

**Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale**  
**Town Council**  
**Held in the Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale**  
**At 7 p.m. on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008**

**Present:**

Councillor J Evans (Town Mayor)

Councillors S Bennett, A Brookes, A Cox, M Hibbs M Handley  
“ S Kay, S Keane, R Johnson, I Pasteur, S Shaw R Smith

**Also Present**

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

**47/08**      **Apologies**

None received

**48/08**      **Variation of Order of Business**

**RESOLVED** that

- 1 As the Council meeting would end with two confidential matters and then be followed by a meeting of the Whitworth Trust Management Committee the last two items on the agenda be discussed after the Whitworth Trust Management Committee meeting.
- 2 Due to a member of public wanting to speak about an item on the agenda - agenda item 20 – Complaint regarding Darley Dale Sign – this item be considered after agenda item 6 – Finance.
- 3 As the Police Officer needed to leave the meeting very early his report be taken before the public’s comments in the public participation section of the meeting.

**49/08**      **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors S Bennett and R Johnson declared a personal interest as the Council’s representatives in item 11 – Bakewell Road Community Centre.  
Councillor Handley also declared a personal interest in item 11 – Bakewell Road Community Centre.

**Report from Police Officers**

Police Constable J Elliott reported on

- 1 Speeding which is becoming a nuisance on the Oker Estate.
- 2 The Town Mayor’s proposed patrol with the police.
- 3 Safer Neighbourhood Conference.
- 4 Problems on Willow Way.

A member of the public asked if was possible to have speed bumps on Willow Way.

## **RESOLVED**

- 1 That the Town Clerk writes to the District Council to ascertain who owns the land along the railway line at the back of Willow Way.
- 2 That the Town Clerk write to the County Council to enquire why Willow Way is not adopted and what needs to happen to make this road adopted.

## **Public Participation**

- 1 Pedestrian Bridge at Matlock.
- 2 Complaint about the Darley Dale Sign on the boundary of Darley Dale and Ashover Parish.
- 3 Darley Dale Community Centre. Concerns that there will be no provision for present users of the Community Centre when the site is cleared in September.
- 4 Concerns regarding 2 planning applications – 08/00045/FUL – Erection of two-storey extension at Springfield House, Darley Dale and 08/00084/FUL – extension – The Lodge, Chesterfield Road, Two Dales.

## **Report from District Councillor**

Councillor Burton reported that the contracts for the Environmental Services were about to be renewed and in some areas concern had been expressed regarding the present rubbish and recycling collections.

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## **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	07/01023/FUL	Erection of garden room. Andorra, Wheatley Rd, Two Dales	Mr & Mrs A Brookhouse		Granted with conditions
2	07/01049/FUL	Ext to leisure centre to provide beauty therapy rooms and gymnasium, Darwin Forest Country Park	Pinelodge Holidays Ltd		Granted with conditions

- 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	07/01016/TEMP	Retention of 2 no. interlinked mobile homes for a temporary period until 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2009 – Oakstone Farm, Old Hackney Lane, Matlock	Mr and Mrs A Adderson		Refused
2	07/00866/CLEUD	Certificate of lawful use – use as a single dwelling house (solely residential) – 350-352 Bakewell Road, Matlock	Matthew Barton and Emma Coldron		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	07/01030/LBALT	Alterations to listed building – single storey side & rear extensions and internal alterations – Foresters Lodge, Sydnop Hall, Two Dales	Mr D Merifield	No Objection
2	07/01029/FUL	Single storey side & rear extensions – Foresters Lodge, Sydnop Hall, Two Dales	Mr D Merifield	No Objection
3	07/00957/LBALT	Alterations to listed building – internal alterations & extension to existing building, alterations to boundary walls and access/forecourt – The Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale	The Whitworth Trust	No Objection Wholeheartedly Support
4	08/00025/FUL	Restoration of the boating lake – Whitworth Park, Darley Dale	Darley Dale Town Council	No Objection Wholeheartedly Support
5	08/00045/FUL 08/00046/FUL	Erection of two storey extension between house and outbuilding and formation of new access driveway – Springfield House, Foggs Hill, Darley Dale	Mark & Kerry Williams	No objection

