

DARLEY DALE TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE WHITWORTH CENTRE
7.00PM ON THURSDAY 20th MARCH 2014

PRESENT: - Cllrs, D Cliff, K Dyson, J Evans, J Morrison, D Oakley, J Atkin and I Pasteur

Also present four members of the public

313/14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr A Bullock (family sickness), S Bettany (family commitment) E Faulkner (holiday) I Walker (business commitment)
Cllr Longdon (DCC) Meeting,

314/14 VARIATION OF BUSINESS

Several agenda items to be discussed earlier on the agenda, Items 16 and 21 to be moved to before planning to enable members of the public to hear the discussion prior to their departure.

315/14 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

316/14 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Public Participation

Cllr K Parker, Chair of Rowsley Parish Council spoke regarding commemoration events for World War 1 and the opportunity of working with Rowsley PC. The opportunity of joint working was welcomed by J Statham from Peak Rail.

Cllr Parker expressed concern at the proposed cycle routes which will impact significantly on Rowsley and the shortcomings of the cycle strategy document which is currently out for consultation by the Peak District National Park Authority.

Concerns centred on the safety aspects of a potential high influx of cyclists, of all abilities into the area, an apparent lack of consultation with the police and local resident as well as impact on local landowners and local residents.

It was added that there is a proposed loop which impacts on Darley Dale, the Whitworth Centre grounds and Peak Rail which is currently being managed by Derbyshire County Council with grant funds of £5 million which has to be spent by 31.3.15. The exact route has not yet been determined, though several options are in the discussion stages consequently members of the public wished for the Town Council to be involved.

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An Update on the Oker Avenue actions was requested. The Chair reported that several works are scheduled, including works on beds, a walkabout is planned etc. A residents committee is in the process of being set up. There is to be an open meeting on April 8th, 7.00pm at the Whitworth Centre for all interested.

A query was raised as to planting arrangements for key areas in Darley Dale, such as along the A6. The Town Clerk to write to Darley Dale in Bloom and ask for their plans regarding this and to enquire whether photos exist to highlight gaps for bulb planting. It was queried whether DDDC would provide a quote for planting in areas where it is considered not safe for members of DDiB.

Police, County and District Councillors

Concern was expressed that there was no police representation. It was reiterated that 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.

There had been a recent serious incident on Olympian Way requiring significant police presence therefore Councillors felt it was appropriate to invite the police to the next meeting to report on this matter, their view on the potential impact of the proposed cycle way and other local matters. It was RESOLVED the Clerk would invite the police to the next meeting.

317/14 COMMEMORATION OF THE 1914-1918 CONFLICT

Memory Lane are planning to host an event, Cllr Cliff has attended a funding meeting and a grant is available for smaller projects with a light touch application process for grants between £3 to 10 thousand.

Cllr Bullock had provided a report, regarding the proposed plaque for inclusion on the war memorial.

It is intended that the grant application reflects both above projects.

Linking to items from the public participation part of the meeting, it is apparent that there are several ideas and events planned, therefore it was RESOLVED to form a steering committee to coordinate events for Darley Dale and Rowsley, to consist of Cllrs Oakley, Cliff, Atkin, Bullock and Pasteur from DDTC Cllr Parker from Rowsley PC, and Jackie Statham from Peak Rail. The first meeting to be held on 27th March, 7.00 pm at the Whitworth Centre.

318/14 CYCLE STRATEGY

Of considerable concern was the proposed extension to the White Peak cycle route which will impact on many parts of Darley Dale and local businesses including Peak Rail and the Whitworth Park.

Considerable discussion occurred around the health and safety issues, poor experiences with safety on the Monsal trail, risk to young children and the less able on using the route or adjacent areas and general potential negative impact on local residents, houses etc

The PDNPA cycle strategy was discussed, (item had been circulated by email). The period of consultation was considered too short to allow active discussion at a Council meeting and appropriate follow up as the online documentation was particularly lengthy and in-depth and the closing date was the 21st March though it was concluded this was not of direct relevance as Darley Dale is not within the National Park.

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Of greatest concern was the extension to the White Peak cycle route which is thought may impact on land belonging to the Whitworth Park, Peak Rail and adjacent landowners. It was RESOLVED the Town Clerk would write to DCC who are managing this scheme and associated engineering feasibility studies and works to secure further information and arrange a meeting to hear actual proposals.

