



# Darley Dale Town Council

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### Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council Held in the Library at the Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

#### Present

Councillor M Mellor (Chair) and Councillors Boardman, Long, Myers, Pasteur, Ward and Wilson.

Councillors Hurford and Restrict joined the meeting later due to work commitments.

#### Also Present

2 members of the public and Town Clerk.

#### 313/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Faulkner (holiday ) and Stewart (illness)

#### 314/18 Variation of Order of Business

Item 19 Update on Trading matters at the Whitworth Centre was moved to confidential.

#### 315/18 To Consider the Exclusion of the Press and Public.

None.

#### 316/18 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Boardman stated , a planning application, 18/00244/OUT was for her neighbours property.

#### 317/18 Public Participation

Councillor Hurford joined the meeting

A member of the public objected that the Whitworth Centre was always discussed in the private section, stating the public were being denied transparency and information

A member of the public objected that DCC had determined a bus shelter should not be erected at St Elphins as sufficient space was not available. She requested that the opposite side of the road is now investigated.



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A member of the public commented that changes are planned to Council Tax arrangements for Charities with the 20% discretionary grant available from DDDC likely to be removed resulting in an increase of costs of 20% to Charities with premises which is of concern to local organisations. She stated Village Halls maybe exempt but questioned how this would affect the Whitworth Centre.

A member of the public stated concern at unacceptable parking at the point Whitworth Road joins the A6 which restricts safe viewing and is a serious hazard. The Town Clerk to write to Highways stating the concerns.

A member of the public stated concern at increased traffic near to the new Co-Op and the combined negative effect of this with traffic on Station Road and large vehicles, buses and lorries all resulting in numerous "near misses". Further concern was expressed that with the proposed new housing development this problem would be exasperated. The Town Clerk to write to Highways stating the concerns.

317/18 **Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors**  
None.

318/18 **Planning**

Comments to be submitted to the District Council on the following applications..

	Address	Proposal	DDDC Planning Officer	Comments
<b>18/00220/FUL</b>	Mill Grange Knabb Road Two Dales Derbyshire DE4 2FJ	Proposed two storey extension, erection of porch, link	Andrew Ecclestone	No Objection
<b>18//00207/FUL</b>	Woodcote 4 Dakeyne Close Hackney Derbyshire	Porch extension to front	Andrew Ecclestone	No Objection
<b>18/00244/OUT</b>	Homecroft Old Hackney Lane Hackney Derbyshire DE4 2QJ	Erection of dwelling and associated access (outline)	Gareth Griffiths	Objections on grounds of overdevelopment, it was considered the plot is too small for this development and highways concerns as



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				traffic is already heavy on this road and the location of the development is considered would aggravate this situation and be detrimental to highway safety.
<b>18/00239/FUL</b>	2 Bridge Cottage Chesterfield Road Two Dales	Formation of vehicle access and parking	Andrew Ecclestone	No Objection

Councillor Boardman left the room for the discussion of 18/00244/OUT

The following applications have been determined by the District Council to date

Application	Address	Proposal	DDDC Planning Officer	Comments
<b>18/00104/FUL</b>	Mr K White St Elphins Cottage Blind Lane Hackney Derbyshire DE4 2QE	Retention of agricultural building with office and rest area above (retrospective)	Gareth Griffiths	Refused
<b>18/00087/FUL</b>	16 Park Lane Two Dales Derbyshire DE4 2FB	Single storey front porch	Andrew Ecclestone	Permitted
<b>18/00071/FUL</b>	Richard Smith Erection of twin span polytunnel greenhouse	Forest Nurseries Limited Oddford Lane Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2EX		Permitted

### 319/18 Minutes

The Town Clerk stated that the Town Notice Boards are kept up to date with notices, reference 249/18 in the minutes. It appears that the comment referred to meetings during her sickness absence.



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**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on February 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 be approved as true records and signed by the Chairman.

### 320/18 Finance

The Town Council considered the schedule of payments to be made.

**RESOLVED** that the schedule of bill payments detailed below be approved.

#### List of Payments March 2018

Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail
Debra Townsend	3629	185.2	Locum Cover
Wish Cloud Ltd	3630	120	Live Drive Back up
Rialtas Business solutions Ltd	3631	316.2	Allotment Software & Training
Salisbury and Wood	3632	217.38	Grit Bin , Morledge & grit
Whitworth Trading	3633	2567.26	Office, Toilets & Verges
Derwent Wye Valley Rail Trust	3635	100	Community Grant
Darley Dale& District Twinning	3636	117	Community Grants
Whitworth Billiards Club	3637	250	Community Grants
Darley Dale Cricket Club	3638	500	Community Grants
Matlock and Area 50+ Group	3641	100	Community Grants
Memory Lane	3639	407	Community Grants
First Taste	3640	200	Community Grants
Administration	3642	1156.43	Administration
Employees	3643	258.29	HMRC
Employees	3644	333.2	DCC Superannuation
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>6907.96</b>	

### 321/18 Town Mayor's/ Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman thanked Councillors Boardman and Myers for their informative training session on the Neighbourhood Plan and extended her thanks to both Councillors and Andrew Creese and Jane Fearnley for all their hard work in getting the Neighbourhood Plan to the Consultation Stage.



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### Town Clerk's and Councillor's Update of Matters in Hand

A report was circulated providing an update from the Town Clerk, which included;

- Ongoing issues with pot holes on the A6 latest of concern being reported at the bottom of the Parkway. Emails from DCC this will be resurfaced May 2018
- Complaint regarding broken ground/potholes on Columbell Way from a resident and concern raised as neighbour has limited mobility issues and she is apprehensive of falling. E mails sent to seek support. Cllr Atkin has spoken with Serco and they have accepted responsibility and will arrange repairs
- In discussion with the local police and DDDC regarding payment (as agreed ) for CCTV at the Tipping
- In preparation for the Neighbourhood Plan consultation period significant works undertaken on updating the website, sending out statutory consultees documents etc
- On going arrangements made for grit bins in the Town to be refilled as notified. A gritbin has "disappeared" from Morledge which has caused particular concerns to local people, a replacement has been arranged. There has been a request for an additional grit bin on the estate as the recent bad weather has highlighted concerns with the hill are of the Estate
- Request for no entry sign on Oker avenue, emails sent, responses awaited
- Considerable time has been spent dealing with email queries from local residents, in particular with reference to the Whitworth Centre
- The software to assist in managing the allotments has now been installed and the Town Clerk has received the initial training on it. Next step is to transfer all the data over.
- The Town Clerk has attended a training session on General Data Protection Regulations which will have a significant impact on data protection issues relating to the Council. Work will be required in this area.
- Replacement items (mower and trailer) are required for Town Council grounds maintenance works, approx costs £2500. Working with Tony Umney on details. No previous expenditure in this area in 4 years other than repair costs which for the mower is now beyond economical repair.

It was **RESOLVED** to replace the mower and tractor at a maximum expenditure of £2500 subject to 3 quotes being gained. Town Clerk to action.



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### 323/18 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies and Working Parties

Councillor Pasteur reported that Darley Dale in Bloom was entering the East Midlands in Bloom competition in 2018 and that works have commenced with Valley Lodge and Meadow View.

The two coffee mornings on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at the Methodist Hall and 3<sup>rd</sup> March at Wensley Reading Room for Fairtrade had to be cancelled due to the snow.

Councillors Boardman and Myers will take on the liaison role with Enthovens recently vacated by former Councillor Haynes.

### 324/18 Public Toilets Update

The Town Clerk advised that the District Council have recommended that the toilets in Darley Dale are closed along with many others across the District. The report advising this has already been sent to Councillors.

Councillors were concerned at this and it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk write to the District Council expressing their concern, highlighting the fact this will mean there are no public toilets between Matlock and Bakewell. and question if this were to occur what would happen to the building as fears of vandalism were voiced.

DDDC are seeking public views on the proposed closures and Councillors agreed to inform local people by Social Media, DDTC website and Facebook highlighting the link to the consultation.

### 325/18 Twinning

Councillor Restrict joined the meeting

Councillor Wilson as the Council representative on the Twinning Association outlined that following Kevin Seniors' presentation on this subject at the last Council meeting, the Twinning Association were formally asking the Town Council for increased financial support. They find themselves with a dwindling membership, facing increased costs and consider that as the Town Council started the Twinning organisation 29 years ago they should now be responsible for both funding it and providing staff resources to ensure its continuation to ensure that the Twinning Link remains.

This prompted considerable discussion which to summarise posed the following questions:-

The relevance of Twinning in 2018 and relevance to the Town Council. (What happens elsewhere?)



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What the current Twinning Association are doing to :-

- address membership issues,
- engage with young people and which groups/schools have been approached
- what marketing they undertake

It was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk would write to Mr Senior regarding the above Twinning Association questions and Councillor Myers would talk to Darley Dale Primary School to gain further background and views. They would then report back at the next meeting.

### 326/18 Trim Trail

No further update.

### 327/18 General Data Protection Regulation

The Town Clerk reported that the General Data Protection regulations come into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May, this builds on previous data protection legislation and gives individuals more rights and protection regarding how their personal data is used.

A tool kit from NALC has been attained and the Town Clerk has attended a course.

It has been stated that if an action plan is in place and can be seen to be being worked upon this will be acceptable initially. It appears that the Parish/Town council level of local government have not been kept abreast of changes therefore things are not as foreword as would be liked, for example the toolkit was only produced in February

Councillors were concerned at this change and the implications compounded by their lack of knowledge and though the Clerk requested a Councillor work with her to prepare a plan no one felt confident to undertake this role without more information. A formal training session was requested ideally prior to the next Council meeting. The Town Clerk to action this and open to other interested parties e.g. adjacent Parish Councils, Whitworth Centre personnel/Trustees

### 328/18 Youth Development

It was reported that the Town Clerk had requested all outstanding information be sent back to the Town Council as soon as possible. (February) A further email has been sent in March.





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### 329/18 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Community engagement consultation period (Regulation 14) on the Neighbourhood Plan started on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018, and would last for 6 weeks. The Plan has been emailed to all statutory consultees and local consultees. A formal statutory notice advising of this process has been placed in the Peak Advertiser. The Plan is available on the website and hard copies in the cafe at the Whitworth Centre and Matlock library. A Community engagement exhibition will be held at the Whitworth Centre starting 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018. and 2 public presentations will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00 and 7.30pm when Councillors will be available to talk to local residents.

A colourful marketing campaign accompanies this process to aim to engage local people into the process, posters are being delivered to 70 local businesses as well as utilising Council notice boards and website and Facebook.

Councillors were encouraged to engage with the process and had attended a briefing session on the Neighbourhood Plan prior to the Council meeting.

### 330/18 White Peak Loop- Update

Councillor Mellor reported that she had a meeting with Claire O Reilly with regards to signing the agreement for the White Peak Loop and it was highlighted that a small part of the route is on Town Council Land, adjacent to Willow Way therefore a contract was being drawn up for this which will be looked at by the Solicitors (Nelsons) at the same time as they consider the same contract for the use of Whitworth Centre land.

The White Peak Loop will be officially opened on 27<sup>th</sup> April and Councillor Mellor will attend on behalf of the Town Council.

### 331/18 Correspondence and Information Received

The Town Clerk has received an email from a resident at Morledge requesting an additional grit bin. A site meeting to be arranged to investigate this further. It was agreed if it was felt this is needed the Town clerk purchases an additional one.

### 332/18 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Meeting was confirmed as Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

### 333/18 Public Participation





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A member of the public asked whether hard copies of the Neighbourhood Plan would be available as not everyone had access to the internet. It was explained there would be hard copies at the Whitworth Centre (adjacent to the exhibition) and Matlock Library.

A member of the public asked whether there would be an abbreviated copy and a large print version of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was answered there would be neither however if someone required help with the Plan, Councillors on the NP Steering Group would be more than happy to explain it to someone.

A member of the public asked whether the grit bins have been filled. The Town Clerk confirmed that this had been done.

A member of the public asked why minutes from the Whitworth Trust meetings were no longer available at Council meetings and why there was no longer a general agenda update item on the Whitworth Centre as in the past. This will be looked at.