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Minutes of a Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council

Held in the Community Room, The Arc Leisure Centre, Darley Dale

At 7.00 pm on Thursday 19th March 2015

Present

Councillor J Evans (in the Chair)

Councillors J Atkin , S Bettany K Dyson, E Faulkner and

I Pasteur

Also Present

Mrs C Lavell (Town Clerk)

2 Members of the Public

606/15 **Apologies for absence**

Councillors A Creese (holiday) J Morrison (Illness) I Walker (work commitments) A Bullock, D Cliff

Councillor Longden (Derbyshire County Council)

607/15 **Variation of Order of Business**

No variation to business.

608/15 **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest

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610/15 **Public Participation**

A current planning application for planning permission for the building of a residential development consisting of 8 dwelling houses, Bent Lane Darley Dale has caused considerable local concern, particularly as this site was the subject of a recent planning enquiry(2013) , at which time the application was turned down by the Government Inspector on appeal.

A members of the public spoke against the proposed development on behalf of the Darley Hillside Residents' Association and voiced their concerns and reiterated the grounds on which the Inspector previously declined the application as it is considered these factors are still valid,

611/15 **Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors**

In the absence of representatives, no reports were presented.

612/15 **Planning Applications**

RESOLVED

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

| No | Application Number | Description and Details | Applicant | Comments |
|----|--------------------|--|---------------|--|
| | 15/00152/FUL | Erections of Agricultural workers dwelling Land south of Woodside Farm. Back Lane Darley Moor | Mr A Salt | No Objection |
| | 15/00106/FUL | Residential development of 8 dwelling houses Highfields Cottage, Bent Lane, Darley Dale | Mr Peter Hunt | *Objection as no change in circumstances from the last application and it is considered all of the planning Inspectors' (2013) comments are still relevant as reasons NOT to permit development. |

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| | T/15/0021/TPO | Works to trees subject to TPO 49 Grove House 3 The Park Two Dales | Mrs S Robinson | No Objection |
| | 15/00084/FUL | Replacement of bi fold doors The Old Chapel, Two Dales | Mr Robert Powers | No Objection |

*It was proposed and supported unanimously to object to the development on Bent Lane. 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 laying out the objections of the Town Council to this proposed development.

RESOLVED

2) To note 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 | 14/00888/FUL | Two storey side extension 46 Greenaway Lane, Hackney | Mr Parkinson | Refused |
| 3 | 14/00896/FUL | Proposed rear extension, replace flat roof with | Mrs Jane Unwin | Permitted with conditions |

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| | | pitched roof. 10 Hawksley Drive, Darley Dale | | |
| 4 | 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 | Refused |
| 5 | 14/00861/FUL | Extension of Holiday lodge park with 26 lodges and associated roadway | Darwin Forest Country Park Sydnope Hill Darley Moor Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5LN | Permitted with conditions |
| 6 | 15/00037/FUL | Storage building and office building Forest Nurseries | Forest Nurseries Limited | Permitted with conditions |

613/15 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 19 February 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

614/15 **To Determine if any items should be moved to Confidential Session**

No items to move

615/15 **Finance**

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

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

The Finance and General Purposes committee met on 10/3/15 and the Community Grants applications were discussed. It was recommended that the following awards were made

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| 1 Oker Estate Association (subject to receipt of invoices) reduced to £50 for reason stated below | £450 |
| 2 3rd Darley Dale guides | £125 |
| 3 Church Road allotment Society | £330 |
| 4 Darley Dale Preschool | £500 |
| 5 Matlock Cycling Club | £130 |
| 6 Darley Dale Juniors Football | £250 |
| 7 Darley Dale Cricket Club | £200 |
| 8 Memory Lane | £200 |
| Total | £1785 |

Notes:

- 1** Since the F & GP meeting it had been ascertained the ownership of the wall adjacent to the A6 referred to in the Oker Estate Application as belonging to DCC and they have agreed and already actioned the provision of a picket fence in the gap thus reducing the need of the total grant of £450 to a newly agreed amount of £50 for bulbs which will be paid on production of receipts.
- 2** It was explained the preschool project monies were dependent on them securing the remaining funds for the play area ~~wall~~ fence and leaving the fence intact as a landlord's fixture if they were to leave the premises

RESOLVED –

- (1)** That the allocation recommended by the F & GP Committee for Community Grants be approved.
- (2)** That the update on balances be noted.