319/14 PLANNING

The following applications considered by the District Council were noted

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1	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	Granted with Conditions
2	1 14/00050/ <u>f</u> VCOND	Section 73A Application Variation of planning permission to enable extended opening hours	Markovitz Building Merchants	Permitted with Conditions

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

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1	14/00076/FUL	Revised design of block to incorporate 25 flats and care office	Audley, St Elphins	No Objection
2	13/00910/FUL	Erection of single storey dwelling 22 Old Hackney Lane, Hackney	Mr D Kirkland	No Objection
3	14/0103/FUL	Two storey side extension Westholme, Farley Hill	Mr Andrew Neath	No Objection
4	T/14/002027/TPO	Works to tree subject to tree preservation order TP0108 9 Hackney Road	Mr Andrew Whittaker	No Objection
5	14/00092/FUL	Replacement dwelling & garage, Denacre View, Denacre Lane, Two Dales	Mr D Rogers	No Objection

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For Information

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of state against the decision of DDDC to refuse consent to carry out works to protected trees, T/13/00112/TPO at 9 Hackney Road, Mrs T Whittaker

320/14 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Morrison for talking the minutes at the last meeting.

Minute 308/14 requires stronger wording that planting on the A6 is the responsibility of the Town Council as there are insurance and risk assessment implications for this to be undertaken by DDiB. and DDiB are to seek advice from East Midlands in Bloom regarding this issue on the Avenues etc.

Cllr Cliff left the room for the discussion on Wheatley Gardens needs stating, 292/14

The minutes were then accepted as a true record.

The Minutes from the Whitworth Centre were noted.

Cllr Longdon and Fearn joined the meeting at this point,

321/14 DETERMINE IF ANY ITEMS ARE TO BE MOVED TO PART II CONFIDENTIAL

No items were moved to Part II

322/14 FINANCE

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

Date	Recipient	Cheque Number	Amount	Item
25/03/2014	G Lowrey	3041	£50.00	Bus shelter clean
	DDDC	3043	£576.72	Christmas tree
	Phase	3044	£154.00	Printing Community Voice
	Wish Cloud	3045	£90.00	Domain renewal
	Whitworth Centre	3046	£1,125.00	Room hire & toilet clean
	Information Commissioner	3047	£35.00	Data protection
	CPRE	3048	£29.00	Subscription
	John Evans	3049	£40.46	Tree & stakes etc
	Derbyshire Training	3050	£200.00	CiCLA Training
	DCC	3051	£1,022.17	Salt/grit bins filling
	Whitworth Centre	3052	£660.00	Recharge for Park stump

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					grinding etc
	DALC	3053	£25.00	Finance Training	
	Administration	3054	£1,066.56		
	HMRC	3055	£237.76	PAYE	
	DCC	3056	£929.50	Superannuation Oct-March	
	Whitworth Centre	3057	£898.00	Work to Park gates	
			£7,139.17		

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

(c) Budget 2014/15 –The proposed budget sheet was circulated

The Town clerk presented a comprehensive budget sheet which illustrated the budget for 2013/14 and the proposed budget for 2014/15, as agreed by the Finance and General Purposes Group at their meeting on 13th March.

In addition it showed expenditure to date, budget balance and an estimate for outstanding invoices for the 13/14 trading period. Referring to the current budget and explanations for variance

It was explained that the proposed budget was based on expenditure to date, anticipated spend with associated increases or decreases in line with current Council priorities and the requested precept figure of £78,000 . As in the previous year it is envisaged a small amount, will be required from reserves.

It was RESOLVED to accept the proposed budget.

The Town Clerk requested the purchase of a lap top and replacement office printer to assist in the role. There are sufficient monies in the 13/14 budget for this purchase which is supported by F and GP committee. The request was fully supported by full Council .

A query was raised why on Council Tax bills does it appear there is an increase of 5%. Town Clerk to write to DDDC for an explanation.

Standing orders were suspended to allow Councillors Longdon and Fearn to provide their reports.

County and District Councillors

Cllr Fearn reported that a recent Peak District Business publication featured the Molyneux Business Park.

The Local Plan is being looked at by a consultant with reference to the number of available sites.

Cllr Longdon reported that , the adult care provision consultation is open for comments and the fire and rescue consultation closed recently.

323/14 TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMANS ANNOUCEMENTS

The Chair reported he is to join the twinning trip to Onzain in June.
The Mayor had nothing to update.

An extension of time was agreed to.

324/14 TOWN CLERKS REPORT/ACTION MONITORING SHEET

Sandy Path

The Chair and Town Clerk to speak to the landowner.

Notice Boards

Cost for refurbishment of 5 notice boards is £800. This has now been accepted and the boards will be removed for refurbishment over the next few weeks.

Allotments

The eroding stream banking at Oddiford Lane has been looked into and the Town clerk has now received an estimate for the removal of the tree and reestablishment of the banking which is causing some of the issues. It was suggested prior to accepting the estimate that the community payback team are approached to see if they could undertake this work.

School Travel Passes Wheatley Gardens

Cllr Cliff left the room

Neighbours on Wheatley Gardens, the Town Council and individual councillors have written to DCC expressing concern at Oddiford Lane being a designated safe walking route for school children.

