

DARLEY DALE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE WHITWORTH CENTRE 7.00PM ON THURSDAY 16th JANUARY 2014

PRESENT: - Cllrs S Bettany, A Bullock, D Cliff, K Dyson, J Evans, E Faulkner, D Mathews, J Morrison, D Oakley and I Pasteur

Also present three members of the public, Cllr M Longdon (DCC) Cllr D Fearn (DDDC) and Ms C Lavell Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

258/14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr J Atkin (work commitment) and I Walker (Illness)

259/14 VARIATION OF BUSINESS

There was no variation of business.

260/14 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Cliff declared an interest on Wheatley Gardens, school travel item.

261/14 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There was a presentation from Kevin Senior from Darley Dale and District Twinning Association.

Mr Senior outlined the purpose of twinning by sharing with Council the Twinning Oath and Charter of Friendship. He also showed a variety of gifts that the Town Council had received over the years.

2014 is the 25th anniversary of the twinning arrangement and there is to be an anniversary event in Onzain in June to which the Mayor has been invited. Arrangements and invites have been extended to many organisations in Darley Dale with the aim of comprehensively representing the area on the visit. A reciprocal event will be held in Darley Dale for visitors from Onzain in 2015.

The Chair thanked Mr Senior for his update and commented that, the Town Council at their next meeting should discuss an appropriate gift from the Town Council for this occasion.

Public Participation

County and District Councillors

Cllr Longdon has had a meeting with Cllr Fearn and J Biddleston, DCC Senior Project Engineer to discuss the issue of water on Whitworth Road. A meeting was subsequently arranged for 2/2/14 with the owners of Stancliffe Hall and representatives of DCC to determine how issues should be tackled.

Cllr Longdon reported on the Oker Estate works, identified potholes were to be filled in, areas of the road are identified for top dressing in the spring, obscured lamp column to be looked at by street lighting, 2 muddy verges to be reinstated to grass in spring, the tree stump near number 69 to be dealt with, illuminating no entry signs to be introduced and poor street lighting near Yew Tree close to be considered further.

In addition, conversation is ongoing regarding ownership of land to improve access to the shop, an area previously highlighted as of concern to Council.

Cllr Longdon reported that two important consultation exercises are ongoing, for the Fire and Rescue service and County Waste Strategy provision which require responses from local residents.

Cllr Longdon was asked about impending cuts at the County Council. He explained that £157million has to be saved over the next 5 years which will impact on many areas including adult social care.

Cllr Fearn reported that the new road off Greenaway Lane is to be called Old School Close as per the suggestion of the Darley Dale Primary School Council.

Cllr Fearn mentioned a recent meeting in Matlock to discuss the Bakewell Road Development scheme, no decision has been made and a public consultation process will be entered into.

There was no police representation. The Town Clerk reported that a letter has been sent to Derbyshire police, with a copy to the Commissioner to express the dissatisfaction of the Council that for 20 months there has been no police representation at Council meetings.

262/14 PLANNING

The following applications considered by the District Council were noted

To note that the following applications have been granted by the District Council.

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Granted by District Council
1	09+/00821/FUL	Change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling Holt House, Ladygrove Road, Two Dales	Ms C Constable	Granted with Conditions
2	13/00811/FUL	Dormer extension to facilitate loft conversion, Myneholme, Darley House Estate	Mrs Tessa Healey	Granted with Conditions
3	13/00246/FUL	Change of use of hotel to residential dwelling, Red House Hotel, Old Road, Darley Dale	Mr & Mrs D Gardiner	Granted with Conditions
4	13/00852/FUL	Relocation of timber shed, Whitworth Centre	Cllr S Bettany	Granted with Conditions

RESOLVED that the under mentioned comments be submitted to the District Council on the following applications.

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1	13/00794/FUL	Extension to bar/restaurant and erection of games building Darwin Forest Country Park	Pinelodge Holidays,Ltd	No Objection

2	T/14/00001/TPO	Work to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order TPO072 27 The Parkway Darley Dale	Mr D Brown	No objection
3	14/00006/LBALT	Alterations to listed building - Internal and external alterations to facilitate conversion of barn to dwelling Holt Barn Ladygrove Road Two Dales	Mr C Constable	Further information required <i>Now received from DDDC and email sent to Councillors for comments by 5/2/14</i>

263/14 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

An amendment to minute 239/13 was requested in a word change from excluded to left. The minutes were then accepted as a true record.

The Minutes from the Whitworth Centre were noted.

264/14 DETERMINE IF ANY ITEMS ARE TO BE MOVED TO PART II CONFIDENTIAL

No items were moved to Part II

265/14 FINANCE

(a) Approval of Accounts for payment - The Town Clerk gave details of the payments made

DARLEY DALE TOWN COUNCIL PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL					
Darley Dale Town Council Schedule of Payments 16/1/14					
Date	Recipient	Cheque Number	Amount	Item	
15/01/2014					
	SLCC	3020	£184.00	Membership fee, annual	
	Dream team,	3021	£880.00	Pantomime	
	Champion Hire	3022	£93.12	Barriers for Christmas tree	
	Whitworth Centre	3024	£180.00	Mulled wine and mince pies for public Carol singing	
	Letterbox	3025	£95.29	Distribution of newsletter	
	J Jackson	3026	£75.00	Support to Clerk	
	Payroll	3027	£909.16		
	HMRC	3028	£394.16	Tax and NI	
	Whitworth Centre	3029	£1,265.88	Room hire and Toilets	
			£4,076.61		

- (b) Budget Monitoring –The budget monitoring sheet was circulated. The amount allocated to public toilets was queried. This area to be looked at in more detail for the next meeting.

