erection of stables – The Old Mill House, Ladygrove Road, Two Dales	Mrs Elaine Whittaker		Granted
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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	11/00690/EXF	Extension of time limit – Redevelopment of site to include remodelling of quarry, formation of access road to A6, erection of self catering hotel and 38 no. holiday lodges – Stancliffe Quarry, Darley Dale	Stancliffe Park (Darley Dale) Ltd.	No objection
2	11/00689/FUL	Increase height of existing boundary wall to 1.8m – 4 Porteous Close, Two Dale	Mr Philip Burnham	No objection
3	T/11/00080/TPO	Works to trees – Withen Lache, 40 Greenaway Lane, Hackney	Mrs Rachael Kelly	No objection
4	11/00734/FUL	Erection of garage with car port – Rotherwood House, Dale Road South, Matlock	Mr Matthew Walker	No objection
5	T/11/00082/TPO	Works to trees – Saunters Nook, Hallmoor Road, Darley Dale	Mr Geall	No objection

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

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Information
1.	AA/P1045/C/1 1/2159888	Unauthorised Engineering operations & creation of vehicular access – 20 Hackney Road, Hackney	Mr D Kirkland	Appeal against Notice
2	APP/P1045/E/1 1/2153793	First floor extension – Fir Tree Cottage, Sydnope Hill, Two Dales	Mr N Walker	Appeal dismissed

5To report attendance at any District Council Planning meeting

None

177/11 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 15th September 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 22nd September 2011

These minutes have not be received by the Town Clerk

178/11

Finance including Accounts and Budget Report

RESOLVED

1. That payment of accounts detailed in the attached schedule in the sum of £24,148.87 plus salaries be approved.
2. That the budget report be noted
- 3 That the increase in the fees (£3.60 per hour) for the internal auditor be accepted
- 4 That Councillor Cliff perform the internal financial checks (bank reconciliation and payroll) on a quarterly basis.
- 5 That the Financial Risk Assessment for 2011/2012 undertaken by the Town Clerk be approved.

179/11

Town Mayors Announcements

The Town Mayor reported that she and the Town Clerk will attend the official opening of the ARC Leisure on Friday 21st October.
She also reported that the Fairtrade Survey will need to be undertaken in Darley Dale to enable the town to keep its Fairtrade status.

180/11

Action Update

Additional Car Parking for Hoolies Estate

Councillor Pasteur has met with some of the local residents and assured them that the Town Council will help all that it can but there is no question of buying any land for car parking. There is a further suggestion of trying to make the area a one way system which would give room for additional parking. The Highways department at the County Council are considering the suggestion.

Snow Plough and arrangements for severe weather in winter

Councillors Oakley and Bullock reviewed the salient points of purchasing a snow Plough :

Cost of between £5000 and £10,000

Cost of labour

Storage and maintenance

Storage of grit

Extent of help offered...how much of the town could be cleared etc.

The conclusion the Councillors made was that this would not be a wise investment.

RESOLVED

- 1 That Darley Dale Town Council does not purchase a snow plough.

- 2 That the County Council puts a statement into the next Update confirming that there is NO liability if householders clear their own drive of snow and the pavement outside their house and someone slips on this.
- 3 That Councillor Oakley, as Snow Warden continues to monitor the situation and also can inform residents how to apply for a grit bin.

Willow Way Wood

Leaflets asking for suggestions on use of the wood went out to all local residents. Very few of these were returned but from this the consensus is that the Town Council continues to clear and tidy the wood and at some stage plant some shrubs and spring bulbs.

Footway at Grove Lane

The Sewage outlet has now been fixed but the mess left behind along the footpath has not been cleared. The Town Clerk has reported this to DCC who have informed DDDC to clear it up as it is their responsibility. This has still not been done.

Youth representation

A reply from Lady Manners School, suggesting three of their 6th form pupils may like to attend a Council meeting.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk respond and invite the pupils to one of the next three Council meetings and also to meet a few of the Councillors before the meeting to discuss any issues they may want to.

Local Recognition Award

That the Town Clerk in consultation with Councillor Cliff investigate different Boards which could hold the names of the annual winners and be kept on the wall of the Old Library. They will also investigate a suitable trophy for the recipient to keep.

Disabled access from Lime Grove to Broadwalk

The District Council are discussing three options, one option considerably more money than the other two although this will then leave the ramp completely DDA compliant. The District Council has not responded as yet.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk chase Mike Galsworth/ Ben Hurford asking them if they have reached a decision on how they intend to progress with this issue.

Darley Dale in Bloom

Excellent attendance at first meeting and the next meeting will be held on November 2nd at the Laburnum Inn to progress ideas.

181/11 **Reports from Outside Bodies**

None

182/11 **Appointment of one further Councillor for the Finance & General Purpose Committee**

RESOLVED

That Councillor Bettany become a member of the Finance and General Purpose committee. The next meeting is on November 3rd when the budget will be discussed and grant application considered.

183/11 **Planting out the grass verges – proposal that the Town Council pay for extra help for two days (relief caretaker at the Whitworth Centre).**

RESOLVED

That the Town Council will pay for another staff member of the Whitworth Centre to help Tony Umney for two days to plant up the grass verges.

184/11 **Youth Activities**

Councillor Oakley reported on the activities of the Youth Club.

The Younger Youth Club leader has been given a £100 donation from Firth Rixon to hold an Halloween Event. The Town Clerk asked if it was possible to get a report and/or photo of this event for the next Update.

It was also reported that there had been some disruption in the Centre due to the younger youth club and that this needed investigating. It was felt that perhaps the volunteer numbers had fallen dramatically and that the leader was trying to manage with too few numbers. All Councillors felt that this was unacceptable.

RESOLVED

1 That County Councillor Mike Longden would investigate the possibility of someone from the County Council coming to do a full audit of what was needed for the two youth clubs and that a management committee meeting be called to discuss all these issues.

185/11 **Darley Dale School – Site Security**

Discussion took place over concerns that the primary school now has all its gates locked at all times except at opening and closing time. The Town Clerk had previously e mailed the question of this to Councillor Longden and he had e mailed the Schools official response which the Town Clerk read out . Councillor Longden declared an interest in this matter as the Cabinet member for Education but did say that the Town Council should write to the School Governors regarding this matter.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk in consultation with the Town Mayor and agreed with other Councillors, write to the School Governors appealing for reversal of this decision.

186/11 **Remembrance Day**