(3) That the schedule of bill payments detailed below be approved

Schedule of approved payments March 2015

| Darley Dale Town Council | | | | |
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| <u>Cheque requests as at March 2015</u> | | | | |
| Chq number | Supplier | Description | Budget Item | Total |
| 3263 | Whitworth Centre | Office Rent, Stationary and Toilets Feb | Administration & Toilets | 1,485.36 |
| 3264 | Louise McKenzie | Community Voice | Advertising & Publicity | 1,350.00 |
| 3265 | Mrs C Lavell | Multi feed scanner | Administration | 210.10 |
| 3266 | Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group | Transfer of funds | Neighbourhood Plan | 1,868.00 |
| 3267 | Whitworth Centre | Whitworth Project Grant | Whitworth Project | 10,000.00 |
| 3268 | Severn Trent Water | Water supply | Allotments | 168.40 |
| 3269 | Gary Lowry | Window clean | Bus Shelters | 50.00 |
| 3270 | Oker Estate Association | Community Grant | S137 | 450.00 |
| 3271 | 3rd darley Dale Guides | Community Grant | S137 | 125.00 |
| 3272 | Church Rd allotments | Community Grant | S137 | 330.00 |
| 3273 | Matlock cycling club | Community Grant | S137 | 130.00 |
| 3274 | Darley Dale Juniors Football | Community Grant | S137 | 250.00 |
| 3275 | Darley Dale Cricket Club | Community Grant | S137 | 200.00 |
| 3276 | Memory Lane | Community Grant | S137 | 200.00 |
| 3277 | Darley Dale Pre school | Community Grant | S137 | 500.00 |
| 3278 | DALC | Seminar | Training | 35.00 |
| 3279 | Whitworth Centre | Environmental | Grass Verges | 1,320.00 |
| 3284 | DCC | Superannuation | Administration | 279.27 |
| 3283 | Administration | Administration | Administration | 1,033.90 |
| 3282 | HMRC | PAYE | Administration | 235.10 |
| 3285 | C Lavell | Travel Expenses | Administration | 100.35 |
| 3286 | J Taylor | Finance Training and advice | Training | 221.20 |
| 3287 | A Ford | Repair of noticeboards | Noticeboards | 75.00 |
| 3288 | Gary Lowry | Window clean | Bus Shelters | 50.00 |

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Note: The Whitworth Project Grant is to be allocated in the ratio 70% towards the cost of erection of the Bowmen's Building and 30% for professional fees and other costs associated with land development.

616/15 **Town Mayor/Chairman's Announcements**

The Twinning arrangements have had to change as the French visitors are now arriving on the morning of May 23rd not the evening of 22nd. Therefore the evening Civic reception to have been hosted by the Town Council will not go ahead, The funds allocated for this (maximum of £100) were discussed and it was agreed it should be used for the welcome event at Darley Dale Primary school on the Saturday morning instead.

The Chair reported that the Tipping Play Area and Football Pitch and Play area at Willow Way have now both been registered as Assets of Community Value by the District Council. The woodland adjacent to the Tipping has not been registered as it was considered there was insufficient support from District Council Ward members.

617/15 **Town Clerk's and Councillors' update of matters in hand.**

Allotments- A meeting has now taken place with a representative from the Environment Agency regarding the fallen banking at Oddford Lane . The agreed course of action is to stabilise the fallen banking with large stones built up similar to a sloping dry stone wall. The plan is for this to be undertaken by Tony Umney when the stream level is lower in the summer.

The Chairman has met with members of Church Road allotment committee to measure the plots; work is in hand to establish a revised rent system based on plot sizes

No response has been received from the 2 emails sent to Forest Nurseries regarding the tree problem raised by an allotment plot

holder. The Chairman 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

Oker Estate Footpath- A response has been received to the latest email and Mike Galsworthy has agreed to action the works in the new financial year.

Removal of Litter Bins A response has been received to the series of emails sent to the District Council regarding this subject stating that our comments will be fed into a review on this matter which is ongoing.

Darley Dale Primary School Building

A letter from the Town Council has been sent to Gareth Griffiths to state the concerns with regards the design, nature and visual element of the bollards , and 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.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

618/15 **Reports from Representatives on outside bodies**

There were no updates at this meeting.

619/15 **Reports from Working Parties**

There were no updates at this meeting.

620/15 **The Whitworth Centre**

The Minutes of the Whitworth Board Meeting held on 21st January 2015 were received.

621/15 **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

The questionnaire is now in the process of being analysed, there has been a return rate of approximate 10% of the population (i.e. 10% of households) which is considered encouraging.

A meeting is planned tomorrow (20 March), with Mike Hase from DDDC to discuss how to work together as the Neighbourhood Plan must not contradict the Local Plan

A further meeting is to take place, also tomorrow, with Mike Ratcliffe from the Wirksworth Neighbourhood Plan Group to hear of their experiences as they are at a later stage in development of their plan.

622/15 **Memory Lane**

The Town Council recognised the work done by the Memory Lane organising team, led by Councillor Di Cliff and Mrs Helen Griffiths. Memory Lane is now seen as a valuable partner to other organisations in the field of Social Care, and these organisations are now referring their own clients to Memory Lane to help tackle social isolation and other, more complex, needs.