Approval was given to both above.

- (c) Precept. Following receipt of the Tax Base figure for a Band D property it was RESOLVED to request the same amount as in this financial year of £78,000.

- (d) Budget 2014/15 it was RESOLVED to hold a meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee on 12th February 2014 at 6.30pm, to allocate the budget to headings.

It was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk concentrates on finance issues until the financial year end.

266/14 CHAIRMANS ANNOUCEMENTS

Cllr Oakley spoke of a recent visit to DDDC to discuss with the Corporate Planning Director Paul Wilson and Rob Coggins issues relating to the Housing Needs survey.

267/14 TOWN CLERKS REPORT/ACTION MONITORING SHEET

The Town Clerk requested that Council recommend the Town Clerks position is part of the superannuation scheme of Derbyshire County Council.

The Council fully supported this request and it was RESOLVED that the clerk writes to DCC superannuation section to request this.

Update

A request was made for input/articles for the next edition of Update to be provided to Alex Ward as soon as possible.

Sandy Path

The route has been walked, areas for action identified and an approach is to be made to the landowner.

Parking at Hooleys

The Town clerk has written to William Davis querying whether land can be rented to the Town Council for parking purposes for a peppercorn rent.

Assets

It was noted that the received asset sheets have been collated onto a map located in the office. A written list of these assets to be produced.

Notice Boards

Condition to be assessed for suitability for refurbishment

Allotments

Concern expressed at flooding at Church Lane allotments but noted to be in a flood plain. Advice is to be sought into the drainage issue.

The eroding stream banking at Oddiford Lane has been looked into and the Town clerk is seeking estimates for the removal of the tree which is causing some of the issues.

Standing Orders

New model standing orders have been circulated to all councillors. All Councillors to look at the Standing orders and feed comments to working party of Cllr Bullock, Evans and Oakley. And the Town Clerk.

School Travel Passes Wheatley Gardens

The Town has written to DCC expressing concern at Oddiford Lane being a designated safe walking route and to request a copy of their risk assessment for children walking this route.

Gritting

The DCC Snow Warden Scheme was discussed. A ton of grit (in 20kg bags) is available free to councils who sign up for the snow warden scheme. Cllr Oakley to be the nominated snow warden and Cllr Mathews as Deputy.

Play Area at Columbell Way

The Town Clerk to write to DDDC regarding replacing a tree as the original which they provided to mark the Centenary in 2000 has been vandalised.

268/14 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

No reports were presented.

269/14 REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

No reports were presented.

270/14 THE WHITWORTH CENTRE

Item Deferred

271/14 DARLEY DALE HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

A meeting occurred on 14th January at DDDC with P Wilson and R Coggins. Cllr Oakley, Evans, and Bullock and the Town Clerk attended. Discussion ensued around the content of the survey report the way it was carried out. and how it will inform future housing needs decisions both within the Parish and District wide.

272/14 PANTOMIME 2014

The Town Clerk reported that the performance of Beauty and the Beast in December had been very well received and that the Whitworth Centre had provided a snack bar facility which proved very popular with the audience.

It was RESOLVED to rebook the same theatre company for this year's pantomime and that ticket prices would remain the same and not increase slightly to cover costs, as was considered a valuable community event.

273/14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Item deferred due to lead Councillors illness.

274/14 YOUTH CLUB

It was reported that some good sessions had been held recently and plans were underway for a bowling trip to Alfreton bowls. Concern was expressed about sole working and it was RESOLVED that in future two staff of different sex would be on duty at all times to cover all eventualities.

275/14 FAIR TRADE

It was reported that the renewal certificate certifying Darley Dale as a Fair-trade town had been received.

It was RESOLVED to extend the loan period relating to the Fair-trade bags to the end of the financial year.

274/14 TWINNING

Cllr Oakley and Atkin to attend the next meeting of the Twinning association.

275/14 CONCERN REGARDING SAFETY ASPECT OF TREES AND FLOODING ISSUES, STANCLIFF HALL/WHITWORTH ROAD

In addition to the actions reported by Cllr Longdon (above) It was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk would write to DCC to request that the compacted leaves on Whitworth Road are removed as they contribute significantly to the flooding issue on Whitworth Road.

276/14 CLOSURE OF THE MINOR INJURIES UNIT AT THE WHITWORTH HOSPITAL

Letters have been received in response to those sent from DDTTC regarding our concern at overnight closure, from DCC Health Improvement & Scrutiny Committee and Derbyshire Community Health Services. Both letters reiterate the closure message, of further concern though was the statement that the "longer term future of urgent care services locally will be subject to a full public consultation"

Cllr Oakley, Cliff and Dyson are to attend the forthcoming meeting of Matlock Town Council to discuss a joint objection to these plans/future closure implications.

253/35 CORRESPONDENCE

A resident has written to DDDC, with a copy for our information, to express their concern at the unauthorised dumping which has been occurring on the Peakland View garages site.

The Town Council has also written to DDDC on this issue expressing their concern

Items of Correspondence were noted.

- From DDDC - Parish and Town Council's conference to be held on 25th February.
- Email request for a grit bin on Sydnope Hill, near Cocks Head Lane. Cllr Mathew to go and view.

256/13 INFORMATION RECEIVED

No items for information.

257/13 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There was public concern expressed at the closure affecting the Whitworth Hospital and concern that it follows the total closure route as happened at Heanor Hospital. A comment/query was made whether there are any provisions/impediments attached to the Hospital as it was a gift to the community from the Whitworth family; no one was able to offer an opinion on this.

258/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was RESOLVED that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 20th February 2014 at The Whitworth Centre at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm.