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Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Ballroom, Whitworth Centre on Thursday 16th December 2021

Present

Councillors Oakley, Curtis, Elliott, Farmer and Long. Acting Clerk Ian Adkin was in attendance as was prospective councillor Sarah Halliwell. Councillor Ward joined the meeting during minute item 9i. The Clerk left the meeting for the Confidential section.

FC1221/1 Apologies for Absence – Received from Cllrs Hobson (DCC), Atkin, Dowling and Mordue. No apologies were received from DDDC Councillors Statham and Salt.

FC1221/2 To Consider Variations to the Order of Business

Given the current Plan B restrictions the Chair recommended that the meeting concentrate solely on essential business.

- It was RESOLVED to approve the following:
“That the meeting concentrates on essential decisions and defers all but the following agenda items: 1 to 7, 9i to 9iii, 10, 17,21 and 22”

FC1221/3 Declarations of Members’ Interests

- Cllrs Long, Oakley, Farmer and Curtis declared interests as members of the Whitworth Trust.
- Cllr Curtis declared an interest as a trustee of the Derbyshire Federation of Mental Health.

FC1221/4 Exclusion of Press and Public - None

FC1221/5 Minutes of Previous Meetings

- It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes for 18th November 2021 as a true and accurate record.

FC1221/6 Co-option of Councillor

The Chair invited Sarah Halliwell to speak in support of her request to be co-opted onto the Council after which she left the room and a vote was called.

- It was RESOLVED to co-opt Sarah Halliwell onto the Council with immediate effect.

FC1221/7 Public Participation – None

FC1221/8 Finance

i. The following payments were presented for approval:

Whitworth Trading	Office hire, Nov	£904.04
Whitworth Trading	Office hire, Dec	£904.00
Whitworth Trading	Hire of library, 18 Nov	£34.99
Whitworth Trading	Community Awards dinner	£1,125.00



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Whitworth Trading	Remembrance Sunday refreshments	£30.00
Real Computer Shop	Inks	£182.00
Slinter Mining	Concrete	£296.40
Staff wages	for December	£2,113.28
Peter Leppard Ltd	Locum fees	£193.86
Wardmans (Matlock) Ltd	Netting & wire	£148.98
Lester Lowe Ltd	Rails	£384.00
G Lowry	Bus-shelter cleaning	£90.00
Ashover Business Centre	Merry Xmas banners	£240.00
Wish Computers	Annual Norton licence	£80.00
Wish Computers	Laptop + mouse	£570.00
LM Creative	Printing and design services	£1150.00

- It was RESOLVED to approve the payments listed

ii. Budget monitoring for December

- It was RESOLVED to accept the budget monitoring for December

iii. Bank Reconciliation for December

- It was RESOLVED to accept the bank reconciliation for December

FC1221/9 Budget 22/23

i. To approve budget allocations

The Chair invited contributions and questions on the draft budget circulated by the locum RFO. Cllr Ward proposed that £1k be allocated to the Community Garden.

- It was RESOLVED to approve the budget allocations for 22/23 with the addition of 1k for the Community Garden. *Vote: 6 in favour, 1 abstention.*

ii. To approve the precept

- It was RESOLVED to set the 22/23 precept at £172,300. *Vote: 6 in favour, 1 abstention.*

FC1221/10 Environment

Cllr Long ran through the paper he had circulated setting out some objectives to support residents in making positive choices to reduce carbon emissions and offset the cost of rising fuel bills. It was an ambitious plan which would require councillor and Clerk's office time and commitment and he asked councillors for their support in making this the Council's number one development priority in 22/23.

- It was RESOLVED that the Town Council would make this its main development priority in 2022.



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FC1221/11 Date and location of next meeting

The next full meeting was scheduled for 7pm on Thursday 20th January 2022.

The Clerk advised that, given the uncertainties over face-to-face meetings in the New Year, councillors consider putting in place delegated powers to be used if the Council could not convene.

- It was RESOLVED that “in the event that restrictions prevent the Council meeting, decision making is delegated to the Clerk and Chairs of Committees until 31/3/22 or until restrictions are lifted”

FC1221/12 Report from Chair of Personnel – CONFIDENTIAL

Cllr Farmer briefed Councillors on the latest position on the Clerk vacancy.

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