6	08/00031/FUL	Formation of kitchen garden, greenhouse & associated hard landscaping – Stancliffe hall, Whitworth Road, Darley Dale	Mr D Fearn	No Objection
7	08/00043/FUL	Two storey rear & front extensions – 20 Park Avenue, Darley Dale	Mr and Mrs C Rose	No Objection
8	08/00058/FUL	Erection of polytunnel – Forest Nurseries, Oddford Lane, Two Dales	Forest Nurseries Ltd.	No Objection
9	PLS/SJG/TPO 41	Felling & Pruning of trees at 3 Darley Lodge Drive, Darley Dale		No Objection
10	08/00004/FUL	Engineering operations to facilitate formation of surface water collection area and associated drainage works Old Hackney Lane Darley Dale	Mrs R Bullard	Object  Would prefer to see full application for future plans
11	08/00037/ADV	Display of externally illuminated V shaped slot sign, Valley Lodge Care Home, Bakewell Road, Matlock Valley Lodge Care Home	Ashmere Derbyshire	Object Do not wish to encourage the proliferation of signs in public verges Light will affect resident on other side A6
12	08/00052/FUL	Erection of garden room Hazel Bank, Holt Rd, Hackney	Mr Martin Coey	No Objection
13	08/00084/FUL	First Floor extension The Lodge, Chesterfield Road, Two Dales	Mr & Mrs A Burnard	No Objection

**4. To note that the following has been sent from the District Council for information**

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Information
1		Change of use of land to builders merchants – land off Station Road, Darley Dale		Application Withdrawn
2	08/00008/FUL	Erection of Garden Room – The Orchard, Sydnope Hill, Two Dales	Mr Reynolds	Revised Plans
3	07/01007/FUL	Erection of detached Two storey dwelling St Elphins, Darley Dale	Raven Audley Court Plc	Revised Plans

**51/08 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting be approved as a true record and signed by the Town Mayor.

**52/08 Accounts and Budget Report**

**RESOLVED**

- 1 That payment of accounts detailed in the attached schedule in the sum of £2820.38 plus salaries be approved.
- 2 That the budget report be noted.

**53/08 Darley Dale Sign**

Councillors considered the complaint received from Mr Keith Moore regarding the Darley Dale sign.

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk will contact the Highways Department at Derbyshire County Council to ascertain if it is possible to have a signpost (fixed to other signposts) for directions to Darley Moor.

**54/08 Town Mayors Announcements**

None

**55/08 Action Update**

- 1 **Church Road Allotments.**  
Councillor Cox reported that we are still on target to sign the lease by mid March.
- 2 **Notice Boards**  
These will be ready at end of February.

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk will contact Derbyshire Dales District Council regarding permissions and planning for installations.

- 3 **Additional Car Parking at Hooleys**  
The Town Mayor reported that a letter had been sent to all affected residents including the two residents who had objected to the scheme. Planning permission was now being sought for the scheme. The Town Mayor was also pursuing the possibility of a small car park on the field on the opposite side of the A6 although this was progressing slower as negotiations were needed with Severn Trent Water, Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council.
- 4 **Holt Road/ Grange Lane Environmental Improvement**

## **RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk will write to the Environmental Services at Derbyshire County Council asking them if they have set aside (from their 08/09 budget) an allocation for this proposed improvement scheme.

### **5 Risk Assessment**

The Town Clerk reported that she is continuing work on this.

### **6 Young People at Oker Avenue**

Councillor Shaw reported that analysis of the questionnaire was ongoing and that she would report back at the next meeting.

### **7 Preferred list of suppliers and contractors**

The Town Clerk reported that work was in progress on this.

### **8 New Cycle Parking Facilities**

The Town Mayor reported that a meeting had been held with Derbyshire County Council and they had agreed not to have as many cycle parks as previously suggested. The Town Clerk had asked the manager of the RBS Bank if cycle parks could be put against the wall of the bank. The manager had referred this to their property services department and we are presently awaiting an answer.

## **RESOLVED**

That the reports be received.

## **56/08 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

- 1 Councillor Bennett reported that the Samba Workshops had now taken place and that a singing workshop was now to take place at Churchtown School.
- 2 Councillor Fearn reported that he had attended a Governor's meeting of Churchtown School and would give a full report at the next meeting.

## **57/08 Reports from Working Parties**

### **Publicity Working Party**

The Town Clerk circulated a report on the Publicity Working Party meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February giving deadlines and delivery dates for the Spring edition of Update.

### **Youth Provision Working Party**

## **RESOLVED**

- 1 That a Youth Provision Working Party meeting be held as soon as possible.
- 2 That the Town Clerk to ask Sam McKay to provide a report on the Skaters and Stoppers project that has gained Catalyst funding.

58/08

**Darley Dale Community Centre, Bakewell Road**

Councillor Johnson reported on a meeting of the Community Centre Management Committee, at which concerns had been expressed about the letters received from Dave Brooks at Derbyshire Dales District Council.

The Town Mayor also reported on the reply received from Dave Brooks to the Town Council's last letter.

**RESOLVED**

- 1 That the Town Clerk writes to Peter Bartle of Derbyshire Dales District Council asking him to clarify the situation regarding the possible relocation of the building, as that the Town Council would still like to consider that option and will need some land for that purpose.
- 2 That the Town Clerk writes to the secretary of Community Centre asking if they could let us have details of their current users.

59/08

**Whitworth Hospital – report previously circulated regarding the mobile mammogram unit**

Councillor Evans reported on conversations he had had with the Chesterfield Royal Hospital and the County Council's scrutiny committee after a report on the future of the mammogram unit had been reported in the local paper.

**RESOLVED**

- 1 That the Town Clerk in consultation with the Town Mayor write to the Chesterfield Royal Hospital and the Derbyshire County PCT with a copy to the County Councils Scrutiny Committee to make a suggestion that users in the Matlock area could be asked to use the Scarsdale Unit for their next screening visit, to help reduce the current high take up of the mobile unit at the Whitworth Hospital.
- 2 That the matter be publicised in Update if the Chesterfield Royal Hospital wished to write a short write up.

60/08

**Matlock Derwent Lions – Grant Aid towards First Responder Scheme**

Matlock Derwent Lions requested grant aid towards a concert to raise funds for equipment for equipping and training more First Responders.

**RESOLVED**

- 1 That the Town Clerk writes to the Matlock Derwent Lions to say that although the Town Council support the First Responder Scheme, they would prefer to contribute directly towards the equipment needed rather than towards the concert.
- 2 That the Town Clerk also writes to the Ambulance Service with the above suggestion, also stating that the Town Council has a volunteer who has had

work based training and would like to volunteer to be a First Responder for the Darley Dale area.

- 3 That the Town Clerk also requests some data from the Ambulance Service regarding response times and take up.

**61/08 2008 Band Concert**

**RESOLVED**

- 1 That the 2008 Band Concert will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm and would feature Darley Dale Band.
- 2 That the Town Clerk apply to Derbyshire Dales District Council for the appropriate grant.

**62/08 Report on meeting with Neighbourhood Watch Representative**

Councillor Smith reported on a meeting that Councillor Shaw and herself had with the representative of Neighbourhood Watch of Willow Way. Councillor Shaw also reported that she had gained information from the questionnaires she had collected.

**RESOLVED**

- 1 That the Town Clerk write to DCC suggesting barriers at the pavements on Willow Way and the possibility of speed bumps.
- 2 That the Town Clerk write to the Police Inspector asking for their support in arranging extra patrols in the area.
- 3 That Councillor Shaw be extra vigilant with the sensitive material within the questionnaires and that when the analysis is complete they be kept locked up within the Town council's office.

**63/08 Request for support and financial assistance for Town Plan**

The Town Clerk reported on the above. She had also investigated insurance and the Town Council's insurer was prepared to insure the Town Plan steering group committee at no extra premium dependent on the fact that either a Councillor or the Clerk be present at all meetings and events.

**RESOLVED**

- 1 That subject to the Town Plan Steering group gaining the £3000 grant from the Derbyshire Rural Community Council the Town Council would award them the 5% (£150.00) they have requested.
- 2 That the Town Clerk write the letter of support for the Darley Dale Town Plan.

**64/08 Dog Waste Bins**

To be deferred until next meeting

**65/08**            **Path over Field from Blacksmith Yard to Primary School**

To be deferred until next meeting

**66/08**            **Uplift Scheme**

Councillor Cox reported that the greatest take up from the scheme was from Darley Dale and that this needed to be recognised and compensated for to the other Councils taking part in the scheme.

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor Cox will organise a meeting with the other participating Councils.

**67/08**            **Correspondence**

1.        DDDC and DCC - Validation standards for planning applications – Consultations.
- 2        DCC – Temporary Road Closure
- 3        DCC – Junction Realignment – Church Road
- 4        Derbyshire County NHS – Warm and Well Event
- 5        Complaint regarding Darley Dale sign. Brought to public attention in Public Participation and discussed at minute number 53/08.
- 5        E mail from Village Warden regarding extra litter bins. To be discussed at next council meeting
- 6        DDDC – Requests for dispensation – granted.
- 7        DDDC – Area Community Forums in March/April.
- 8        DDDC – Request for Parish council accounts.
- 9        E Mail request from Derbyshire Police for a Councillor to attend a Safer Neighbourhood Conference on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor Hibbs would represent the Council at this event. (Details given by the Town Clerk to Councillor Hibbs).

- 10       Explanation of costs regarding call out to bus shelter in November 2007.

**68/08**            **Information Received**

**RESOLVED**

To note receipt of the following :

- 1 CPRE – Planning seminar on Saturday April 26th
- 2 Matlock Town Council Agenda / Minutes
- 3 Rowsley Parish Council Minutes

**69/08**

**DALC**

**RESOLVED**

To receive circulars Nos :

- 1 05/2008 – representing the future – The report of the Councillors commission.
- 2 06/2008 – Clerk and Council of the Year, Communication awards, Resignation of Chief officer of Derbyshire Rural Community Council.
- 3 07/2008 – Draft Freedom of Information and Data Protection Regulations 2007.
- 4 08/2008 – The Greenspace Community Network.
- 5 09/2008 – Derbyshire Playing Field – Questionnaires to be filled in for free listing in Derbyshire Playing Field distributed by Derbyshire Rural Community Council.

**Public Participation**

1. Bakewell Road Community Centre. Concerns expressed. Money reserved from sale of land for community.
2. Grass verges – new contractor to take care of the upkeep.

**RESOLVED**

That details of the new contract will be discussed at the next meeting.

**70/08**

**Exclusion of the Public**

**RESOLVED**

That in view of the confidential nature of the following business, the public and press be excluded from the meeting.

**71/08**

**Incorporation of the Whitworth Centre. To consider granting a formal resolution to apply to the Charity Commission for “Application for a scheme”.**

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor Cox and Councillor Evans are authorised by Darley Dale Town Council to sign the application for a scheme to incorporate the Whitworth Centre.

**72/08**

**VAT Issues for the Whitworth Centre**

As the Whitworth Trust has not got 100% tax liability ( the Lodge is non vatable as non business use), consideration was being given by the Trust in consultation with a VAT consultant as to the best way forward.

A letter had (that afternoon) been received from the VAT Consultant giving his considered views.

**RESOLVED**

- 1 That Councillors Cox and Evans consider the advice received and report back to the next meeting.

**The Meeting ended at 10.25 p.m.**

**Signed .....**

**Town Mayor**

**Dated .....**