

## **DARLEY DALE TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE WHITWORTH CENTRE 7.00PM ON THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014

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

Also present one member of the public and Cllr A Statham (DDDC)

### **283/14 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Longdon (DCC) C Lavell, Town Clerk (Holiday)

### **284/14 VARIATION OF BUSINESS**

Several agenda items to be discussed together, 18 and 25, 26 and 27 and 16 and 29.

It was commented that the date of the Council meeting can be altered.

### **285/14 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

### **286/14 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Concern at apparent lack of local knowledge regarding existence of a defibrillator at the Whitworth Centre, this will be addressed in a forthcoming copy of Community Voice and on notice boards.

### **Public Participation**

#### County and District Councillors

Cllr Stathern reported that the Jubilee Bridge at Matlock Bath is being refurbished.

Legal action is to be taken at Holt Brook Farm due to a violation of planning application.

There was no police representation. The Town Clerk has received a letter in response to the one sent expressing the dissatisfaction of the Council that for 20 months there has been no police representation at Council meetings. The response received, stated that unless there is police business to discuss someone will attend however they will not attend otherwise. This was reiterated by the police commissioner.

### **287/14 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	Comments
1	13/00794/FUL	Extension to bar/restaurant and erection of games building Darwin Forest Country Park	Pinelodge Holidays,Ltd	<b>Granted with Conditions</b>
2	T/14/00001/TPO	Work to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order TPO072 27 The Parkway Darley Dale	Mr D Brown	<b>Grants Conditional Consent</b>
3	13/00856/FUL	Change of use of carers accommodation to holiday let/dependent relative accommodation Wheatley Lodge Hall, Dale Lane,	Lesley Briddon	<b>Granted with Conditions</b>

**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	14/00047/OUT	Agricultural workers dwelling at Woodside Farm, Back Lane, Darley Moor	Mr G Foster	No Objection
2	14/00027/FUL	Single storey extensions and conversion of outbuilding to ancillary residential accommodation at Denacre House Two Dales	Mr P Wright	No Objection
3	1 14/00050/ <u>f</u> VCOND	Section 73AApplication Variation of planning permission to enable extended opening hours	Markovitz Building Merchants	No Objection

**288/14 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

The Minutes from the Whitworth Centre were noted.

**289/14 DETERMINE IF ANY ITEMS ARE TO BE MOVED TO PART II CONFIDENTIAL**

No items were moved to Part II

**290/14 FINANCE**

(a) Approval of Accounts for payment - Details of the payments made were given.

<b>DARLEY DALE TOWN COUNCIL PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL</b>					
<b>Darley Dale Town Council Schedule of Payments February 2014</b>					
<b>Date</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Item</b>	
04/02/2014					
	Alex Ward	3030	£450.00	Update 8 page production	
	Peak Advertiser	3031	£48.00	Youth Club advert	
	G Lowrey	3032	£50.00	Bus shelter clean	
	Phase	3033	£835.00	Printing Update	
	DALC	3034	£35.00	Seminar	
	Letterbox	3035	£87.34	Distribution Update	
	B Newton	3036	£186.91	Plants, compost etc DDIB	
	SLCC	3037	£150.00	CiLCA registration	
11/02/2014	Severn Trent Water	3038	£104.13		
25/02/2014	Payroll	3039	£909.16		
	HMRC	3040	£394.16	PAYE	
			<b>£3,249.70</b>		

Queries were raised regarding the Youth Club advert which is to be moved to youth club accounts and high costs relating to update publication. The latter is to be reviewed by the publicity committee and costs to be reconciled by the Town Clerk. It was noted the editor has resigned.

(b) Budget Monitoring –The budget monitoring sheet was circulated.

(c) Budget 2014/15 This will be presented by the Town Clerk at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee will be on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 6.30pm.

#### **291/14 TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor stated that the Fair-trade banana run, launching Fair-trade week would be stopping at the Whit worth Centre on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, if any Councillor would like to attend.

The Chair had nothing to update.

