



Minutes of a Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council

Held in the Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale

At 7.00 pm on Thursday 19th February 2015

Present

Councillor J Evans (in the Chair)

Councillors J Aitkin, A Bullock, D Cliff, A Creese, E Faulkner

J Morrison I Pasteur and I Walker

Also Present

Mrs C Lavell (Town Clerk)

19 Members of the Public

586/15 **Apologies for absence**

Councillors K Dyson (Illness) S Bettany (family commitments)

Councillor Longden (Derbyshire County Council)

587/15 **Variation of Order of Business**

No variation to business.

588/15 **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest

Public Participation

A current planning application for outline planning permission for residential development on a Greenfield site on Park Lane, Two Dales has caused considerable local consternation as demonstrated by the large number of members of the public present.

Several members of the public spoke against the proposed development and their concerns are summarized as follows:-

- Highways, road network not capable of coping with increase in traffic
- Uniqueness of rural area/Greenfield site
- Concern at precedent being set for building on Greenfield sites and potential impact on Darley Hillside for future
- Road safety implications especially with reference to junction with Chesterfield Road and school children crossing (School crossing warden recently removed)
- Drainage issues as multiple natural springs on hillside which frequently cause water/flood issues on road network
- Parking congestion, already a problem, concern at becoming worse. Elderly resident of the bungalows struggle with access for carers frequently resulting in double parking
- Outside of settlement area of Local Plan

Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors

Councillor Fearn (DDDC) explained that as he sits on the planning committee he cannot express an opinion as could jeopardise his impartiality.

He commented that due to the collapse of the Local Plan, developers are now able to submit planning applications for sites that would not previously have been allowed, this makes Greenfield sites next to a developed area vulnerable.

He stated objections need to be made on factual material considerations and to demonstrate that a site is unsustainable for development.

Planning Applications

The Town Clerk stated she had received 10 letters to date of objection to the Park Lane development, (item 3) copies of most had been sent to Highways DCC, Planning DDDC, local District Councillors and the local County Councillor.

RESOLVED**(1) Comments to be submitted to the District Council on the following applications**

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1.	15/00055/FUL	Erection of Bungalow Argyle Cottage, Old Hackney Lane, Hackney	Mr Brian Wood	Objection on grounds of density of development proposed for site and the effect of application on highway safety
2.	15/00041/OUT	Erection of 2 dwellings,(outline) View Cottage, Hallmoor Road	Mr J MacFarlane	Objection on grounds of density of development proposed for site and the effect of application on highway safety
3.	15/00034//OUT	Residential development (outline) Land off Park Lane, Two Dales	Wildgoose construction Limited	Objection for reasons outlined in letter, summarised as the effect of application on highway safety, Outside of settlement area, contrary to current Local Plan and not sustainable

4.	15/00037/FUL	Storage building and office building Forest Nurseries	Forest Nurseries Limited	No Objection
5.	15/00032/FUL	Single/two storey extension, Isis, Moor Lane, Darley Dale	Mr and Mrs A Lessiter	Objection on grounds of impact on neighbours , overlooking, overshadowing and density of development proposed for site
6.	12/00023/AMD/2	Non-material amendments-to Block A to alter the mix of apartments and associated elevational alterations St Elphins	Mr Ben Krauze	No objection
7.	14/00879/CLPUD	Certificate of lawfulness of proposed use and conversion of building to guest house (Use C1) Back Lane, Two Dales	Ms S Marshall	No objection

It was proposed and supported unanimously to object to the development of the Park Lane site, in addition it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair would write as a matter of urgency to the Director of Planning DDDC and Highways DCC laying out the objections of the Town Council to this proposed development.

The following applications have been determined by the District Council.

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1	14/00764/FUL	Change of use of bakery to two dwellings Hayes Bakers, Chesterfield Road, Two Dales,	Mr Ian Hayes	Permitted with conditions
2	14/00870/CM	Layout and construction of a proposed new multi-user trail (phase 1) Bakewell Road, Matlock	DCC	No Objection
3		Layout and construction of a proposed new multi-user trail (phase 3) Church Rd/Harrison Way, Darley Dale	DCC	No Objection
4	14/00818/FUL	Extension to bar and restaurant	Darwin Forest Country Park Sydnope Hill Darley Moor Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5LN	Permitted with conditions
5	14/00797/FUL	Insertion of window to south west elevation	Nursery Croft Darley House Estate Hackney Derbyshire DE4 2QG	Permitted with conditions

6	14/00643/TEMP	Retention of marketing suite at St Elphins for a temporary period of 3 years	Mr Nick Sanderson	Withdrawn
7	14/00831/FUL	Replacement roof to conservatory	Mr Brian Kitchener	Granted with conditions

Concern was expressed with the new system introduced by DDDC planning whereby planning information is no longer supplied to the Town Council by email but has to be accessed via their website directly. Difficulties are being experienced with accessing the information on line, time, speed of download, etc.

It was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk writes to DDDC planning, to record the objections and suggest a meeting.

592/15 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 15 January 2015 be approved as true records and signed by the Chairman.

593/15 **To Determine if any items should be moved to Confidential Session**

No items to move

594/15 **Finance**

The Town Council considered the schedule of payments to be made.

An update report was provided on the January budget monitoring reports.

