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Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Ballroom, Whitworth Centre on Thursday 19th August 2021

Present

Councillors Chrystal (Chair), Atkin, Dowling, Farmer, Long, Mordue, Oakley, Ward and Welch. Acting Clerk Ian Adkin, Locum RFO Peter Leppard and Assistant Clerk Jason Hedley were also in attendance. Cllr Susan Hobson was present in her capacity as Derbyshire County Councillor.

FC722/1 Apologies for Absence – Received from Cllrs Curtis and Gardner.

FC722/2 To Consider Variations to the Order of Business - None

FC722/3 Declarations of Members' Interests

- Cllrs Chrystal, Long, Oakley, Farmer, Curtis & Welch have declared interests as members of the Whitworth Trust.
- Cllr Welch has declared interests as an existing Allotment holder and as an employee of DCC.
- Cllr Curtis has declared an interest as a trustee of the Derbyshire Federation of Mental Health.
- Cllr Atkin has declared an interest as Chair of Planning at DDDC.
- Cllrs Ward, Farmer, Oakley, Mordue and Long all declared non-pecuniary interests in one of the planning applications due to be considered and did not take part in any discussion or vote when they were being considered.

FC722/4 Exclusion of Press and Public – None in attendance

FC722/5 Minutes of Previous Meetings

- It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 29th July subject to a small change to emphasise local issues highlighted by the PCSO.

FC722/6 Public Participation

Public attendance was still on hold but no questions or issues had been raised.

- It was RESOLVED to allow public attendance to resume for the next meeting

FC722/7 Report from Police/and or County/District Councillors

PCSO William Simmsⁱ and District Councillors Salt and Statham had both been invited but had not respondedⁱⁱ. Councillors asked the Chair to formally record their continued non-attendance.

Cllr Hobson introduced herself and ran through a list of local issues which she was helping resolve. She wanted to work closely with councils across the area she represented and would aim to attend the meeting as often as possible, providing a written summary on the occasions that she could not.



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FC722/8 Finance

i. Payments to be made:

- It was RESOLVED to discuss the circumstances surrounding three payments under the Confidential section of the meeting as they related to a personnel issue. These are listed at FC722/25.

Total Merchandise	Promotional giveaways	£188.66
G Lowry	Bus-shelter cleaning	£90.00
Peter Leppard Ltd	Locum fees	£132.00
Whitworth trading	Hire of ballroom	£90.00
HMRC	PAYE	£1,185.42
Derbyshire CC	Pension contributions	£640.11
I Adkin	Expenses - display panels	£175.00
Community Garden items:		
Markovitz Ltd	Postcrete	£126.00
Markovitz Ltd	Screws	£14.14
Wm Twigg Ltd	Ribbed Steel	£34.61
Wm Twigg Ltd	Screws & nails	£11.33
Wm Twigg Ltd	Nails	£24.23
Markovitz Ltd	Padlock and bracket	£32.56
C Harris	Project staff	£350.00

- It was RESOLVED to approve the payments listed

ii. Payments made under delegated powers – None

iii. Budget monitoring for July

Balance from 2020-21	£133,772.58
Plus receipts	£215,525.77
Less payments excl. VAT	£71,395.23
Less VAT paid	£1,631.80
Balance to date	£276,271.32

- It was RESOLVED to accept the budget monitoring for July

iv. Bank Reconciliation for August

Bank balances	
Current	£146,130.16
Deposit	£129,023.72
No 2 a/c	£1,117.44
Total	£276,271.32

- It was RESOLVED to accept the bank reconciliation for Aug



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FC722/9 Planning

- i. 21/00816/FUL Warloy House, Whitworth Road DE4 2HJ - No objection
 - ii. 21/00812/FUL Barn, Back Lane, Darley Moor
object on the grounds of design, appearance and materials. Roof glass is visually over-obtrusive in the open countryside and is visible from surrounding area.
 - iii. 21/00801/VCOND Tax Farm, Farley Hill, Matlock – No objection
 - iv. 21/00933/FUL The Carriages, 8 Church Road, Churchtown
Object on the following grounds. This property is a relatively new build property and occupies most of the plot area already. Parking is already a problem on this road. The applicant is seeking to extend to the side to take away access to the garage reducing parking further. Highway safety. Traffic, layout and Density of building Design & appearance & materials. Not in keeping with the current traditional street scene.
 - v. 21/00977/FUL 18 Oker Avenue, Darley Dale – No objection
 - vi. T/21/0017/TPO Whitegates, Back School Lane, Hackney. No comment – Tree Officer decision
 - vii. 21/00/964/FUL Fairmount, Grove Lane, Hackney
Object on grounds of design, appearance and material. Layout and density of building, out of character.
 - viii. 21/00952/FUL 2 Sir Joseph's Lane, Darley Dale – No objection
 - ix. T/21/00132/TPO Tree survey report at Lady Grove House, Two Dales – Tree Officer Decision
- It was RESOLVED to approve the recommendations

Stancliffe Quarry

Councillors briefly discussed the planned development and agreed to monitor things going forward.

FC722/10 Update on the Whitworth Centre and Trading Matters

Preparations for the Party In the Park had gone well and everyone was looking forward to it. The Café re-design had slipped back to September. There had been three successful theatre performances with five more scheduled.

FC722/11 Nomination of Whitworth Trustees – No nominations made. Carried over to next meeting.

FC722/12 Whitworth Five Year Plan

Cllr long confirmed that the aim was to move the Whitworth Trust to a point over the next few years where Council funding was no longer needed. A draft version of the plan had been shared with Cllr Mordue and was due to go to the Trust Board in September. Cllr Ward asked when the plan would come to the Council for approval and Cllr Long replied that it wouldn't as the Council had delegated approval to the Trust. Cllr Long was confident that the Trust and Council plans were "in sync" and that the Whitworth would always be a "Community Hub". Cllr Ward asked for clarification on ensuring that the Council always had the majority vote on the board. She recalled a scenario where non-council trustees would abstain on crucial votes when insufficient Councillor Trustees were present to carry a majority. Cllr Long said he'd never seen this and that all trustees could vote in all situations.

FC722/13 Whitworth SLA

Cllr Mordue reported that at a recent meeting with the Clerk and Cllr Ward to discuss the issue he had agreed that the SLA being offered was too complex, covering grants and other services rather than just the use of the Centre by the Council. What was needed was a pragmatic proposal on the use of the office and



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accommodation and the Clerk had produced a draft based on the original office agreement signed some years ago. Cllr Long agreed that what should have been offered was a lease agreement and agreed to the Clerk's request to receive a copy of the Whitworth's most recent lease agreementⁱⁱⁱ.

FC722/14 Mission, vision, values

Cllr Welch reported on the informal meeting of Monday the 16th and asked Councillors to confirm their support for the vision statement : "We wish to represent the people of Darley Dale. To protect the natural environment and heritage and champion the development of services for residents".

- It was RESOLVED to adopt the mission statement.

Cllr Welch talked about the need to engage more fully with young people and involve them in influencing the direction of the council. She was keen to establish a Youth Forum but the discussion was curtailed after Cllr Dowling expressed concerns that the agenda item did not directly cover youth engagement.

- It was RESOLVED to allow Cllr Welch and Cllr Ward to begin to consult local schools.

FC722/15 Party in The Park

The Chair opened the discussion by thanking the Clerk and Assistant Clerk and all the office staff at the Whitworth for their work on the event. The Clerk in turn thanked everyone who'd helped with preparation especially Cllr Ward who had spent the day in the office helping and Cllr Welch who sent a lot of things through. The theme for the Town Council stand was "Meet Your Councillors" and there were small prizes for everyone who completed the short survey. Several care homes were due to attend to pick up their 2020 awards.

FC722/16 Community Awards

Cllr Long reported that everything was in hand. The website was being prepared, boxes had been delivered for voting slips and would bear suitable printing and applications would open in September. The Awards Dinner was scheduled for the last weekend of November and 4 out of 6 sponsors had confirmed their support.

FC722/17 Fairtrade – Deferred until September meeting

FC722/18 Community Garden

Cllr Oakley brought Councillors up to date. The pilot project had closed on July 31st and he was looking at next steps. DDIB had offered to help with planting and he was looking for volunteers to help with routine maintenance. The project bank account was active and the Locum RFO had written to the project lead to remind them of the terms for the payment of invoices.

FC722/19 Grass Verges

The Clerk had circulated a paper which had also been shared with DDIB and which proposed a move to wild-flower borders at three sites along the main A6. While there was some support for the move Councillors were concerned over potential costs and questioned whether the locations were suitable. The Chair moved to accept the proposal but there were no seconders.



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FC722/20 Traffic Disruption on A6

A lot of residents had expressed frustration at the amount of roadworks and temporary traffic lights appearing on the A6. The Clerk's office was often not notified either in advance or after the event and trying to find accurate information for residents was difficult. The Chair asked the Clerk to raise the issue with DCC.^{iv}

FC722/21 Council Communications

The Communications Working Group needed to be reviewed and revived. The Chair asked that the item be scheduled for the next meeting.

FC722/22 Correspondence received

1. Matlock Council had asked whether DDTC were planning to host a beacon for the Queen's Jubilee. Clerk to report back that they were and that the location will be decided later.
2. A resident had queried the duplicate payments highlighted by the auditor when the Council changed to a new bank. The Clerk had replied on behalf of the Chair pointing out that this was public information and had been corrected as soon as it was discovered.

FC722/23 Clerk's update

1. The Bus Shelters had all now been refurbished at a cost of over £4500 less than had been allocated.
2. Five organisations had responded to the drive to encourage grant take up. Cllr Long offered to help any with their application.
3. The Clerk and Cllr Oakley were due to attend a meeting with Oddford Allotment holders at 4pm on Friday the 20th. Councillors were welcome to join them.
4. A resident had expressed an interest in the Councillor vacancy and had met the Clerk to talk through the details.

FC722/24 Date of Next Meeting

The next full council meeting was scheduled for the 16th of September 2021 in the Library.

- It was RESOLVED to move the remainder of the meeting into Confidential

FC722/25 Confidential

The Assistant Clerk had signed a three-month contract at 22.5 hours per week. Both the Town Clerk and Assistant Clerk roles would be advertised through the designated channels. Cllr Welch thanked the Locum RFO for his work over the last few months.

Three payments were proposed by the Personnel Committee.

1. £420 for legal advice.
2. £71.95 reimbursement for Zoom payments made by an employee.
3. £2935.40 payment to an employee.

ⁱ Cllr Oakley to contact PCSO to request attendance or written updates at future meetings

ⁱⁱ Chair to contact District Councillors Salt and Statham directly to issue standing invite to all future meetings.

ⁱⁱⁱ Clerk to obtain copy of current Whitworth lease agreement

^{iv} Clerk to write to DCC Highways about traffic interruptions on A6