#### **292/14 TOWN CLERKS REPORT/ACTION MONITORING SHEET**

##### **Sandy Path**

The Chair and Town Clerk to compile a letter to the landowner.

### **Assets**

A written list of the assets is to be produced based on the map in the office. Consideration to be given to those which are no longer viable/a health and safety issue, this list to form the basis of the insurance schedule.

### **Notice Boards**

Cost for refurbishment of 5 notice boards is £800.

Boards would have to be taken down for a number of weeks to enable works to be undertaken. It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation provided.

### **Allotments**

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

### **School Travel Passes Wheatley Gardens**

Neighbours on Wheatley Gardens as well as the Town Council have 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.

DCC have lost the original risk assessment therefore are currently undertaking a reassessment

### **Gritting**

The DCC Snow Warden Scheme was discussed. . Cllr Oakley is the nominated snow warden and Cllr Mathews as Deputy.

A ton of grit (in 20kg bags) is on order for delivery to the Green shed for use in Darley Dale.

Cllr Andy Statham (DDDC) volunteered to help also.

### **Play Area at Columbelle Way**

The Town Clerk has written to DDDC regarding a contribution towards replacing a tree as the original which they provided to mark the Centenary in 2000 has been vandalised. Reply awaited.

Cllr Evans has arranged for the purchase of a Cherry tree and associated guard cage, this will be planted in the near future.

## **293/14 REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES**

No reports were presented.

## **294/14 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

DDDC forum on voluntary help with vulnerable people was attended by Cllr Oakley, Pasteur, Dyson and Morrison,

A request was made that a representative is nominated to sit on the Handyman initiative when the committee appointments are made in May. The Town Clerk to research the process.

## **295/14 THE WHITWORTH CENTRE**

The Whitworth are working ahead of their planned budget, helped by large attendances in the tea rooms even on wet days. Bookings have started for next Christmas and an established client base is building due to having set regular opening hours.

The youth club has relocated to the Lady Whitworth room. Cllr Walker has spoken with the representative from Fairplay youth club and after initial concerns have said they will consider using the Lady Whitworth room and room opposite.

There was a user group meeting in January which was well attended and good feedback received, the next meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

A question was raised whether the tearoom opening hours could be extended when the nights are lighter, this will be looked into.

#### **296/14 THE ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDED NEW STANDING ORDERS.**

Cllr Bullock, Oakley and Evans had met to amend the current standing orders (2007) in line with the proposed ones from DALC. These had been circulated to all in advance of the meeting  
It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the new standing orders, to come into effect at the next Town Council meeting.

The Town Clerk to type up the new orders and circulate to all Councillors.

#### **297/1 COMMEMORATION OF THE 1914-1918 CONFLICT.**

It was suggested that as a Town Council something should be done to commemorate the event  
It was **RESOLVED** that an inscribed plaque be sourced to place on the war memorial.. It was queried whether any local families have relatives who fought/died in WW1, a request to go into Community Voice to explore this/proposed text.

Town Clerk to write to the British Legion to investigate the war memorial fund and possible funding for the plaque.

An approach to be made to Reverend Monk by Town Clerk to see what is planned as part of their event on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014 and if appropriate explore working together.

Darley Dale in Bloom and Memory Lane are also looking at ways to commemorate this event

#### **298/14 CONSULTATION PROCESSES**

Cllr Oakley, Cliff and Dyson attended Matlock Town Council meeting to work together as regards the overnight closure of the Whitworth Hospital minor injuries unit and hope to continue and develop this working relationship on other relevant matters. Matlock Town Council have confirmed via their clerk support for this proactive approach, Cllr Oakley, Atkin and Dyson and the Town Clerk to develop this further.

#### **299/14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The arranged meeting had to be cancelled due to illness. A new date to be sourced and circulated in advance of the next Council meeting.

Full backing and support for the neighbourhood plan process will be required from the Town council.

#### **300/14 YOUTH CLUB**

It was reported that recent numbers have been low though the forthcoming bowling trip was proving popular

Correspondence from the bank is still going to the ex treasurer which requires rectifying.

Progress is awaited on the Bowman building

#### **301/14 TO CONSIDER MAKING A REQUEST TO DDDC FOR SECTION 108 MONIES OBTAINED OR DUE TO BE OBTAINED IN LIEU OF PROVIDING PLAY FACILITIES AT NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.**

As estate developers have to make provision for a play area, the proposal has been made that the monies could be requested instead, and be used towards the purchase/relocation of the Bowman building for the youth of the area. (Youth clubs, scouting and guiding movement etc)

The proposal was made that the Town Clerk writes to developers of the assisted housing sites for their support, preferably in kind support and a letter to E Runham regarding inviting the Scouting and Guiding movement to join the project planning. It was stated that though the money is available considerable work needs to be done to gain support for this proposal.

Cllr Oakley reported that the Town Council has 1<sup>st</sup> refusal of the Bowman building

A steering committee was established of Cllr Oakley, Evans, Cliff, Bettany and Faulkener.

### **302/14 FAIR TRADE**

Cllr Pasteur reported that a Fair-trade stand would be hosted at the Whitworth Tearooms for Fair-trade week, along with a fund raising stall for Darley dale in bloom.

Fair-trade bags are still being sold and the loan must be repaid by the end of the financial year, as previously **RESOLVED**.

### **303/14 TWINNING**

Cllr Oakley and Atkin attended the recent meeting of the Twinning association.

A gift is to be given on the forthcoming twinning trip; ideas are sought from all Councillors for the next meeting.

### **304/14 PROPOSAL REGARDING DISPLAY SHELVES IN LIBRARY**

The suggestion has been made to display trophies, gifts, certificates relevant to the Town Council in a secure public location, with the library proposed as a fitting location.

Prices to be sought for the next meeting.

### **305/14 PROPOSAL TO APPROACH DCC TO RECONSIDER A 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT PAST CHURCHTOWN SCHOOL**

Cllr Evans reported that parents taking children to school had expressed concern regarding speed of traffic. The Town Clerk to write to Highways to enquire about a 20mph sign perhaps one that switches on/off around school travel times.

### **306/14 CONCERN REGARDING SAFETY ASPECT OF TREES AND FLOODING ISSUES, STANCLIFF HALL/WHITWORTH ROAD**

Cllr Longdon is awaiting a reply to issues raised at the last meeting by Cllr Fearn(DDDC) and Mathews (DDTC)

### **307/14 PROPOSAL REGARDING TIMBER TUBS ON TERRACE.**

Large timber tubs have been located on the picnic site however it is felt they would be better located on the Terrace for more people to get pleasure from the planting.

As the tubs were the subject of a grant the initial funders must be consulted before they can be relocated to another part of the Park. The Town Clerk to write to the funders to seek permission.

It was proposed and accepted to extend the meeting for a further 30 minutes at 9.30pm

### **308/14 DARLEY DALE IN BLOOM**

Clarity was requested regarding funding for planting along the A6 as previously this was the responsibility of the Council and not Darley Dale in Bloom.

It was **RESOLVED** the Town Council will continue to provide this planting. as there are insurance and risk assessment implications if this were to be undertaken by DDiB..

It was requested that the Town Council have an input into the appearance of this planting.

A proposal was made that Darley Dale in Bloom becomes a separate entity from the Town Council to enable them to access other funding sources.

This was supported by all therefore it was **RESOLVED** that that Darley Dale in Bloom becomes a separate entity from the Town Council.

### **309/14 CORRESPONDENCE**

Items of Correspondence were noted.

- Confirmation the 2014 pantomime is to be Dick Whittington, to be held on 22.12.14 at 1.30pm.
- Letter from Police Commissioner
- DCC Digital event invite
- Street lighting consultation
- Letter from Reverend Monk regarding WWI commemoration
- Greenaway Lane closure
- Good as new clothes sale

### **310/14 INFORMATION RECEIVED**

No items for information.

### **311/14 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

There were no matters raised.

### **312/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at The Whitworth Centre at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.47pm.