It was reported that the F and GP meeting planned for 18/2/15 had been cancelled as not quorate. A new date of 10/3/15 at 10.00 had been rearranged to discuss the Community Grant applications.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the schedule of payments detailed below be approved.
- (2) That the update on balances be noted.
- (3) That the Community Grant information be note

Schedule of approved payments February 2015

Darley Dale Town Council Cheque schedule for approval of payment

Cheque requests as at February 2015

Chq number	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total
3247	Salisbury and Wood	Filling of grit bins	Environmental	220.80
3248	Wish Cloud Ltd	E mail hosting-annual	Administration	240.00
3249	Peak Advertiser	Distribution	Neighbourhood Plan	105.60
3250	G Lowry	Window clean	Bus shelters	50.00
3251	Whitworth Centre	Contribution to twinning/exchange	S137 Grants	300.00
3252	Salisbury and Wood	Filling of grit bins	Environmental	226.32
3253	Whitworth Centre	Environmental	Grass Verges	3,960.00
3254	MES	Christmas Tree Lights	Environmental	154.80
3255	Information Commissioner	Data Protection	Administration	35.00
3256	J Evans	Expenses-Room hire	Administration	11.00
3257	SLCC	Subscription	Subscription	187.00
3258	SLCC	Clerks Manual	Training	50.50
3260	DCC	Superannuation	Administration	292.19
3261	HMRC	PAYE	Administration	278.76
3262	Whitworth Centre	Office Rent and Toilets Jan	Administration & Toilets	1,154.76
				£8,341.35

595/15

Town Mayor/Chairman's Announcements

No announcements

596/15

Town Clerk's and Councillors' update of matters in hand.

Allotments- Ongoing investigations underway with the Environment agency regarding the fallen banking at Oddford Lane and a meeting has been arranged for 5/3/15.

The Chair is to meet with members of Church Road allotment committee to measure the plots, this is weather dependent.

No response has been received from the 2 emails sent to Forest Nurseries regarding the tree problem raised by an allotment plot holder. The Chair will phone the manager of the Garden Centre.

The multi user path - is still being looked at by the legal team of the Whitworth Trust and DCC

Website-A training session has been set up for 25th February 2015 to start the development work.

Snow Wardens-The grit has now been delivered.

Oker Estate Footpath- Letter and a follow up email sent to Mike Galsworthy, Property Services DDDC to ask for action to be taken to get the path from Lime Grove Avenue to Local 4 U put into a usable state for all users, especially the disabled and people with pushchairs and prams. Despite workmen being noticed in January no works have commenced therefore a further follow up letter to be sent to M Galsworthy.

Medical Centre A meeting has been held with Dr Milton to discuss where the plans are regarding the new surgery, funding and location issues.

Arc Community Centre The Chair to re-establish contact with the Chair of the Community Centre,

Removal of Litter Bins A series of emails have been sent to the District Council regarding this subject to both establish the background and then express concerns at their removal in particular at bus stops. Photographic evidence has been sent to them to illustrate the build up

of rubbish in bus shelters which has been the public response to the removal of bins.

Response still awaited therefore a further approach to be made.

Local Plan, A letter has been written to DDDC to register the Town Council's concern at the incorrect representation of Darley Dale in one of their Planning Documents.

This matter will be discussed with Mr Hase when the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meet with him (requested for March)

Darley Dale Primary School Building

Cllr Bullock is continuing to follow up the outstanding planning conditions. An impasse has been reached on several of these however the issue of the metal bollards which are coated with a high viz colour continues to be debated due to the unacceptable nature of the bollards colouring.

It was RESOLVED that the Town Council writes to Gareth Griffiths to state their concerns with regards the design, nature and visual element of the bollards , to reiterate the concerns of local residents and question whether a more acceptable design as used in Matlock Town Square could be used instead. In addition the question to be posed as to when the agreed traffic management scheme is to be implemented.

Councillor Walker is following up on planning conditions regarding Olympian Way and is awaiting information regarding soil samples testing for plastics residue from the former factory site.

Darley Dale Brass Band

A cheque has been received tonight for the agreed £50 donation from the Whitworth Centre. The cheque from the Town Council has already been received. These will now be sent with an accompanying letter to the Brass Band.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

597/15

Reports from Representatives on outside bodies

There were no updates at this meeting.

598/15 **Reports from Working Parties**

There were no updates at this meeting.

599/15 **The Whitworth Centre**

The Minutes of the Whitworth Board Meeting held on 17 December 2014 were received.

The Chair of the Whitworth Board, Cllr Walker reported that the catering side of the business, tea rooms and bar were now exceeding room hire in terms of income; however the restriction to future expansion would be the size and capability of the kitchen.

A new member of staff has been appointed to assist with the accounts.

The Lodge continues to operate successfully.

600/15 **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

The questionnaire has now been distributed to all households in Darley Dale via the Peak Advertiser. Return boxes for completed questionnaires are located throughout the town and a steady response has been received. The final return date is 28th February 2015. Analysis of the forms is to commence shortly thereafter.

601/15 **Local Plan Update**

The meeting planned with Ashbourne Town Council to discuss the Local Plan was cancelled due to lack of interest from other Parish and Town Councils.

602/15 **Youth Club Update**

The young people continue to respond well to the youth workers; numbers vary per session with between 10 and 17 attendees. A bike ride and bike maintenance session is currently being organised.

A grant of £200 has been received from DDDC

603/15 **Whitworth Road.**

The drains on Whitworth Road have now been cleared which is helping reduce the standing waters which had been contributing to the hazard of ice during the recent cold spell.

DCC are to enter into dialogue with Stancliffe Hall in an attempt to find a long term solution to the problem.

604/15 **Fairtrade**

An invitation was extended to all Councillors to attend the forthcoming Bake off ,Fairtrade event

605/15 **Correspondence**

The following mail was summarised from:-

- DCC Consultation document on possible changes to school crossing patrol service.

RESOLVED that a formal response goes from the Town Council and state the dissatisfaction and concern at removal of service on Chesterfield Road, Two Dales.

- A price has been received for cleaning the bus shelters, to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

The next meeting will be held on 19th March 2015, in the Community Room at the Arc Leisure Centre.