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Minutes of the Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council held in the Ballroom, Whitworth Centre on Thursday 28th April 2022

Present

Councillors Oakley, Farmer, Elliott, Halliwell, Atkin and Long were in attendance. DCC Elected Member Cllr Susan Hobson, PCSO Carly Mattison, Town Clerk Ian Adkin and Acting Assistant Clerk Jason Hedley were also present along with several members of the public.

FC0422/1 Apologies for Absence – Received from Cllrs Mordue, Curtis, Ward and Taylor.

FC0422/2 To Consider Variations to the Order of Business

Item 14 “Road Safety” was moved up the agenda to item 8 to allow Cllr Hobson and PCSO Mattison to take part in the discussion.

FC0422/3 Declarations of Members’ Interests

- Cllrs Long, Farmer and Oakley declared interests as members of the Whitworth Trust.
- Cllr Atkin declared an interest as Chair of DDDC Planning

FC0422/4 To consider exclusion of Press and Public - None

FC0422/5 Minutes of Previous Meetings

- It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes for 17th March 2022 as a true and accurate record.

FC0422/6 Public Participation

A resident of Station Road spoke about the issues presented by the increased parking of vehicles on the Whitworth Park side of the road. He spoke about an incident where a large lorry had been unable to pass safely and felt it was only a matter of time until there was a serious incident. Cllr Hobson advised reporting any dangerous parking to the Police.

FC0422/7 Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors

PCSO Carly Mattison gave a verbal update on anti-social behaviour in the area. In response to the question from the public regarding parking on Station Road she undertook to monitor the situation. Cllr Hobson gave a brief update on a range of County Council issues. Cllr Atkin had nothing to report.

FC0422/8 Road Safety

i. Proposed pedestrian crossing near the Whitworth Hospital

A condition of the development opposite the Whitworth Hospital was that a sum of money should be paid to be used to install a pedestrian crossing. Councillors felt that this should be done and Cllr Oakley agreed to take it up with DDDC and DCC.



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ii Police and Crime Commissioners Speed Indicator Device Trial

Council Resolved for Cllr Oakley to become lead councillor for devices and locations and for the Town Clerk to investigate the placing of devices in Darley Dale.

*** At this point Cllrs Hobson and Atkin left the meeting**

FC0422/9 Finance

I. Unaudited end of year accounts

The Clerk summarised spending for 21-22 which had been lower than expected, partly because of pandemic restrictions and partly thanks to the better value for money against some projects and services. This had allowed the Council to bring forward expenditure in some areas (Whitworth grants and the Jubilee event) to the current financial year. The only unplanned overspend had been on IT where a new laptop and two iPad devices had been bought to improve the efficiency of the Office. Cllr Long requested advance consultations for agreeing 2023/24 budgets.

II. The following payments were presented for approval:

GARY LOWRY	BUS SHELTER CLEANING DDTC 311	-£90.00
REAL COMPUTER SHOP	Inv 43201	-£402.00
DALTON LAW LTD	11229-22	-£264.00
PETER LEPPARD LTD	127/22	-£243.72
PEAK WASTE	Inv 102500	-£270.00
Darley Dale in Bloom	Inv 22/01	-£1,000.00
LM CREATIVE	230322DDTC	-£1,040.00
Clerk's office salaries		-£3,135.30

- It was RESOLVED to approve the payments listed

III. To consider any grant applications received

It was Resolved to award a grant to 1st Darley Dale Scout Group of £379.50 for the purchase of outdoor cooking equipment.

FC0422/10 Planning

I. Cllr Farmer updated the Council on decisions made by the Town Council Planning committee as follows:

- 22/00286/FUL– Mr & Mrs Jones. Installation of dormer window LOCATION : Highfield Gill Lane Darley Dale Matlock Derbyshire

No Objection

- 22/00288/FUL- Mr David Harding. First floor rear extension above existing garage LOCATION : Robertswood Guest House Farley Hill Matlock Derbyshire DE4 3LL.