623/15 **Town Council Elections**

Councillors were reminded that all relevant information regarding the forthcoming elections is on the website of the District Council.

624/15 **Bus Shelters**

A price has been received for the sweeping and cleaning of the bus shelters on a twice a month basis from the current bus shelter window cleaner. This is in response to a concern expressed by councillors at the poor state of tidiness of the bus shelters within the Town.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the price of £30 a month for this service.

625/15 **Website**

The new website is due to go live on March 25th. It will be a work in progress site due to the time involved in uploading all items and writing/developing all the links and material. Council documents, minutes, policies, dates of meetings and information relating to Councillors have been prioritised along with newsletters, details relating to the Whitworth Centre and news items.

There will be the opportunity to advertise Community events and news items as well as promoting local organisations and groups by submitting details to the Town Clerk. This will enable the website to reflect the varied and diverse nature of the Town as well as the Council business.

626/15 **Trees and Water at Church Road Allotments**

Several complaints have been received from allotment holders about the large trees adjacent to the Flowers in the Field plot, with a request to have them reduced in size.

It was **RESOLVED** further works needs to be done prior to this happening; opinion needs to be gauged from local residents/Public House; a price needs to be obtained and credentials checked etc

A further issue has arisen regarding the misuse of water at the allotment site, as the winter water bill is considerably higher than expected.

It appears that water is being used by non allotment holders/payees therefore it was **RESOLVED** to write to the two individuals concerned with the offer of having a water meter installed at their expense. This would allow them to use the water freely as they would be paying the bills. Alternatively the tap might have to be removed altogether

627/15 **Poppyfields**

Concern had been expressed that the trees which had been removed at the commencement of the building works had not been replaced. However it was established that saplings had been planted, therefore no further action is required.

628/15 **Hosting for Mayor of Onzain**

The Mayor of Onzain is due to visit Darley Dale as part of the forthcoming twinning visit. The normal protocol is that the Mayor would host the Mayor of Onzain However the date of the visit is after the forthcoming elections, and a new Mayor will have been appointed. This appointment will be a matter of days before the Twinning visit.

Councillor Evans has told the Chairman of the Twinning Association that if the new DDTC Mayor is unable to host the Onzain Mayor because of shortness of notice, he (Councillor Evans) is prepared to undertake this commitment. The new Mayor will, of course, be invited to act as host to the Mayor of Onzain. In any event, it is hoped that the new Mayor will be able to attend the events over that weekend. The Council agreed that this was a helpful offer.

629/15 **DALC Subscriptions**

For the forthcoming year there are to be two subscription rates, a lower level of £718.41 and a higher rate of £848.41. The higher rate would

allow any Council paying this rate to have unlimited group 1 training courses for Councillors and the Clerk. (This includes all basic training including new Councillor training, specific skills , etc)

It was **RESOLVED** to opt to pay the higher rate for the forthcoming year 2015/2016

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Correspondence

The following mail was summarised from:-

- An online petition received from a member of the public asking people to sign to safeguard the DCC school crossing patrol service which are at risk of being reduced (Web link previously circulated to all Councillors)
- A local resident has written expressing concern at lack of sporting facilities in Darley Dale, in particular an Astro Turf flood lit football pitch.
This was discussed, however not felt to be viable due to costs/lack of grants available and local provision within the area already exists. Town Clerk to respond.
- A local resident has written expressing concern at the current website and the amount of out of date information on it, as he has complained previously he specifically requested that this is raised at the next meeting. The Town Clerk has already responded giving details regarding the new site.
- A local resident has written expressing concern that it appears that 2 stretches of dry stone wall have been knocked down at the side of a public footpath. He is concerned that animals may have been involved or that vandalism may have occurred.

It was **RESOLVED** the Town Clerk will write to the farmer to ask for any information he may have regarding the situation prior to emailing the police in case of vandalism.

631/15 **Date of Next Meeting**

Due to annual leave of the Town Clerk a request was made to move the meeting to April 23rd as opposed to the 16th.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept this change.

632/15 **Public Participation**

The ownership of the woodland alongside Sandy Path on Darley Hillside is still uncertain despite talk of a recent sale.

The Council were informed that Sandy Doyles, a key member of the Twinning organisation has suffered a stroke and is seriously ill in hospital,

The Town Clerk to write to Mr Doyles on behalf of the Council

Concern was expressed at the reduction of collection services from local Post Boxes.

The Town Clerk to write to the Post Office to state their dissatisfaction at the reduction of an essential local service.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

The next meeting will be held on 23rd April 2015, in the Library at the Whitworth Centre, commencing at 7.00 pm.