

Minutes of the 37th Annual Town Meeting of Darley Dale

Held in the Whitworth Centre 18th May 2017

Brian Smyth was appointed Clerk for this meeting

Chairs Report

The Chair Councillor Maressa Mellor reported:

That it had been a year of change and consolidation and she thanked everyone for their help in her first few months of having the chair of the Town Council.

Welcomed the 3 new Councillors Restrick, Myers and Hurford onto the Town Council.

Assured everyone that the concerns about the finances of the Whitworth Centre were being fully investigated.

Welcomed the imminent completion of the Neighbourhood Plan and thanked all those who have been involved.

The Town Council is fully committed to engaging with the public on Planning matters and will work hard to facilitate any meetings and correspondence. The proposed Quarry development at Bent Lane being a good recent example of this.

Financial Report

The Town Council had to recruit a Locum Clerk for over 6 months during the Financial Year and this obviously put some pressure on the finances. However with savings made in other areas the Town Council was able to keep its reserves at an acceptable level. The Town Council set its precept request at £107,779 which saw a substantial rise of 17% in the Band D rate to £50.65. However it should be noted that a contingency of £20,000 is included in this figure due to the uncertainty of the Whitworth Trust and potentially some devolved services from the District Council.