Objection on following grounds:



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1. Potential loss of light/privacy
 2. Obstructive by nature
 3. Very close to neighbour's primary front of property
- 22/00306/FUL- Mr R and Mrs P Buckner. Increase of principal elevation eaves level, addition of dormer windows and single storey rear extension LOCATION : 2 Sir Josephs Lane Darley Dale Matlock Derbyshire DE4 2GY.
No Objection
 - 22/00330/FUL - Mr Andy McClennon. Two storey rear extension LOCATION : 48 Hackney Road Hackney Matlock Derbyshire DE4 2PX.
No Objection
 - 22/00192/FUL - Mr and Mrs Hibbard Haxton Koyander Architecture Ltd. Rendering all existing brickwork walls and the rendering of brick walls previously approved in application 20/004400/FUL. LOCATION : Crofton 6 Hall Rise Darley Dale Matlock Derbyshire.
No Objection
- II. Cllr Farmer updated Council on 22/00194/FUL - APPLICANT : Mr George Henshaw Chevin Homes (Derby) Limited DEVELOPMENT : Erection of 23no. Dwellinghouses LOCATION : Land South West Of Normanhurst Park Darley Dale Derbyshire, with the following recommendations:
- Objection on following grounds:**
- a. Cllr Oakley:
 - I. Access road not suitable
 - II. Pollution from railway
 - III. Severn Trent high pressure pipe running through site is not fit for purpose
 - IV. Site is prone to flooding
 - b. Cllr Elliot:
 - I. Risk of over-development
 - II. Does not blend in with local housing
 - III. No green space/play area for children
 - IV. Risk of increased flooding downstream
 - c. Cllr Farmer:
 - I. Access road not suitable/fit for purpose for larger development
 - II. Difficulty of access for delivery/service vehicles
 - III. Proposed development does not suit the area
 - IV. Close proximity to active railway – noise pollution/particulate pollution
Lack of parking facilities for potential residents

Councillors Resolved to accept the above recommendations.

- III. Cllr Farmer updated Council on late planning submissions and recommendations:
- i. 22/00424/FUL - Mr Simon Hollin. Installation of gravelled parking area retained by stone walling LOCATION : Hall Dale House Chesterfield Road Two Dales Matlock Derbyshire



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Recommendation: **No Objection**

- ii. 22/00395/FUL - Mr Alan Cartlidge Bridgeford Capital Limited. Change of use from former Day Nursery (Use Class E) to a Residential Care home for children and young people with complex care needs (Use Class C2) with associated alterations LOCATION : Young Explorers Day Nursery Old Road Darley Dale Matlock Derbyshire.
Recommendation: No objection to the proposed change of use of the building however **Objection** to the proposed removal of trees and shrubbery surrounding the building.

Councillors Resolved to accept the recommendations.

FC0422/11 Update on the Whitworth Centre and Trading Matters

Cllr Long gave a verbal update on Whitworth matters. Councillors congratulated Cllr Long for the continued improvement at the Whitworth including ending the year with an £80k surplus.

FC0422/12 Update from the Chair of the Community Services Committee

Cllr Oakley gave a verbal update on the Community Garden

FC0422/13 Update from the Communications Working Group

Cllr Elliot gave a verbal update on the Community Voice. Cllr Long questioned the environmental credentials of the publication – Clerk's office to look into.

FC0422/14 Update from the Environment Working Group

Cllr Long gave a verbal update on the "Big Green Pledge" and retrofit event. Cllr Long stressed that more visible commitment was needed from councillors and asked them all.

FC0422/15 Whitworth Lease – The Clerk reported that a draft lease had been agreed between the Clerk and the Manager of the Whitworth and circulated to Cllrs Long, Oakley and Framer. More work was needed and it was hoped to present a draft for approval at the May meeting.

FC0422/16 Platinum Jubilee

- i. Cllr Long gave a verbal update. Cllr Oakley proposed buying a suitable marquee/gazebo to improve TC image – Clerk's office to investigate.
- ii. It was resolved to budget up to £5,000 to purchase Jubilee engraved benches outside the Co-op and at the Community Garden.

FC0422/17 Correspondence – None not previously dealt with.

FC0422/18 Date and location of next meeting

The May meeting would follow the Annual Town Meeting which was scheduled for 6pm on Thursday the 19th of May 2022. Start time would be 7pm and location would be the Ballroom.

At this point the Acting Assistant Town Clerk and members of the public left the meeting.



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FC0422/19 To ratify appointment of Town Clerk – CONFIDENTIAL

- It was RESOLVED to offer the post of Assistant Town Clerk Mr Jason Hedley.
- The Chair asked the Clerk to organise a meeting of the Personnel Working Group and invite all councillors. The main topic for discussion was Clerk's Office resourcing and the Chair asked Councillors to write down details of any Clerk resources needed to support any projects or activities they were planning or undertaking and bring them to the meeting.

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