It is understood a re-assessment of the route is to be undertaken

The Town Clerk to write to Angela Goodall, DCC, to request that a hazardous route investigation is undertaken and for a representative of the Town Council to be allowed to accompany this when it occurs.

Cllr Cliff returned.

Library Display Shelves

The appropriate insurance documentation has now been checked and no mention is made of silverware. Sketches can now be undertaken prior to seeking prices for new display units.

Play Area at Columbell Way

Cllr Evans has arranged for the erection of a Cherry tree and associated guard cage to replace the vandalised tree at the play area. This was planted by Cllr Evans and Tony Umney in February.

20mph speed limit past Churchtown school

The Town clerk has written to Highways at DCC to request a 20mph speed limit and flashing warning lights. A petition from parents has also been handed into DCC for similar actions to occur.

It was proposed that Cllr Mathews will become the Council representative at this school at the AGM.

Timber Tubs on Terrace

A letter has been written to the funder to request the tubs can be relocated.

One tub has been removed from the picnic site, split into two and taken into storage.

Cllr Pasteur has offered to take over the planting of these tubs in their new location on behalf of Darley Dale in Bloom.

325/14 REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

No reports were presented.

326/14 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

No reports were presented.

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327/14 THE WHITWORTH CENTRE

Item deferred

328/14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Item deferred

329/14 CONDUCT OF COUNCILLORS AND TRUSTEES

Item deferred

330/14 COMMUNITY VOICE AND PUBLICITY

It was acknowledged problems had been experienced with the Community Voice publication. This has led to an overhaul of the system and Cllr Morrison has agreed to take on the role of editor with the responsibility of producing 12 monthly publications consisting of 10 X A4 and 2X 8 page editions. The publicity committee will support in this process and all Councillors are requested to supply items and view the draft prior to print.

331/14 YOUTH CLUB

It was reported that no candidates turned up for the recent youth club leaders interviews position despite a good field on paper. The position will be re-advertised again via Community Voice.

A small group consisting of Cllr Oakley, Evans, Cliff, Bettany and Faulkener. has been established to look at the issues associated with the Bowman Building and plans to relocate it to the Whitworth Centre

The Town Clerk has written 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. No responses yet received from the developers.

A letter has been written to the Planning Director, Paul Wilson at DDDC to explore whether section 106 monies could be requested instead of providing play facilities, and be used towards the purchase/relocation of the Bowman building for the youth of the area. (Youth clubs, scouting and guiding movement etc) An email to chase this to be sent.

332/14 FAIR TRADE

Cllr Pasteur paid the final instalment of £22.50 for the Fairtrade loan thus fulfilling the loan condition of full repayment within this financial year.

333/14 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. An allowance of £250 was identified for the gift.

334/14 CONCERN REGARDING CLOSED OFF FOOTPATH

A letter has been received and an approach made to a Councillor from concerned local residents at the apparent closure of a footpath into Sydnop woods.

The Town Clerk reported that this had first come to the attention of DDTC in November and the matter had been referred to DCC legal services.

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Another local resident is in the process of submitting a definitive map modification order (DMMO) application to DCC legal services with a view of getting the path legally recorded as a right of way on the definitive map. This process has been checked and is still ongoing. This information, including the details of the lady applying for the DMMO were all passed to the complainant in February by the Town Clerk as the wife of the complainant had called into the office.

335/14 CHURCH ROAD ALLOTMENT LEASE

The 6 year lease on the allotments is up for renewal, a letter and new contract has been received from DDDC , the landowner , allowing a continuation of the lease at a peppercorn rent.

There are concerns however about the condition of the allotments, excessive water/flooding issues. The allotment holders are to be approached to write a letter stating their concerns regarding the conditions of the allotments to encourage a dialogue with DDDC as a forerunner to signing a further lease.

336/14 DARLEY DALE IN BLOOM

It was agreed the Town Council would continue to provide funding for, and associated man hours to undertake the task of planting along the A6.

The booking for the sports hall , as a bad weather back up for the dog show is to be cancelled to allow the Whitworth to let the room to a commercial hirer.

337/14 CORRESPONDENCE

Items of Correspondence were noted.

- E mail from DCC Street Lighting regarding a proposal of turning lights off permanently on Church Road This was totally rejected by Councillors. The Town Clerk to respond to this.
- Letter received from DDDC Fair-trade steering group thanking DDTTC for their support of the banana run

338/14 INFORMATION RECEIVED

No items for information.

339/14 PUBLIC SPEAKING

A suggestion of an oak tree as a twinning gift was made

340/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was RESOLVED that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 17th April 2014 at The Whitworth Centre at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm.